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Project objectives and state of the art:

Inventory as a pre-requisite for networking. Networking on European priorities of high-quality Romanian centers of (NoP-RCR) research and research individuals will be the focal point of this project. Networking in action. The networks will be used to organize contacts and meetings, bringing together researchers with similar or complementary interest, whenever possible including foreign scientists of Romanian origin. The catalyst will be the increased chance to participate to FP 6.

Identify, stimulate and assist Romanian innovative SMEs which are willing to participate to FP 6, will be the second important target of this project.

Organize annual information events for presenting the WP of FP 6. This will be organized as a national conference, with all NoP-RCRs involved in the preparation of the event and subsequent dissemination of information.





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