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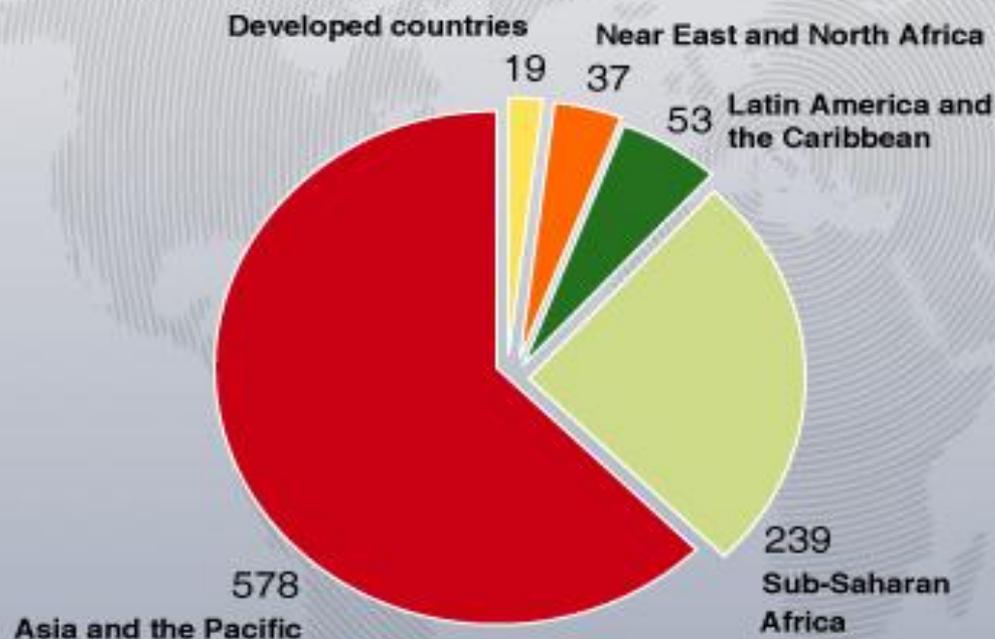


CONSORTIUM- Meeting Session 2

ERA-ARD-II meetings, 11-12 November 2010

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Global hunger declining, but still unacceptably high



Millions of people (as of 2010)



FAO estimates that globally 925 million people are undernourished in 2010. While this figure marks an improvement compared to 2009, it remains unacceptably high.

Most of the world's hungry live in developing countries, where they account for 16 percent of the population. The region with most undernourished people continues to be Asia and the Pacific. The proportion of undernourished people remains highest in sub-Saharan Africa, at 30 percent in 2010.

The chart on the left shows where the world's hungry people live.

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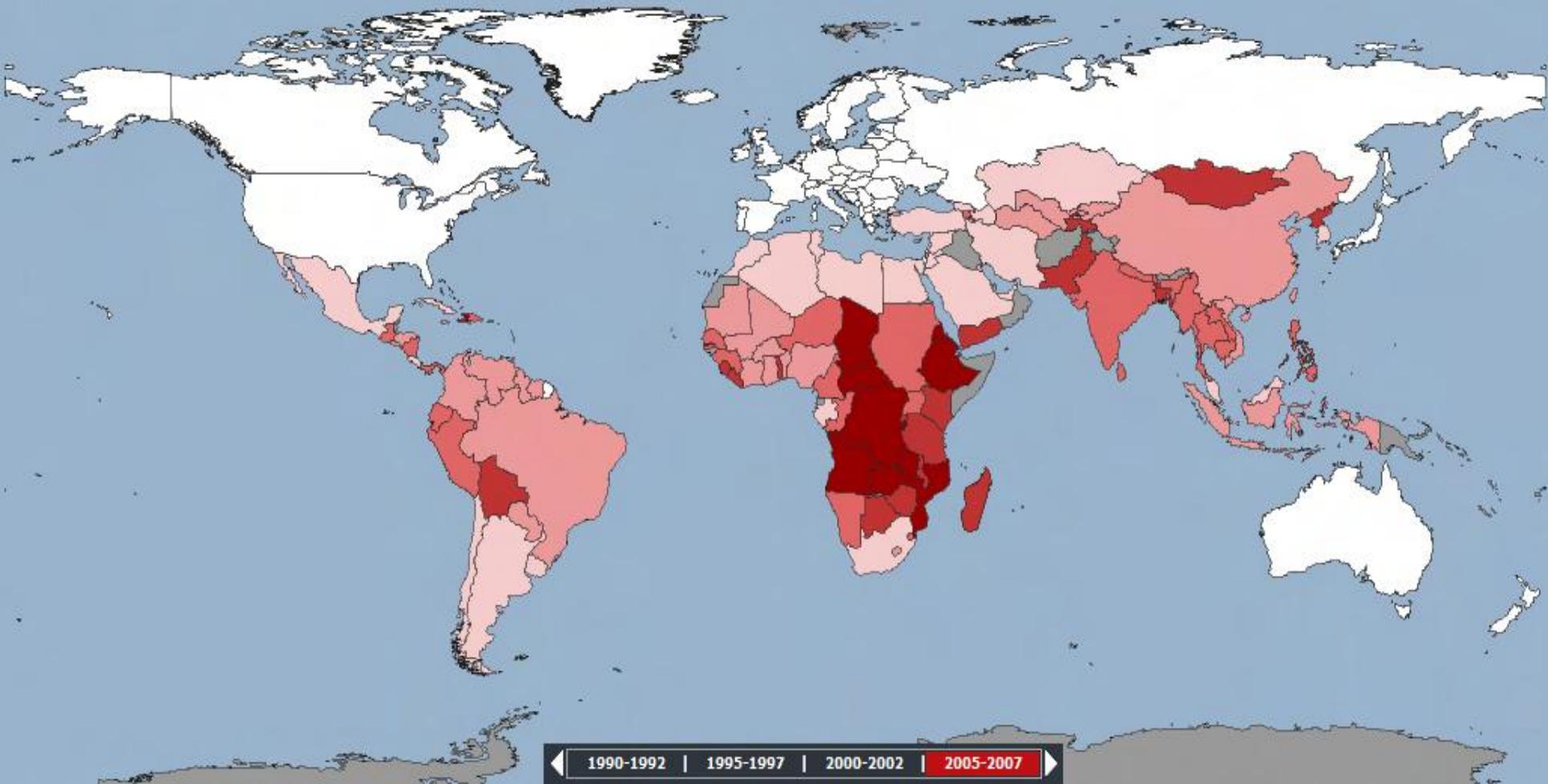
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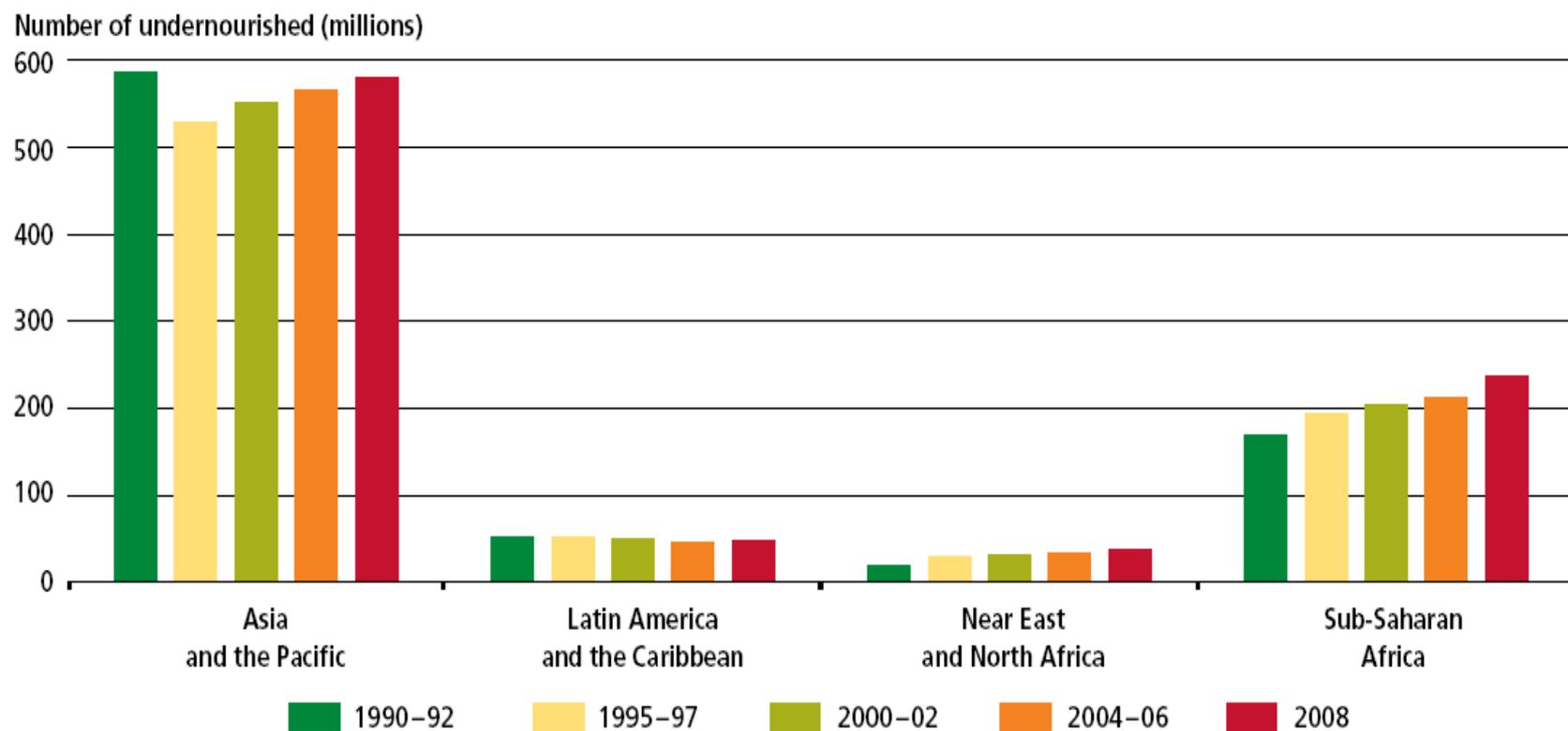


Prevalence of Undernourishment in Total Population (%)

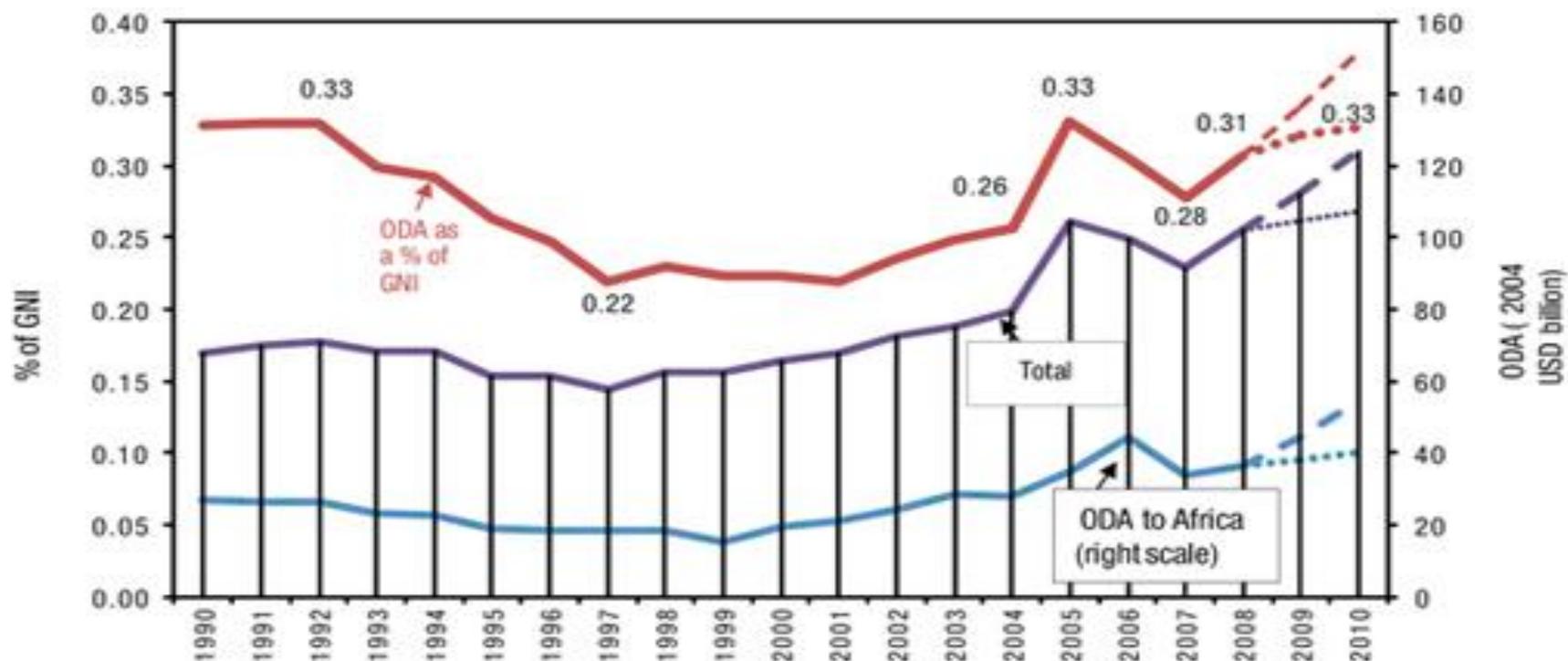


◀ 1990-1992 | 1995-1997 | 2000-2002 | **2005-2007** ▶

Undernourishment on the rise throughout the world: number of undernourished in selected regions, 1990-92 to 2008



DAC members' net ODA 1990 - 2008 and DAC Secretariat simulations of net ODA to 2009 and 2010



Note: ----- dashed line indicates the growth-adjusted trajectory envisaged at Gleneagles.

..... dotted line indicates estimates based on reported intentions or current 2010 budget plans made by DAC members.

..... dotted line for Africa indicates a Secretariat estimate of likely actual spending.

Why ERA-NET's ?

A question of Scale and Scope?

Reasons and/or multiple objectives for coordination:

- ✓ Achieving critical mass
- ✓ Join Forces - common problems need common understanding
- ✓ Addressing global issues
- ✓ Developing common approaches
- ✓ Generating synergies
- ✓ Addressing specific transnational geographical issues
- ✓ Speaking with “one voice” to third countries

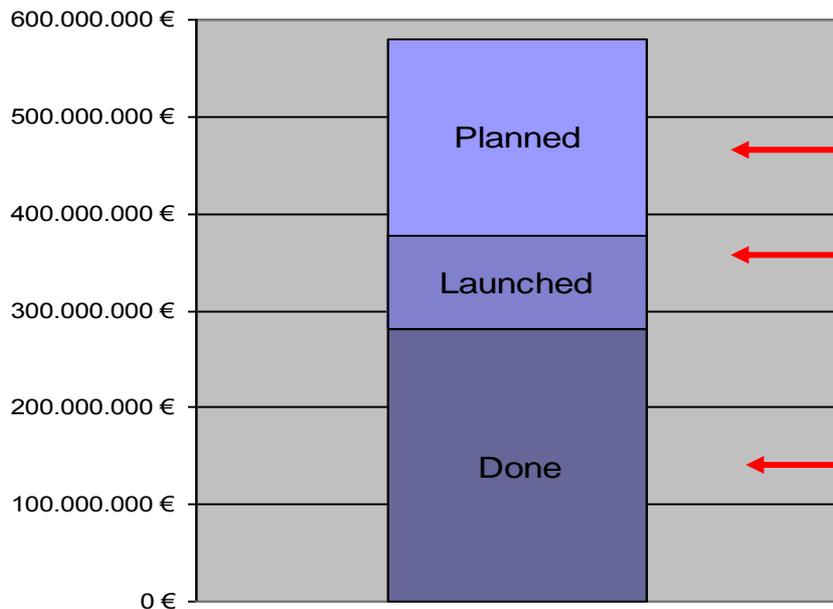
In many cases several reasons apply but for all:

- ✓ Avoiding overlap and build up of expertise
- ✓ Exchange of good practices
- ✓ Better access to expertise

Funding joint calls anno 2009

Total funding via ERA-NET calls and programmes

(Estimates from 56 of 77 calls and 4
programmes)



Planned:

202 million €

(preliminary budgets of 19 of 36
planned calls + 4 programmes)

Launched:

97 million €

(preliminary budgets
of 14 of 17 launched calls)

Already implemented:

281 million €

(budget estimates of 23 of 24
done calls + 1 ongoing programme)

More than 500 million € national research funding
coordinated through ERA-NETs, mostly via joint calls.

ERA-ARD-I : AIMS and RESULTS

1. Key documents produced

- ✓ *Overview of programming and funding of ARD by European states*
- ✓ *Europe's contribution to the MDG's*
- ✓ *Strategic Vision for ARD for 2015 and beyond*
- ✓ *Guidelines for joint calls in ERA-ARD*
- ✓ *Guidelines for monitoring of joint projects in ARD*

2. Conference: "A Strategic Vision for European ARD in 2015 and Beyond", Brussels, 28-29 June 2007

3. Joint call on "Food Security and Energy": 2.2 million euro's: 6 projects successfully implemented.

4. Southern Advisory Group for ARD established

5. Advice on barrier in European cooperation to SCAR successfully presented and implemented

6. Stakeholder conference December 2009: a definite move towards sustainable agriculture, coping with climate change

- **ERA-ARD-II: Second fase 2010-1012**
- **Aims:**
- **(1) Improving the European contribution to International Agricultural Research (IAR) by promoting joint activities and trans-national programs in the field of Agricultural Research for Development (ARD).**
- **(2) Increasing the impact of European contributions in achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDG's) and to sustainable growth in the poorest countries in the world.**

- **ERA-ARD-II: Second fase 2010-2012**
- **Ambitions:**
 - (1) Enlargement of the consortium by integrating new Countries (Portugal, Turkey, Finland, etc.).
 - (2) Expand joint and transnational activities initiated during ERA-ARD I;
 - (3) Realise joint activities in the Thematic fields: Capacity development, Agri-Food Chain Security and Food & Energy , also related to climate change;

- **ERA-ARD-II: Second fase 2010-2012**
- **Ambitions:**
- **(4) Involve the end users of the European ARD programmes in the design and implementation of joint and transnational activities.**
- **(5) Expend the Southern Advisory Group to gear up impact;**
- **(6) A greater contribution and visibility of Europe towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals through an increase in effectiveness and efficiency of its research for development programs**

- **ERA-ARD-II: Second fase 2010-2012**
- **Ambitions:**
 - **(7) A more coherent European ARD**
 - **(8) A facilitated access of developing countries to European ARD expertise.**
 - **(9) The joint call (s) will result in research that will contribute to meeting the EU's commitment towards the United Nations Millennium Development Goals.**

1. To deepen the mutual knowledge of national ARD and European Commission programmes and their governance through building on the experiences and results gained during implementation of ERA-ARD-I. Updated mapping of ARD programmes and governance systems of consortium members and European Commission New consortium members have mapped their ARD landscape An interactive ERA-ARD-II website has been installed and is linked to relevant databases (e.g. Infosys+) and other web-based services and portals. The results of the research projects supported through the ERA-ARD-I transnational call are available on the website.

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- 2. To make European agricultural research and education for development programmes more responsive to the Southern partners needs. Southern and Emerging economies Advisory Group and experts actively involved at each stage of the project's implementation, especially in the definition of the selected topics for joint activities and transnational calls. Organisation of South-North consultative events**

3. **To strengthen the cooperation with other AR-related coordination mechanisms for promoting a European “Joint Programming” in agricultural research Best practices of national ARD coordination mechanisms are analysed and documented. Participation to the joint SCAR/EIARD/ERA-ARD Task Force. Participation in joint events and meetings with other EU initiatives and projects. An action plan for longer term sustainable coordination mechanisms, platforms and interfaces has been developed**

- 4. To expand joint activities in the fields of “Capacity Strengthening”, “Food & Energy and Food Security” and “Agri-food chain safety”, taking into account the impacts of climate change and their contribution to global food security. Design and integration of Capacity Strengthening activities into joint activities and transnational calls. Road maps for joint activities on three selected topics within the two ERA-ARD sub programs (“Agri Food Chain Safety” and “Food & Energy and Food Security”) are elaborated Networks and southern regional platforms strengthened as a result of joint activities.**

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5. To launch, implement, and monitor new transnational calls Projects are funded through transnational calls.

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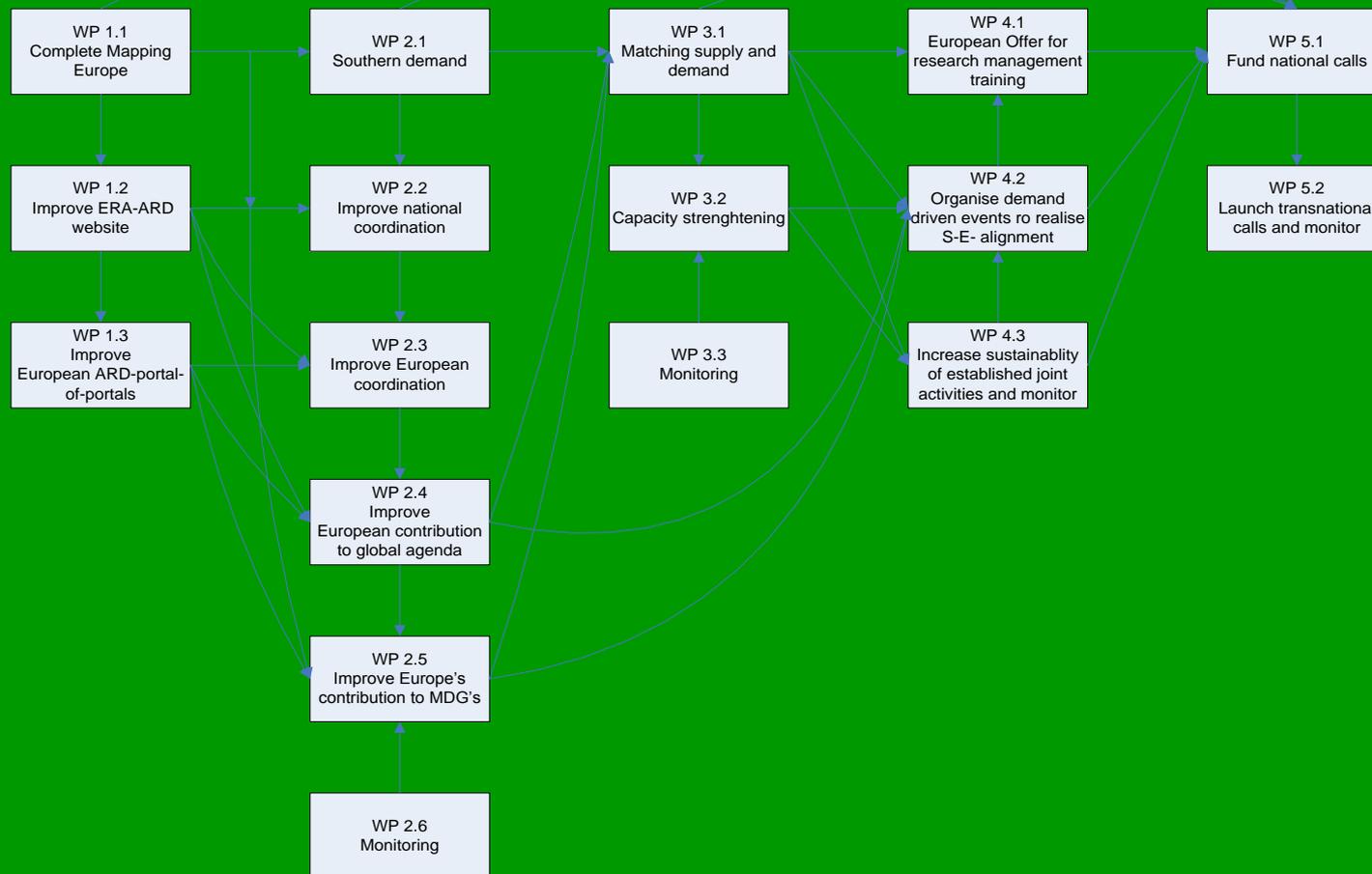
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6. To communicate and disseminate on the European ARD contribution to MDGs. European contribution to MDGs is clearly understood by stakeholders through an effective communication plan. Information on the contribution of ARD to MDGs is easily accessible through different media.

ERA-ARD-II: Interrelations between Workpackages



Consortium Agreement: tasks of Management Team and Steering Cie

- General principles
- **Each Party undertakes to take part in the efficient implementation of the Project, and to cooperate, perform and fulfil, promptly and on time, all of its obligations under the EC-GA and this Consortium Agreement as may be reasonably required from it and in a manner of good faith as prescribed by Belgian law.**
- **Each Party undertakes to notify promptly, in accordance with the governance structure of the Project, any significant information, fact, problem or delay likely to affect the Project.**

Consortium Agreement: tasks of Management Team and Steering Cie

- 6.1 General structure
- The organisational structure of the Consortium shall comprise the following Consortium Bodies:
- Steering Committee as the ultimate decision-making body of the Consortium
- Management Team as the supervisory body for the execution of the Project which shall report to and be accountable to the Steering Committee
- Work Package Committees as management groups for Work Packages.
- The Coordinator is the legal entity acting as the intermediary between the Parties and the European Commission. The Coordinator shall, in addition to its responsibilities as a Party, perform the tasks assigned to it as described in the EC-GA and this Consortium Agreement.
- The Management Support Team assists the Management Team and the Coordinator.

Consortium Agreement: tasks of Management Team and Steering Cie

- Specific operational procedures for the Consortium Bodies
- 6.3.1 Steering Committee
- In addition to the rules described in Article 6.2, the following rules apply:
- 6.3.1.1 Members
- 6.3.1.1.1 The Steering Committee shall consist of one representative of each Party (hereinafter Steering Committee Member).
- 6.3.1.1.2 Each Steering Committee Member shall be deemed to be duly authorised to deliberate, negotiate and decide on all matters listed in Article 6.3.1.2. of this Consortium Agreement.
- 6.3.1.1.3 The Coordinator shall chair all meetings of the Steering Committee, unless decided otherwise in a meeting of the Steering Committee.
- 6.3.1.1.4 The Parties agree to abide by all decisions of the Steering Committee.
- This does not prevent the Parties to submit a dispute to resolution in accordance with the provisions of Settlement of disputes in Article 11.8.

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Grant Agreement

All partners entered into the GA.