

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:

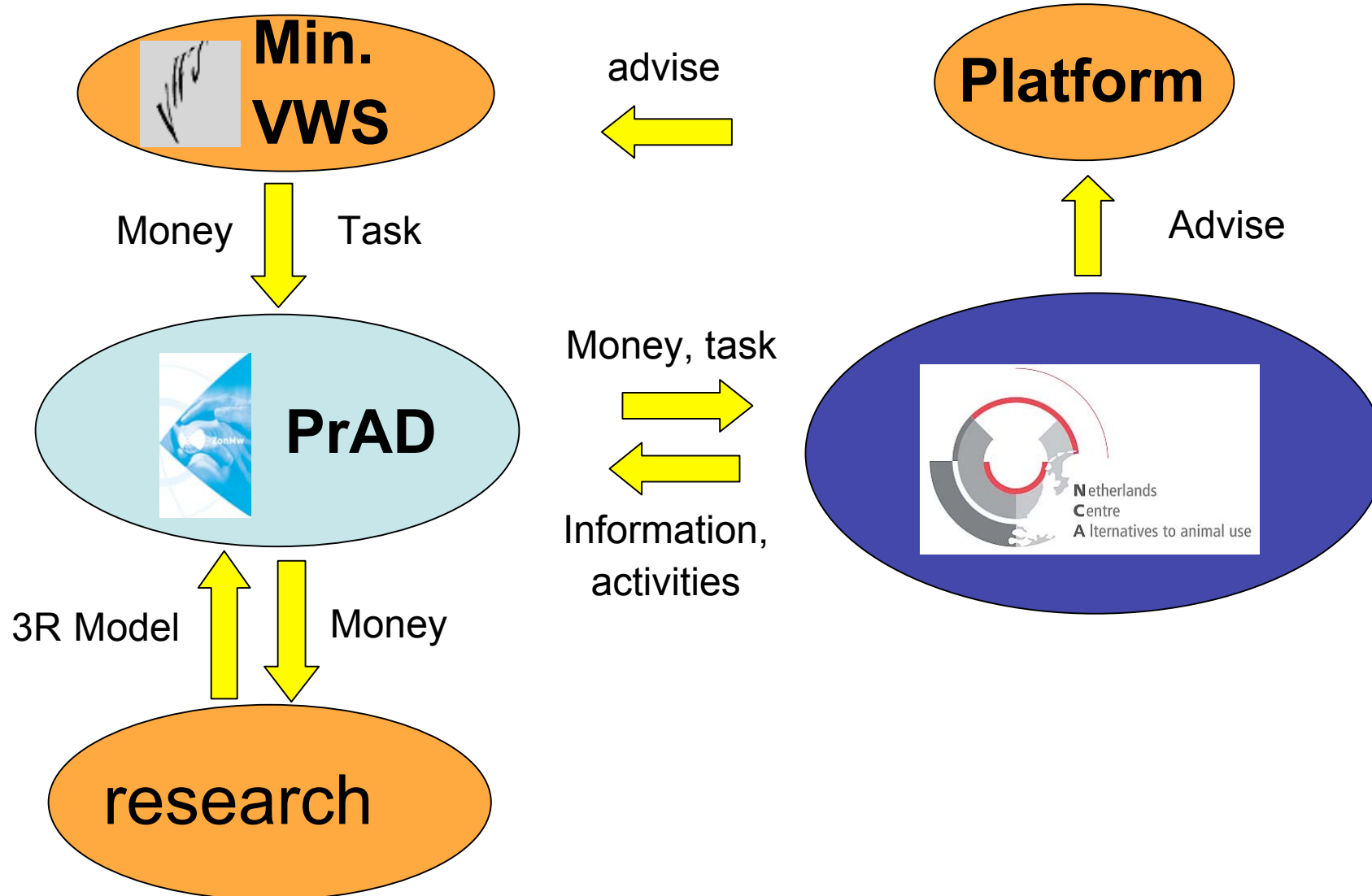
- Min. Health (~ 1 miljo euro annually)
- ZonMw (~ 250 k euro annually)
- Min. education, Min. Defense,
Dierenbescherming



NCA

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

<http://www.nca-nl.org>



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.

International activities

Stakeholders:

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

Proposal

European Consensus
Platform on Alternatives



WHAT ?



European Consensus Platform on Alternatives

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

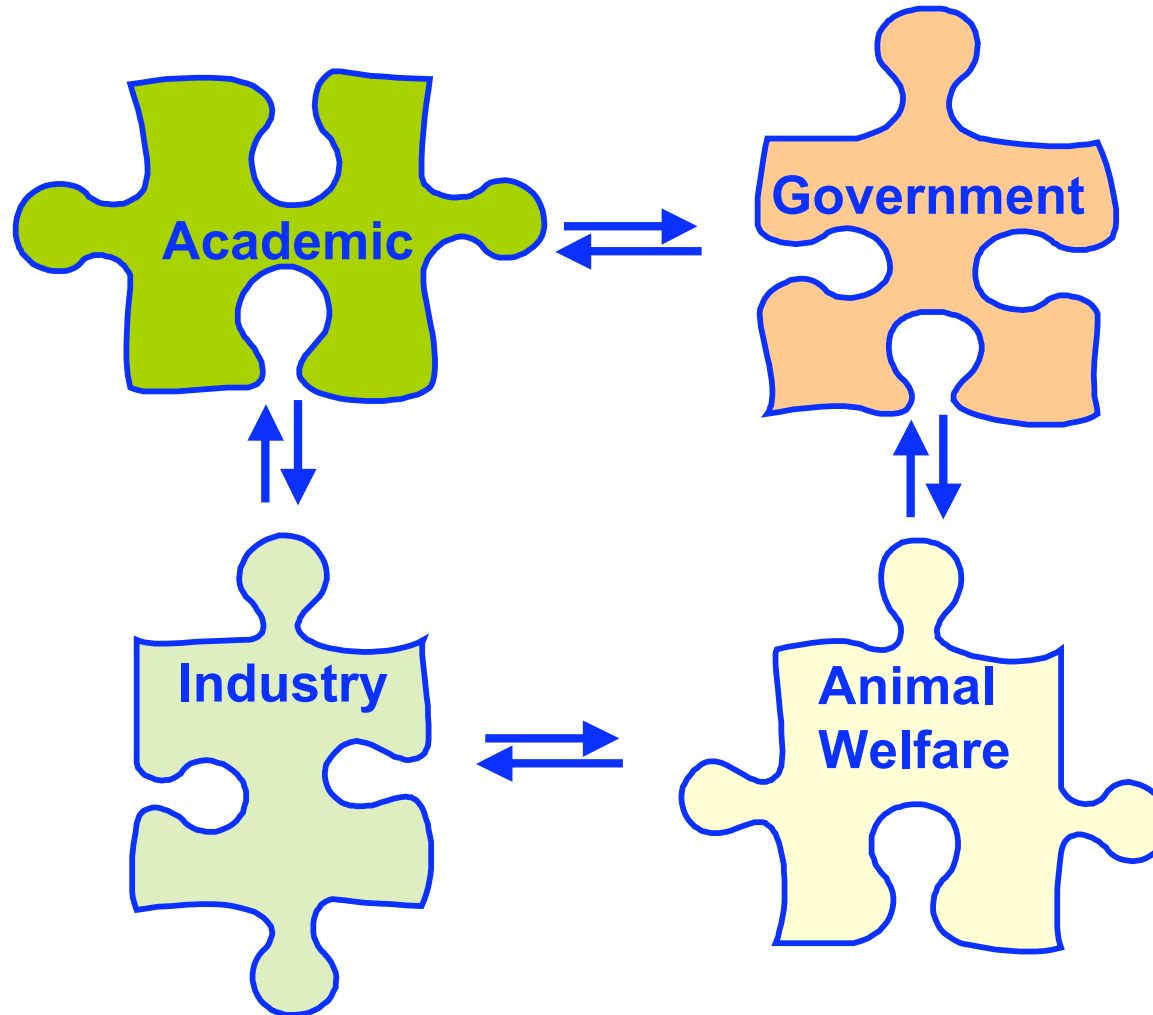
Academia

Government

Industry

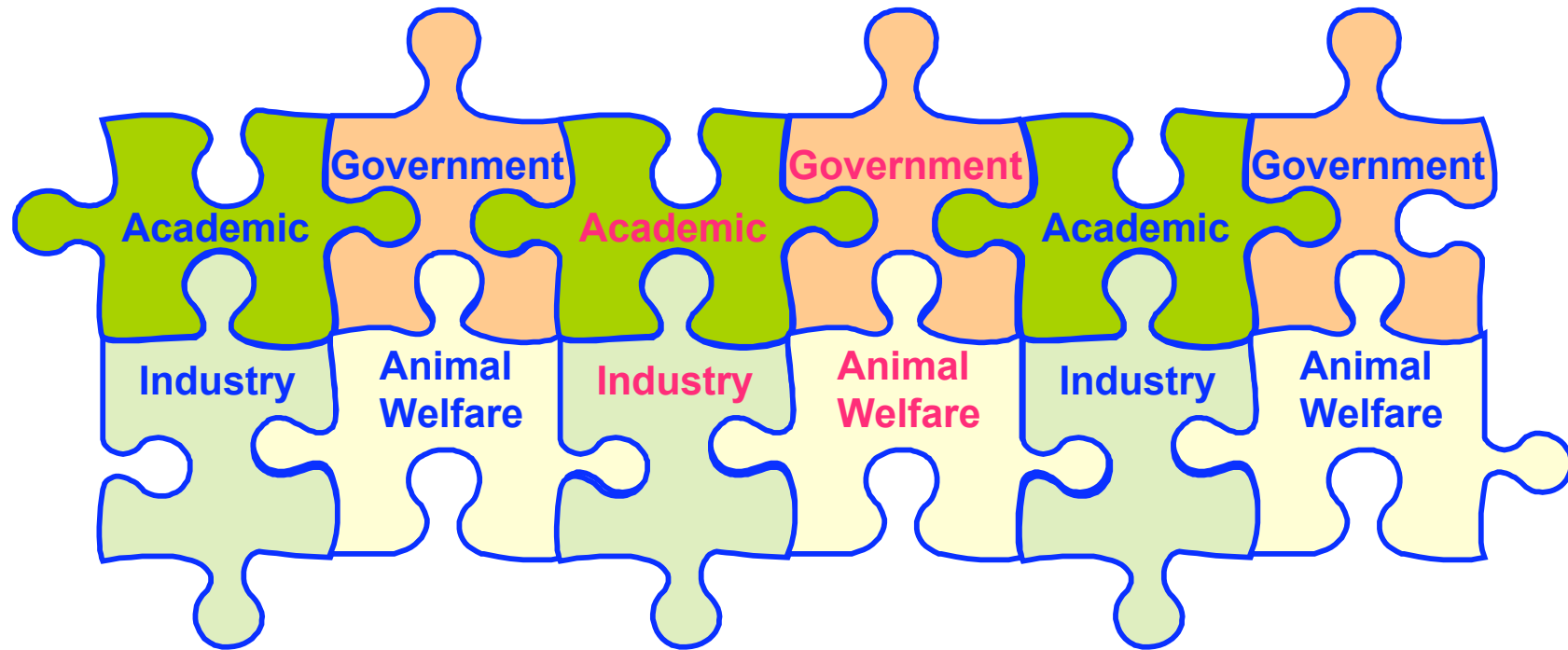
Animal Welfare

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)



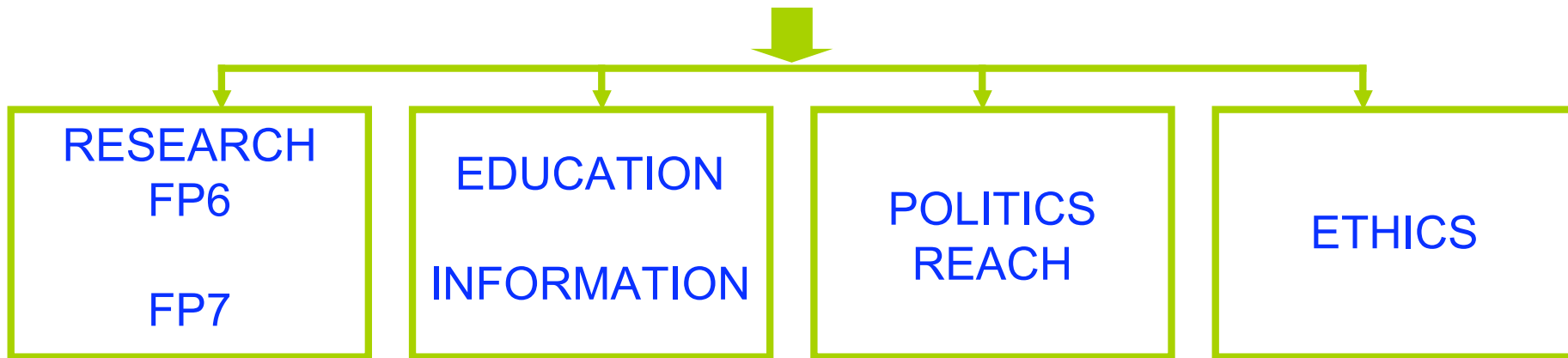
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4 WORKING GROUPS





ACTUAL
STATUS ?



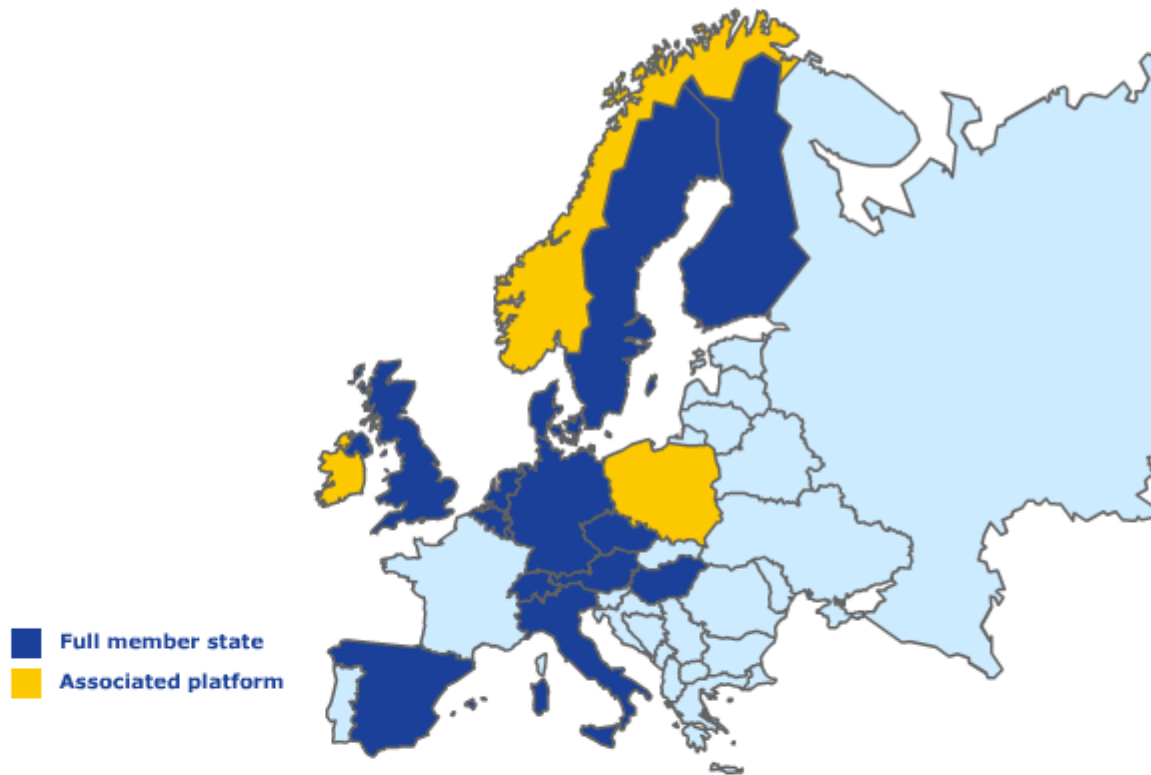
- ★ **13 FULL MEMBERS**
EXISTING CONSENSUS PLATFORMS
- ★ **3 ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**
CONSENSUS PLATFORMS UNDER FORMATION
- ★ **4 WORKING GROUPS**

Actual Status

Currently existing ecopa membership platforms



click on a country for further informations.



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
- organisation of workshops, meetings
- stimulation of international cooperation



<http://www.ecopa.eu>



ecopa Science Initiative 2006

WHEN ?

29-30 September 2006

WHERE ?

Alicante, Spain

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



 **WORKSHOP 7, 24-26 NOV. 2006**

WHEN ? **24-26 November 2006**

WHERE ? **Sheraton Airport, Brussels**

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



- 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