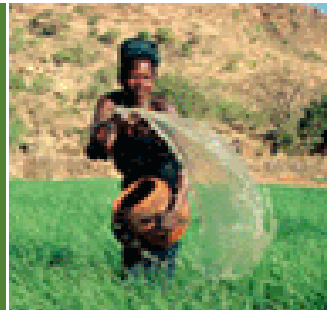




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International Cooperation

The impact of SSAs

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Food NCP Meeting
July 10, 2006
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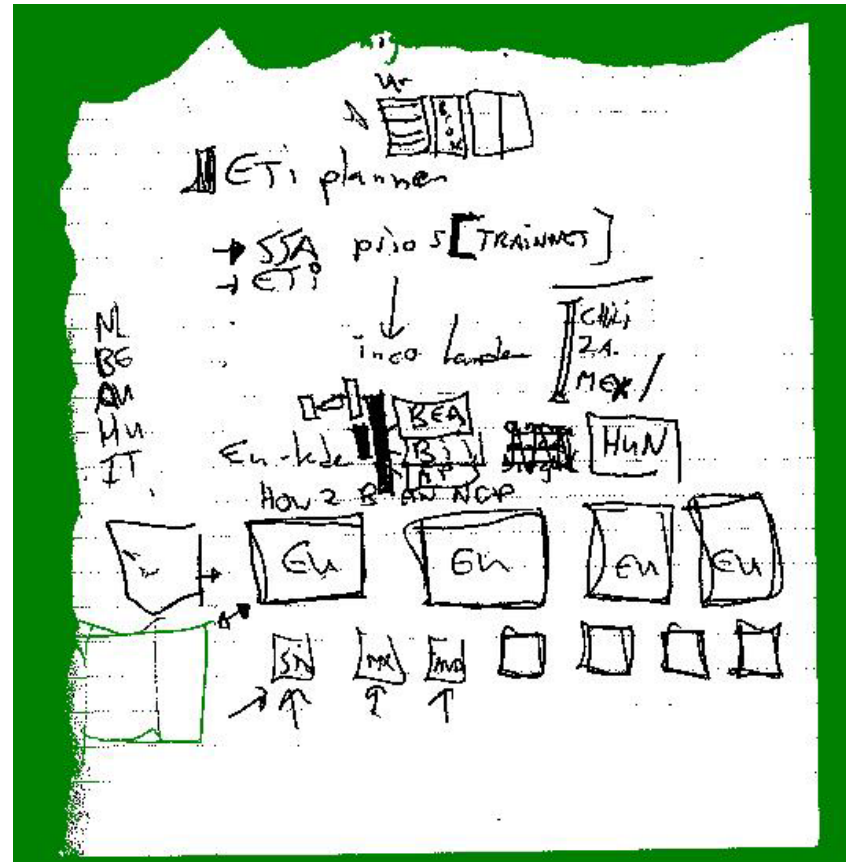
Background, mid 2004

- Cooperation with third countries important FP6 policy target
- Poorly reflected in budget spent
- INCO countries indicate:
 - Contacts / network with EU
 - Knowledge about rules and procedures FP
 - Knowledge in EU about INCO countries

all need to be improved!!



The beginning...





18 months later...





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- Specific Support action in FP6, Food Quality and Safety
- 20 Partners, 7 EU + 13 INCO
- Total budget €900.000
- Coordinated by SenterNovem/EG-Liaison



Partners

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The next 3 years





Objectives

- ❑ Capacity Building and supporting a network of Information Contact Points in a number of INCO-countries
- ❑ Intensifying relationships between the European National Contact Point Network and Contact Points in INCO-countries
- ❑ Supporting research communities in INCO-countries with tailor-made information and services.



Method planned

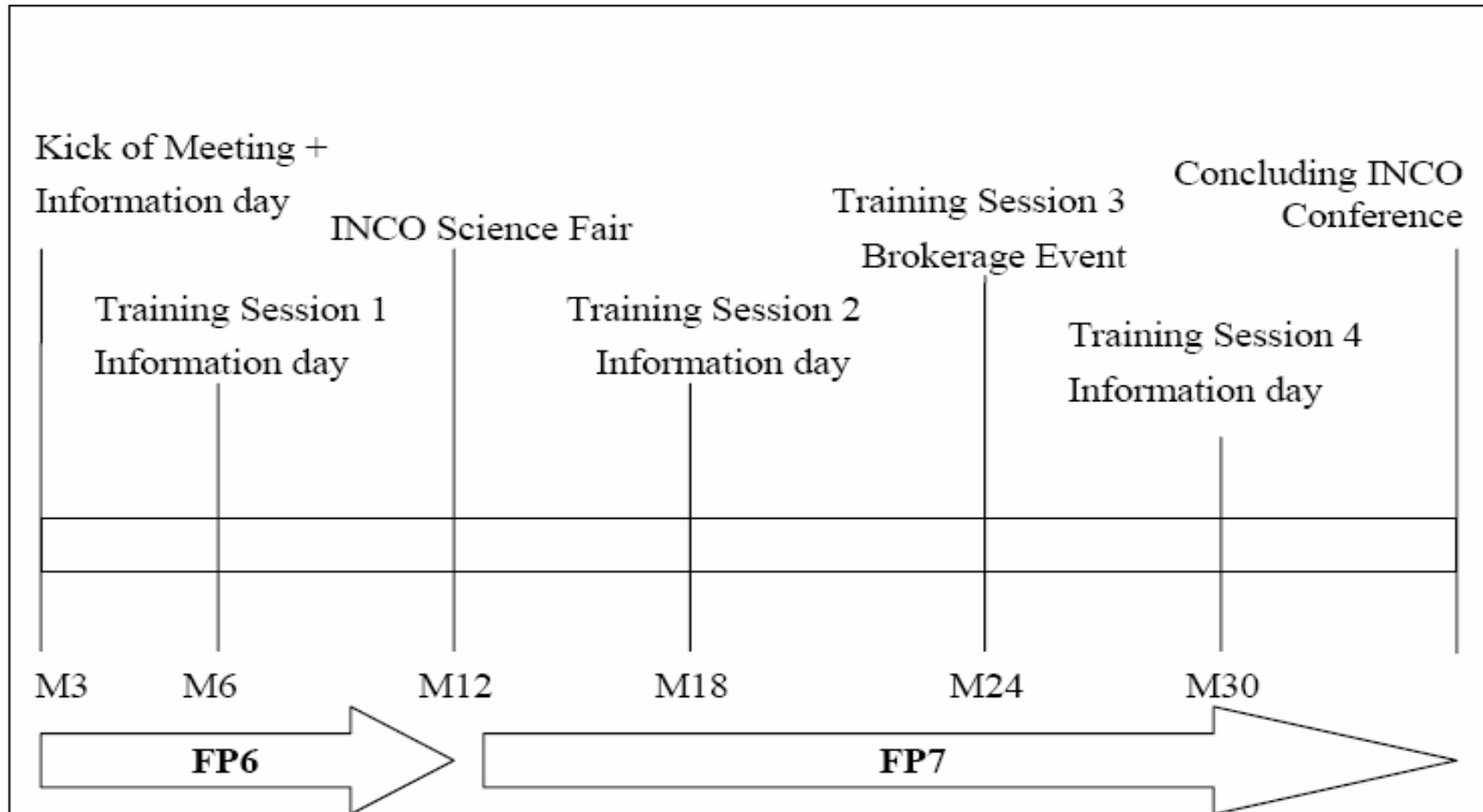
- Proven successful in TrainNet Future
 - Inventory of needs
 - Built training sessions on that
 - Meet and learn (interactive)
 - Exchange experience
 - Set up national trainings to reach researchers

Method unplanned

- Learning the hard way:
 - Confusion about paperwork
 - Long distance communication
 - Contract translations
 - Pre-financing problems
 - ...



Time schedule





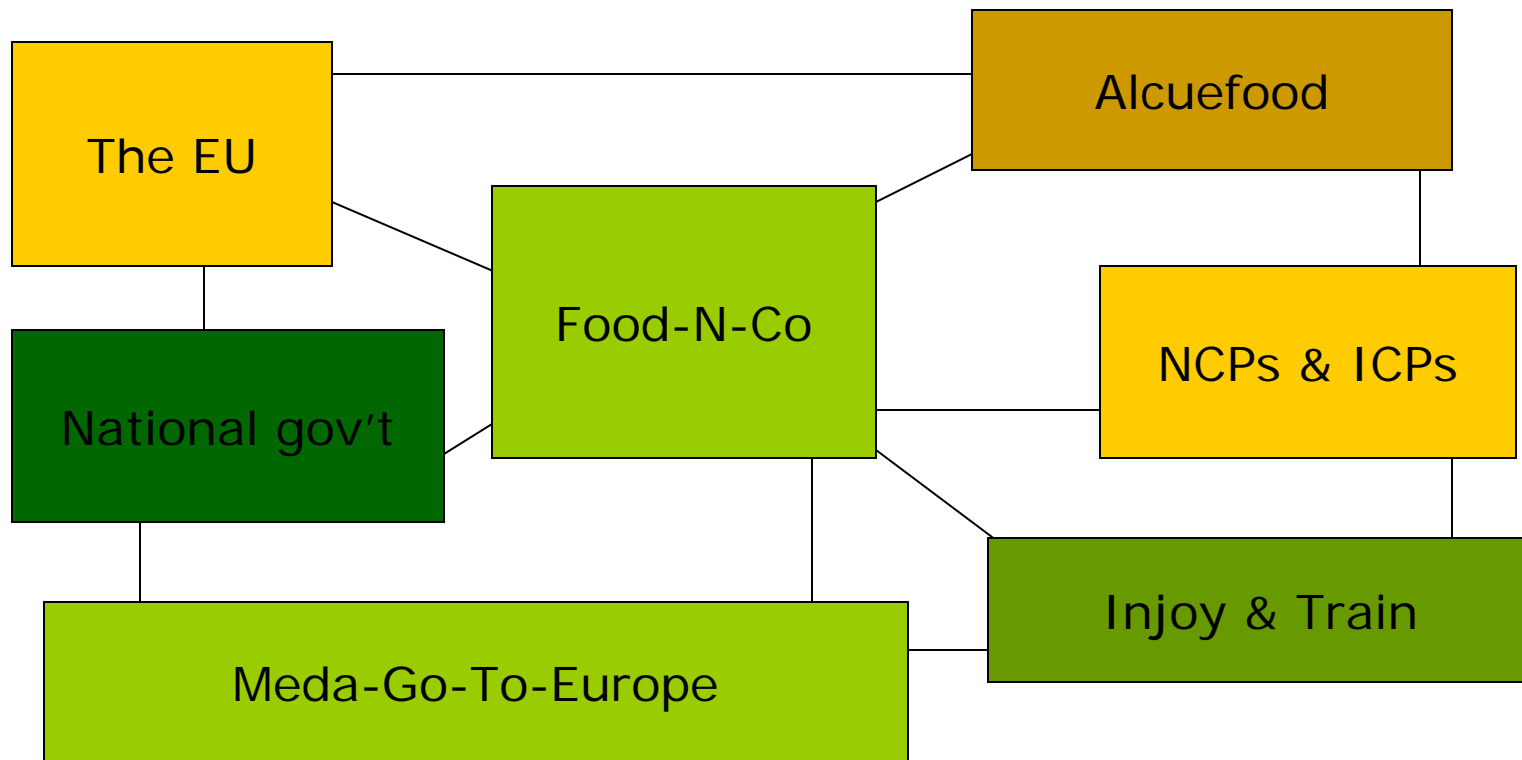
NCPs - ICPs

- ❑ National Contact Points in EU
- ❑ Information Contact Points outside EU
- ❑ Important nodules in world wide network
- ❑ Linking researchers, companies, governments, countries to the EU FP community
- ❑ Providing information, training, assistance
- ❑ Highly skilled and very friendly people

Involving outsiders

- Website open to all NCPs
- Database open to all NCPs
- EU NCPs from outside consortium invited to present their countries

We're not alone...



Exotic?

- INCO partners:
 - Ignore deadlines
 - Never read instructions
 - Stray from the chosen route
(without informing the coordinator)

... just like the Europeans do!!

Information

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Thank you!