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# The Open Method of Coordination – What are OMC-NET expert groups and why are they funded?

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# The 3% objective

- The Lisbon strategy.
  - One of the aims to refocus the European and national budgets on research and innovation.
  - Barcelona summit in 2002 - target of investment in R&D:  
« to approach 3% GDP in 2010 »
  - AIM: To help Member States improve their R&D policies and to strengthen the coordination of research policies in Europe.



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# Areas of action OMC 3%

- Public Research Base and Links with Industry
- Research public spending and and policy mixes
- SMEs and Research
- Fiscal Measures for Research
- Intellectual Property and Research
- Coordination of Structural Funds and FP
- R&D in services
- Internationalisation of R&D



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# Aim OMC - NET:

- Launched in 2005
- Complement the multilateral coordination process under the supervision of CREST ( 3% OMC process);
- More effective national and regional research policies through policy coordination;
- Issues of common interest to smaller groups of countries / regions;
- Provides additional resources to support trans-national policy coordination.



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# OMC versus OMC-NET

## • OMC

- supervised by CREST
- multi-lateral
- issues of common interest
- decision by CREST
- limited support
  
- only countries
  
- no third countries

## • OMC-NET

- call for proposals
- smaller groups
- issues of specific interest
- bottom-up
- additional resources for support
- possibility to include regional actors
- third country participation possible



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# Pilot call

- launched in 2005 under FP6
- budget : 8.6 M€
- 10 projects selected
- projects started end 2006



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# OMC-NET projects elected and at final stage

- **BIS – RTD** Building support for RTD policy and public spending
- **REACT** Regional policy for technology transfer
- **COGNAC** Coordination of regional RDI policies
- **ERID Watch** Improving public investment efficiency for RIs
- **ForTransRis** Transregional foresight methodology
- **OMC-PTP** Public technology procurement
- **EUROPEER SME** Support programmes for SMEs
- **CERT-TTT-M** Training of technology transfer managers
- **R4R** Regional policies for knowledge transfer
- **SupPolicy** Innovative assessment tools for policy making



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# CERT-TTT-M

- Network
- Mobility of TT managers
- Development and spreading of standards
- Best practice instrument for training
  
- -> in line with ERA and useful for other organisations in Europe to take up the standards and implements the modules



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# CERT-TTT-M

- Outcome, standards, modules should be open source so that other Member States and organisations can make use of publicly funded results of OMC-Net
- Mechanism needed to recognize and audit the standards



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# Follow-up CERT-TTT-M

- How will the initiative be further promoted at European level through which organisations and where?
- Will synergies and networks be used or formed with the “training of cluster managers” initiative of DG ENTR?
- How will overlaps with other initiatives be prevented?
- What is the added value of CERT-TTT-M?



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# RTD OMC-NET Call for proposal Second call in 2007

- Capacities Work Programme 2007 « Support to bottom up policy coordination initiatives undertaken by several countries and regions »
- Coordination and Support actions
- EC contribution 6.12 million €
- Call launched 19 October 2007, closed 26 June 2008
- 7 projects selected
- Proposals need clear focus, clear policy impact and sufficient level of commitment



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# Topics new calls

- Developing an appropriate R&D policy mix
- Creating appropriate framework conditions for stimulating private R&D investment
- Improving the cooperation and transfer of technologies between public research institutes and private enterprises, including through developing public private partnerships
- Developing and making better use of incentives to leverage private R&D
- Enhancing the career development and the European, international as well as inter-sectoral mobility of R&D personnel



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# OMC-Net need to describe:

- How the project will contribute to more effective national or regional policies
- How the project will support transnational policy coordination
- How the project will strengthen the capacities of policy makers to participate effectively in the 3% OMC process



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