Role of National Platforms and ecopa

Status & visjoner for en norsk plattform
og et pengefond for alternativer til dyreforsøk

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EC 89/609

Article 23

1. The Commission and **Member States should encourage research** into the development and validation of alternative techniques (……),
and **shall take such other steps as they consider appropriate to encourage research in this field**.

Dutch situation



Dutch situation

- 1986 Establishment Dutch Platform
- 1994 Establishment NCA
- 2000 Establishment PrAD – ZonMW

- Dialogue

Polder model





Dutch Platform

1986 Established:

- Government (7)
- Industry (3/1)
- Animal welfare organisations (3)

- Scientific committee (Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research) – (8)

Dutch Platform

Purpose: to finance research, to stimulate the application of alternatives, and to advise researchers.

Dutch Platform

1987-1998: 140 projects were subsidised



Toxicology	46	Replacement	41
Pharmacology	16	Reduction	74
Basic sciences	36	Refinement	18
Immuno-biology	25		
Education	10		
Other	9		

Dutch Platform

Summary period 1987 – 1994:

- 35 projects
- 16 useful
- 11 useful limited
- 5 no useful result

Changes

2000:

- Platform advisory organ for Min. Health
- ZonMw (Program Comm. On Alternatives):
  - Financing
  - Implementation

ZonMw

- Annual call for projects
- Investigation Top-down procedure
- Role implementation:
  - *Site visit halfway*
  - *Site visit end*

ZonMw

2001 – 2006:

- 36 projects
- Total: 5.3 Miljo euro



2005-2008 sponsors:

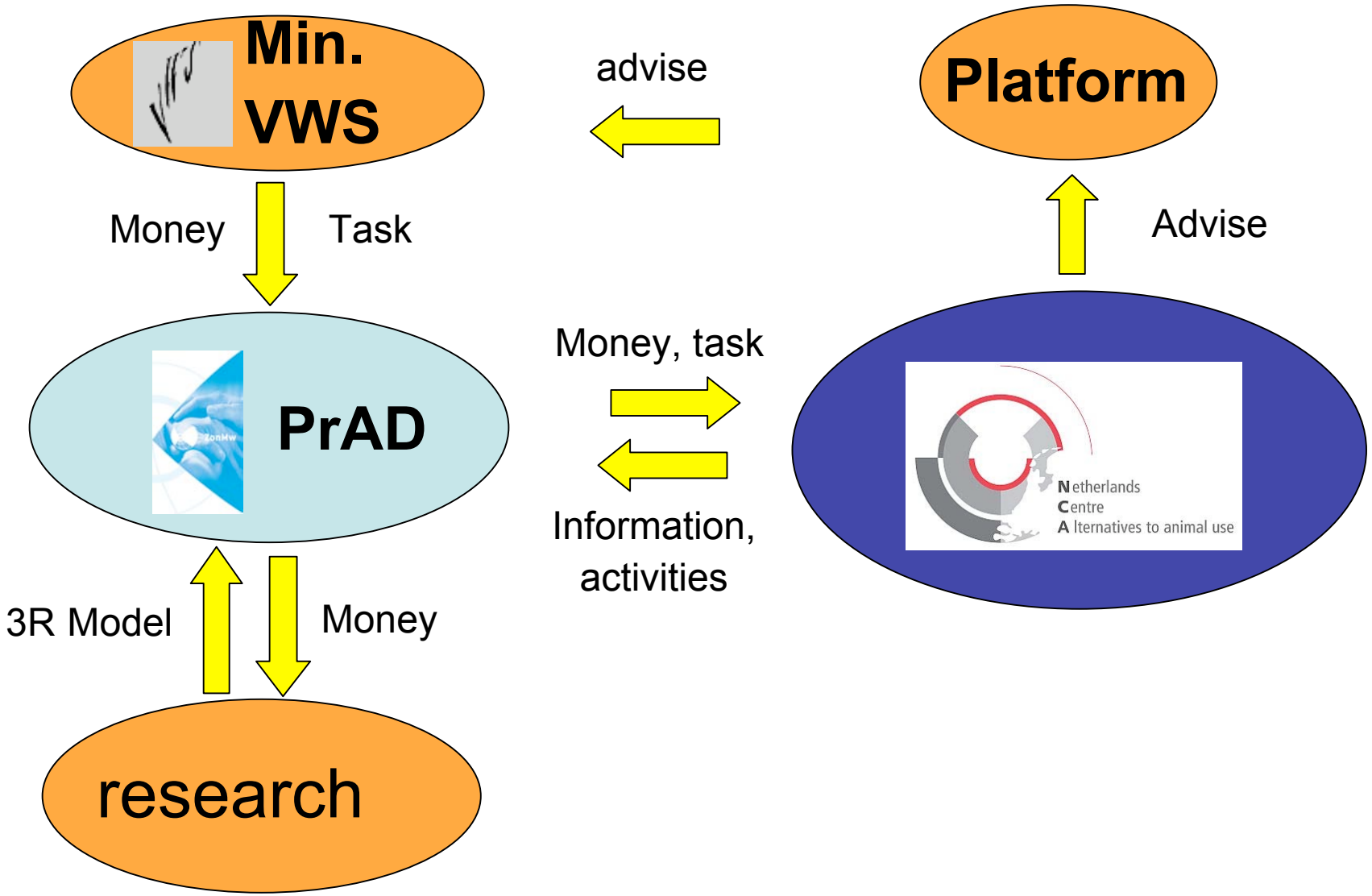
- Min. Health (~ 1 miljo euro annually)
- ZonMw (~ 250 k euro annually)
- Min. education, Min. Defense, Dierenbescherming

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NCA

- support activities Platform and ZonMw
- working groups
- newsletter
- symposia
- lectures
- databases
- supply information

http://www.nca-nl.org


Min. VWS
advise
Platform
Money
Task
Advise
PrAD
Money, task
Information, activities
Netherlands Centre Alternatives to animal use
3R Model
Money
research

Dialogue

- People with background in one of the 4 stakeholders, in private capacity.
- Informal discussions:
  - *Transport animals airports*
  - *Revision Dir. 86/609*
  - *REACH*
  - *Animal experiments in Pharm. Industry*
  - *Communication and education*
  - *Genomics*



European situation

International activities

Workshop 1999:

- National Platforms/centres are needed

Role:

- Communication information and promotion (between stakeholders)
- Scientific mission (prioritising and funding)
- Task ethics, education, and training (more realistic programs, not based on emotions)
- Following-up task of national legislation and validation initiatives.

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International activities

Stakeholders:

- Government ministries
- Industries (developing and producing pharmaceuticals, biologicals and (agro-) chemicals
- Universities and research institutes
- Animal welfare and protection organisations

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Proposal

European Consensus Platform on Alternatives



WHAT ?

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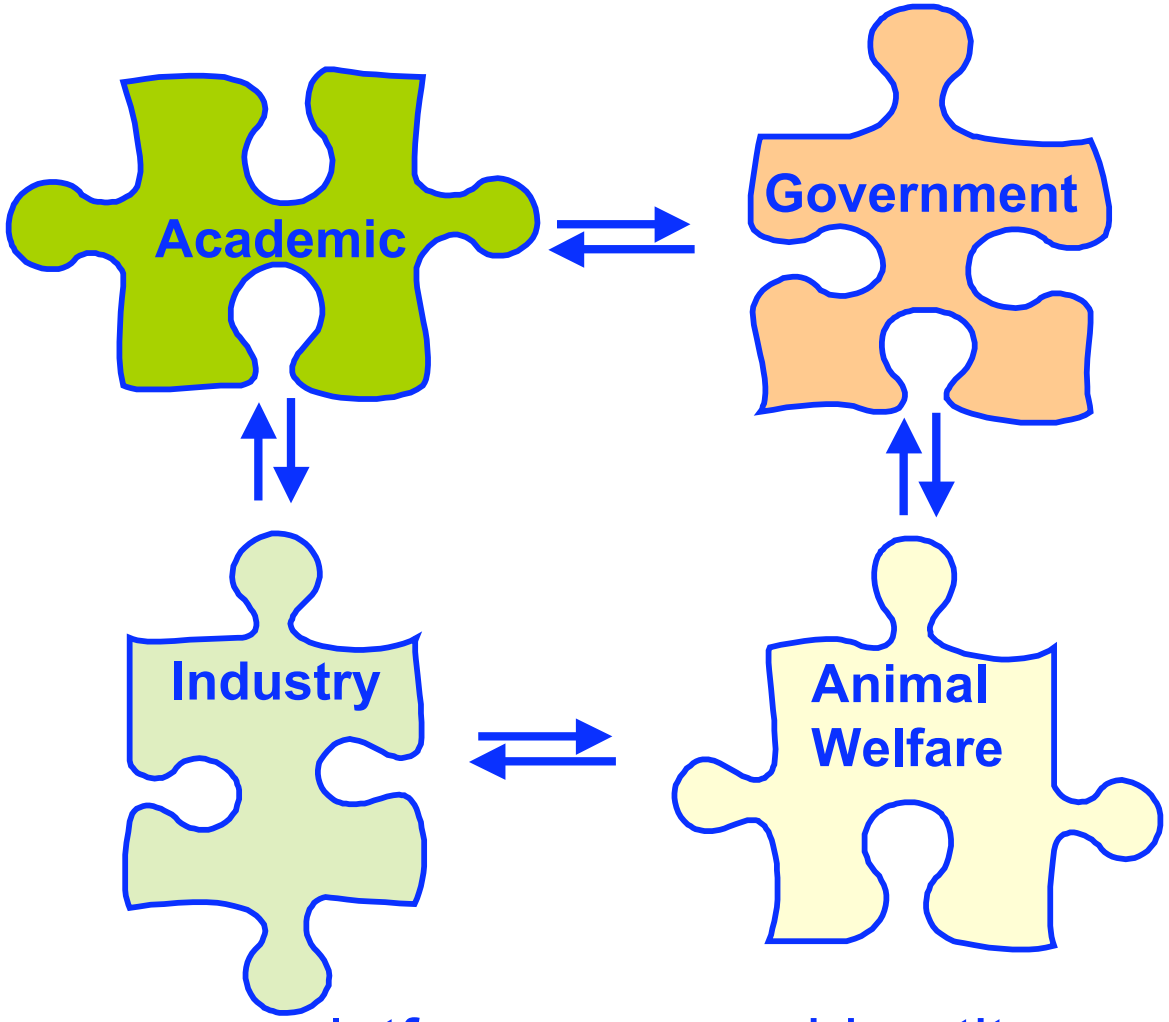
European Consensus Platform on Alternatives

- **International Not-For-Profit Organisation in Belgium (Europe)**
- **Members : National Consensus Platforms on Alternatives with 4 parties :**

Academia **Government**

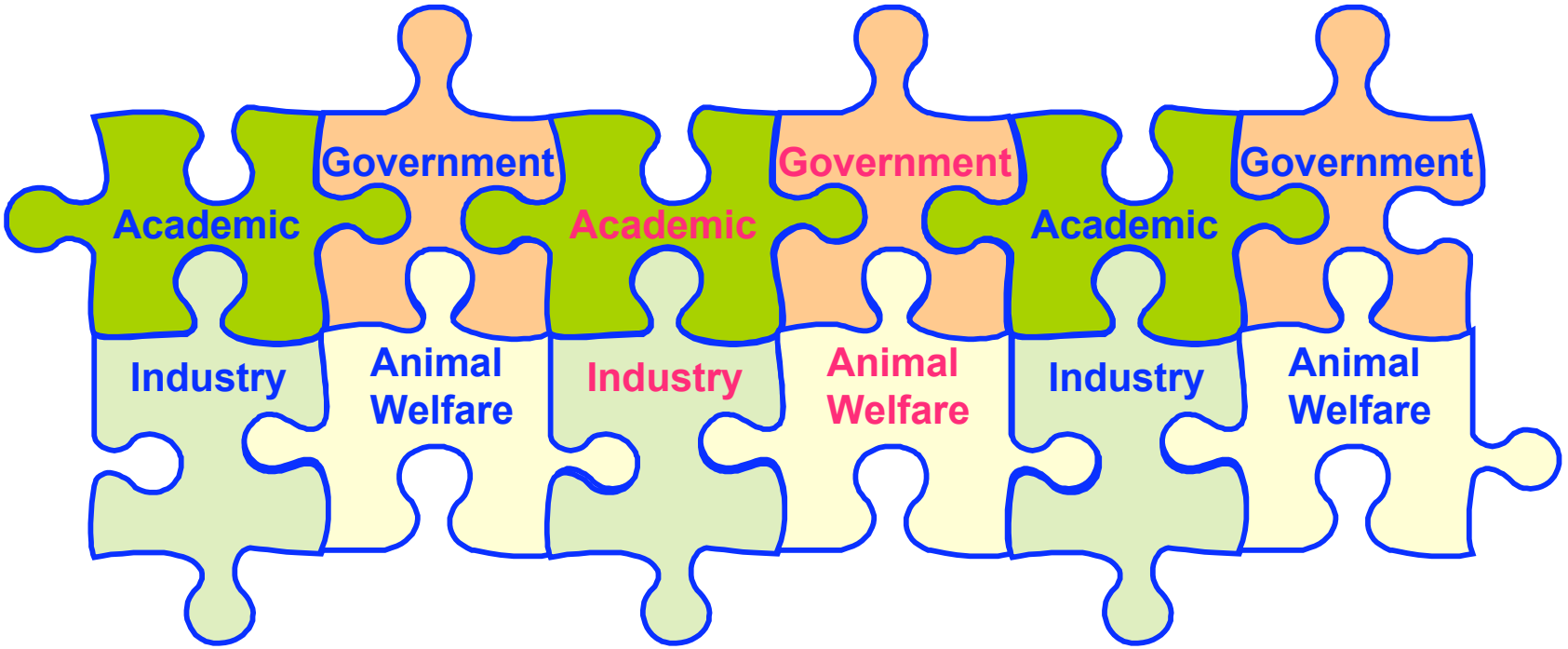
Industry **Animal Welfare**

QUADRIPARTITE ORGANISATION AT NATIONAL LEVEL



National consensus platforms as quadripartite organisations (a), forming the basis of the European organisation Ecopa (b)

QUADRIPARTITE ORGANISATION AT EU LEVEL : ecopa



NATIONAL CONSENSUS PLATFORM 1

NATIONAL CONSENSUS PLATFORM 2

NATIONAL CONSENSUS PLATFORM 3



AIMS ?

- ★ **FACILITATE THE EXCHANGE OF SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION, EXPERTISE AND EXPERIENCE BETWEEN NATIONAL PLATFORMS, ACADEMIA, ANIMAL WELFARE, INDUSTRY & GOVERNMENT AND EU**
- ★ **ENHANCE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF 3R-METHODS IN EU AND WORLDWIDE**
- ★ **RAISE PUBLIC, GOVERNMENTAL AND SCIENTIFIC AWARENESS FOR A BETTER ACCEPTANCE OF ALTERNATIVE METHODS**



TOOLS ?

- **CONFERENCES, SEMINARS, PUBLICATIONS, COLLECTION & CIRCULATION OF INFORMATION, SCIENTIFIC & EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES, CO-OPERATIVE ACTION**
- **MEMBERSHIP OF RELEVANT BODIES**
- **POLITICAL STATEMENTS**



STRUCTURE ?

EXCECUTIVE BOARD: DAILY WORK

V. Rogiers (BE, Ac); J. Castell (ES, Ac); B. Garthoff (DE, I)

BOARD:

- **4 ELECTED NCP REPRESENTATIVES:**

  Mr. Roman Kolar, Prof. Peter Maier, Prof. Walter Pfaller, Dr. Jan Van der Valk

- **3 ELECTED 3R-EXPERTS:**

  F. Zucco (IT, Aw), O. De Silva (F,I), H. Spielmann (DE, G)

4 WORKING GROUPS



STRUCTURE ?

4 WORKING GROUPS

- RESEARCH
  FP6
  FP7
- EDUCATION
  INFORMATION
- POLITICS
  REACH
- ETHICS



ACTUAL STATUS ?

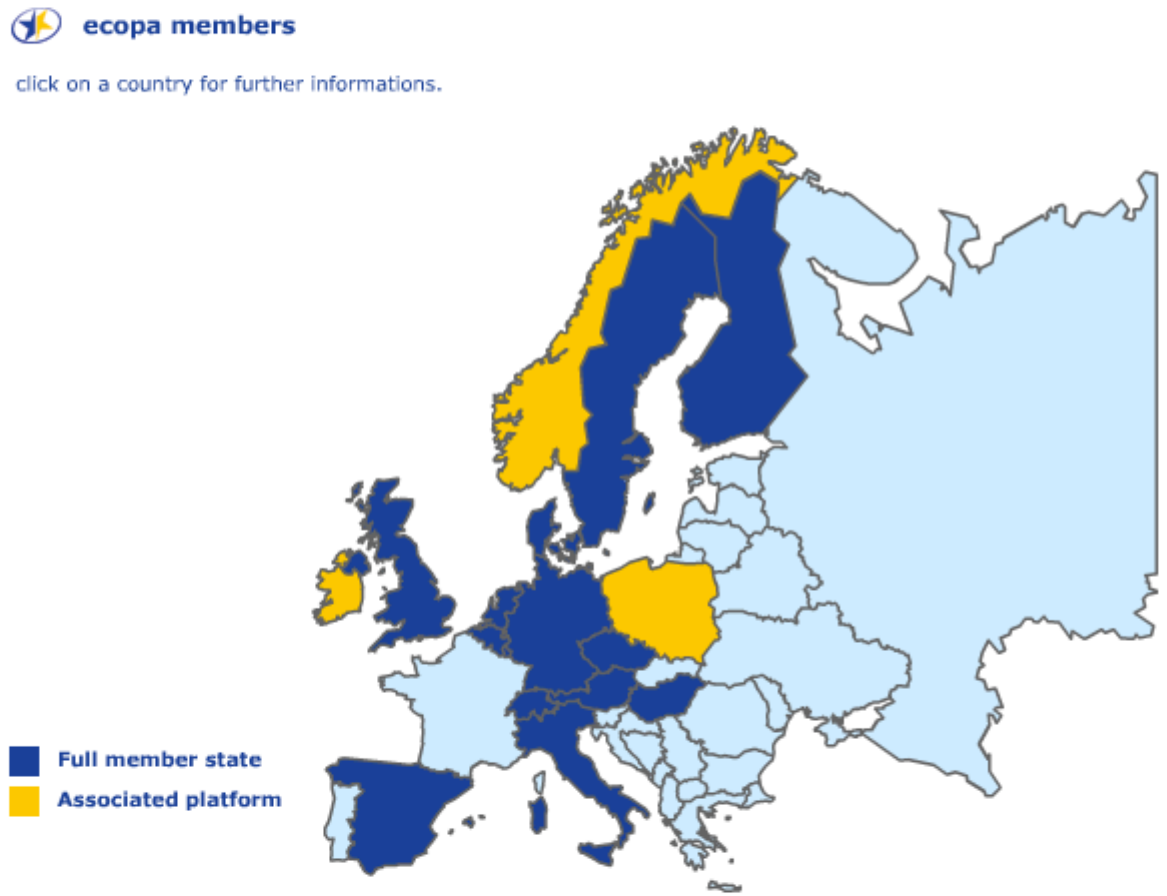
- **13 FULL MEMBERS**
  EXISTING CONSENSUS PLATFORMS

- **3 ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**
  CONSENSUS PLATFORMS UNDER FORMATION

- **4 WORKING GROUPS**

Actual Status

Currently existing ecopa membership platforms



Full

Austria
Austria
Belgium
Czech Republic
Finland
Germany
Hungary
Italy
Netherlands
Spain
Sweden
Switzerland
UK

Associated

Ireland
Norway
Poland

TOOLS ?



- ★ CONFERENCES, SEMINARS, PUBLICATIONS
- ★ SPREADING OF INFORMATION
- ★ SCIENTIFIC & EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES

→ EU PROJECT: CONAM

- ★ MEMBERSHIP OF RELEVANT BODIES

CRITICAL & SCIENTIFIC POLITICAL STATEMENTS !

CONAM PROJECT

CONAM (SSA)

n° 504776

CONSENSUS NETWORKING ON ALTERNATIVE METHODS WITHIN EUROPE

OBJECTIVES

➡ building of a **solid network** on 3R-alternatives and **exchanging information** scientific, societal, technological

CONAM PROJECT

CONAM (SSA) ➡ MAJOR FIELDS OF INTEREST

- creation of new NCPs
- newsletter on 3R-alternatives



- website with up-dated info on 3R-alternatives

http://www.ecopa.eu

- organisation of workshops, meetings
- stimulation of international cooperation

past INITIATIVE

ecopa Science Initiative 2006

WHEN ? **29-30 September 2006**

WHERE ? **Alicante, Spain**

INFORMATION ? **http://www.uv.es/~jcastell/indexESI.htm**



COMING INITIATIVE

★WORKSHOP 7, 24-26 NOV. 2006

WHEN ? **24-26 November 2006**

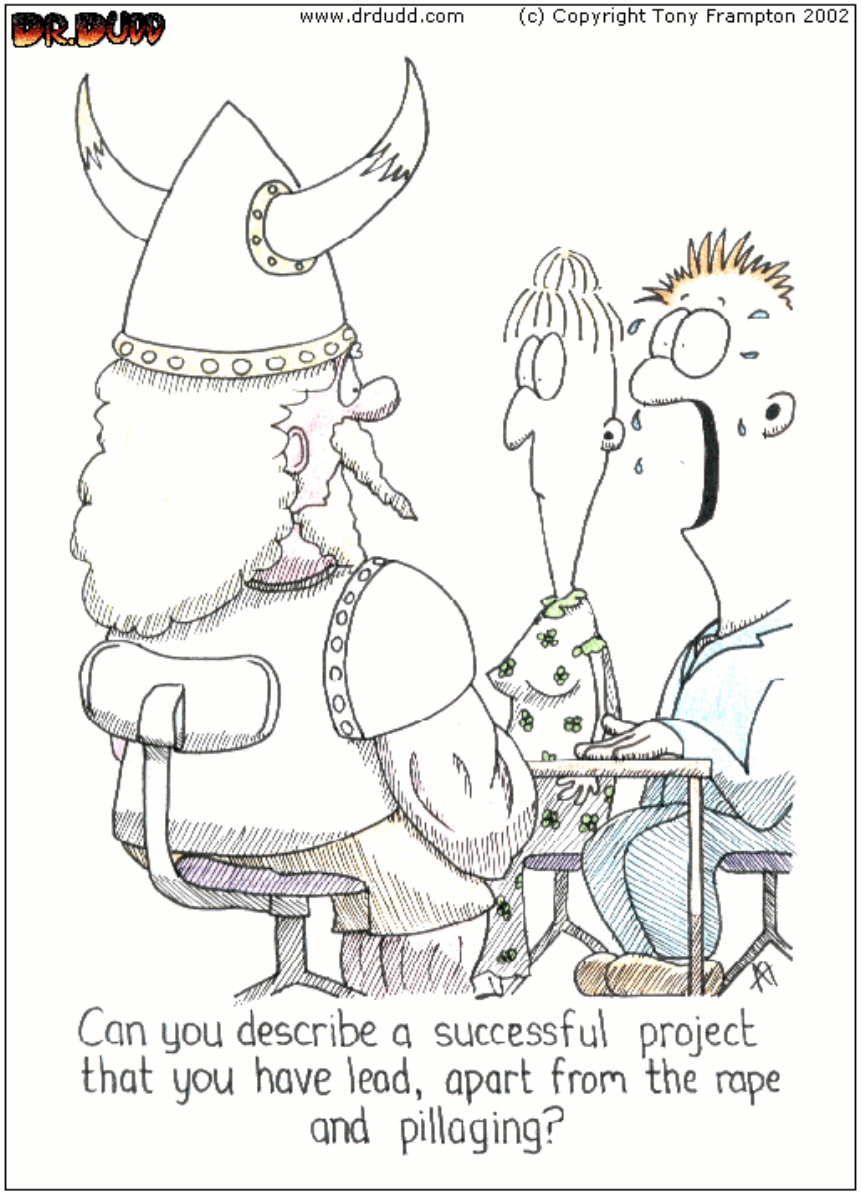
WHERE ? **Sheraton Airport, Brussels**

INFORMATION ? **http: //www.ecopa.eu**



SUPPORT

- Network
- Cooperation
- Advice
- Lobbying – National – EU
- Involvement international projects:
  - Reprotect
  - Predictomics
  - Sens-it-IV


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Can you describe a successful project that you have lead, apart from the rape and pillaging?

Thank you