

Coordination of National Complexity Research and Training Activities

Complexity-NET is a group of European science and technology funding agencies, research councils and ministries all working together to create an environment that enables the coordination of national activities in Complexity Science and Complex Systems.

Funded by the European Commission Framework 6 Programme, **Complexity-NET** is aimed at integrating and strengthening the European Research Area through multinational coordination and cooperation of research programmes.

ERA-NET funding is restricted to the costs for networking and coordination of research activities and programmes: the networks align national research policies and activities in terms of objectives, expertise and resources.

Complexity-NET activities to date

We have:

- (1) Gathered information on:
 - National complexity research landscapes
 - The European complexity research landscape
 - The need for complexity research in industry and business
- (2) Used this information to engage with other countries and to develop a Joint Complexity Programme

Future Complexity-NET activities

We will:


- (1) Engage with non-partner countries and encourage involvement in the Joint Complexity Programme
(September 2008 onwards)
- (2) Engage with other Complexity related activities across Europe
(September 2008 onwards)
- (3) Participate in the OECD GSF Workshop on *"Applications of Complexity Science for Public Policy: New Tools for Finding Unanticipated Consequences and Unrealized Opportunities"* in Erice, Sicily
(5 – 7th October 2008)
- (4) Organise a workshop to enable Physical and Social Scientists working in complexity to engage with each other better
(December 2008)
- (5) Finalise and launch the Joint Complexity Programme
(Spring 2009)


If you want to be kept updated with information about the Joint Complexity Programme please contact the Project Office who will be pleased to provide you with details of upcoming activities and events, or look at the **Complexity-NET** website.


Who to contact:

Complexity-NET European Partners:


Coordinator:

 **United Kingdom** - Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council

 **Belgium** - Fonds National de la Recherche Scientifique

 **Denmark** Danish Agency for Science, Technology and Innovation


 **Estonia** - Eesti Teaduste Akadeemia


 **Greece** - General Secretariat for Research and Technology


 **Hungary** - Nemzeti Kutatási és Technológiai Hivatal


 **Ireland** - Irish Research Council for Science, Engineering & Technology

 **Italy** - Istituto dei Sistemi Complessi - Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche

 **Netherlands** - Nederlandse Organisatie voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek

 **Portugal** - Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia

 **Spain** - Ministerio de Ciencia y Innovación

 **European Commission** - funded by the Sixth Framework Programme

Project Office

Barbara Richardson
Complexity-NET Administrator
EPSRC, Polaris House, North Star Avenue
Swindon
SN2 1ET
UK

Tel: + 44 (0) 1793 444485

Email: ComplexityNet@epsrc.ac.uk

Website: www.complexitynet.eu