



ASTRONET

Coordinating Strategic Planning for European Astronomy



# THE NETWORKING

## **WP 1 : Deliverables**

- 1. Report /web site on the management of European Astronomy**
- 2. Report on the integration of other participants**
- 3. Report on networking activities and EC-funded initiatives**

**Due date: 1, Sep (2006!)**



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## WP 1 - Task 1: Systematic exchange of information

### Task targets

#### 1. Report on the management of European Astronomy

1.1 Acquire information from the institutions about:

- **Organization:** *institutes, management, personnel, roles, targets*
- **Funding:** *budget, procedures,...*

1.2 Write the report

# Progress report at June, 13 2006

Work done:

- meetings with:
  - Spain (Apr 6)
  - Germany (Apr 10)
  - France (Apr 28)
  - GB (June 9)
  - NL (June 12)
  - Baltic countries: received list of contact points (from Johannes, on May 15), not contacted yet
  
- Report drafting:
  - Italy
  - Spain
  - Germany
  - France

- Output #1: comprehensive view on rules, procedures and organization within each member country
  
- Output#2: quantitative data in a somewhat heterogeneous format.
  - Number of Institutes ok
  - Personnel not complete, but feasible (total number)
  - Budget nearly ok, (some problem with space agencies), but very inhomogeneous
  - Budget and personnel per scientific theme: no way.
  
- We will converge on an overall description of the systems and a few basic numbers

TBD:

- Complete drafting (UK, NL)
- Final call for final data collection
- Iterate drafting
- Finalize draft

## **Report content**

- Description of actors and procedures for: I, F, D, UK, NL, ES
- Presentation of data already collected
- Critical comparison & Summary (limited)
- Uncertain: contribution from Baltic Countries
- likely no data for associates.

Feasible by Sep 1, but already on critical path:

- feedback from agencies (final call on data collection / review of manuscript)

## Report content

- Description of actors and procedures for: I, F, D, UK, NL, ES
- Presentation of data already collected
- Critical comparison & Summary (expanded)
- **Contribution from Baltic Countries**

Feasible by end of year (30 Dec), not on critical path.

Better estimate of deadline available after iterations for data and after a revised schedule for new participants.

# Permanent networking

- No clear idea: related to the nature and evolution of ASTRONET.
- Problem: find out an added value
- Possibility #1: simply an update of the existing report
- Possibility #2: establish a permanent forum focused on collaborative efforts on critical areas
- Possibility #3: Perform a dedicated survey on human resources in astronomy, tied to the four themes of Science Vision and main projects (number of people working in each sector, age distribution, etc).  
Purpose: useful for strategic planning.