

# Successful integration

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## Background

Within the 6th FP starting in 2006 there was a Coordination Action FUTURAE (FP6-036453) "A Future for Radioecology in Europe"

➤ "We may need to bring together the remaining European radioecological expertise to make best use of experience and resources, and ensure an appropriate future for radioecology in Europe."

Objective of FUTURAE:

➤ To evaluate the feasibility of network(s) of excellence to maintain and enhance competence in a resource efficient manner and to enhance sustainable collaboration in the field of assessment and management of the impact of radionuclides on man and the environment.

## Overview

The goal was to facilitate the long-term sustainable integration of European radioecological research with governance structure

- Efficient and effective integration of resources and capacities
- Establishment of a true European research area in radioecology
- Networking in expertise in biology, ecotoxicology, ecology, radiobiology, radiochemistry and modelling
- Development of improved models to ensure the adequate protection of the environment and man

❖ Long-term sustainability under the European Radioecology ALLIANCE

# Several specific tasks to achieve the long-term integration

- Produce the long-term Strategic Research Agenda (SRA)
  - Produce the inventory of infrastructure including databases and sample archives
  - Create Virtual Laboratory
  - Create the European Observatory
  - Create comprehensive knowledge and data dissemination
  - Create a proper system for training and mobility
- ❖ The plan for long-term integration

# The long-term integration

- Signing of MoU by eight founding organisations for creating ALLIANCE in 2009
- A legal association of ALLIANCE with rules, administrative organisation, common SRA , membership applying etc. in 2012
- Continuing and enhancing work started by STAR (and COMET)
- So far, 20 members from 14 countries

# Collaborative work – together we are more

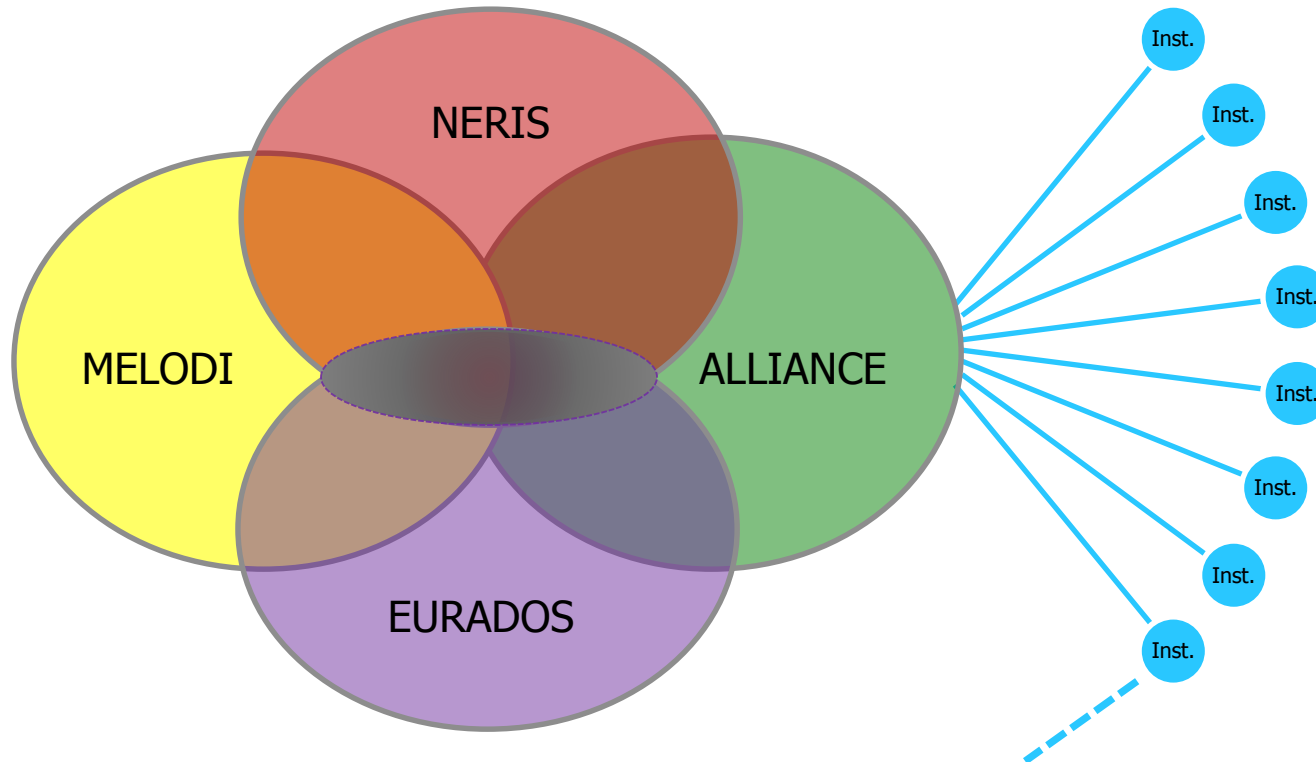


# Acting together towards mutual goals

Hard work – but also a pinch of imagination make a good recipe.



# Strengthening integration – effectiveness from cooperation

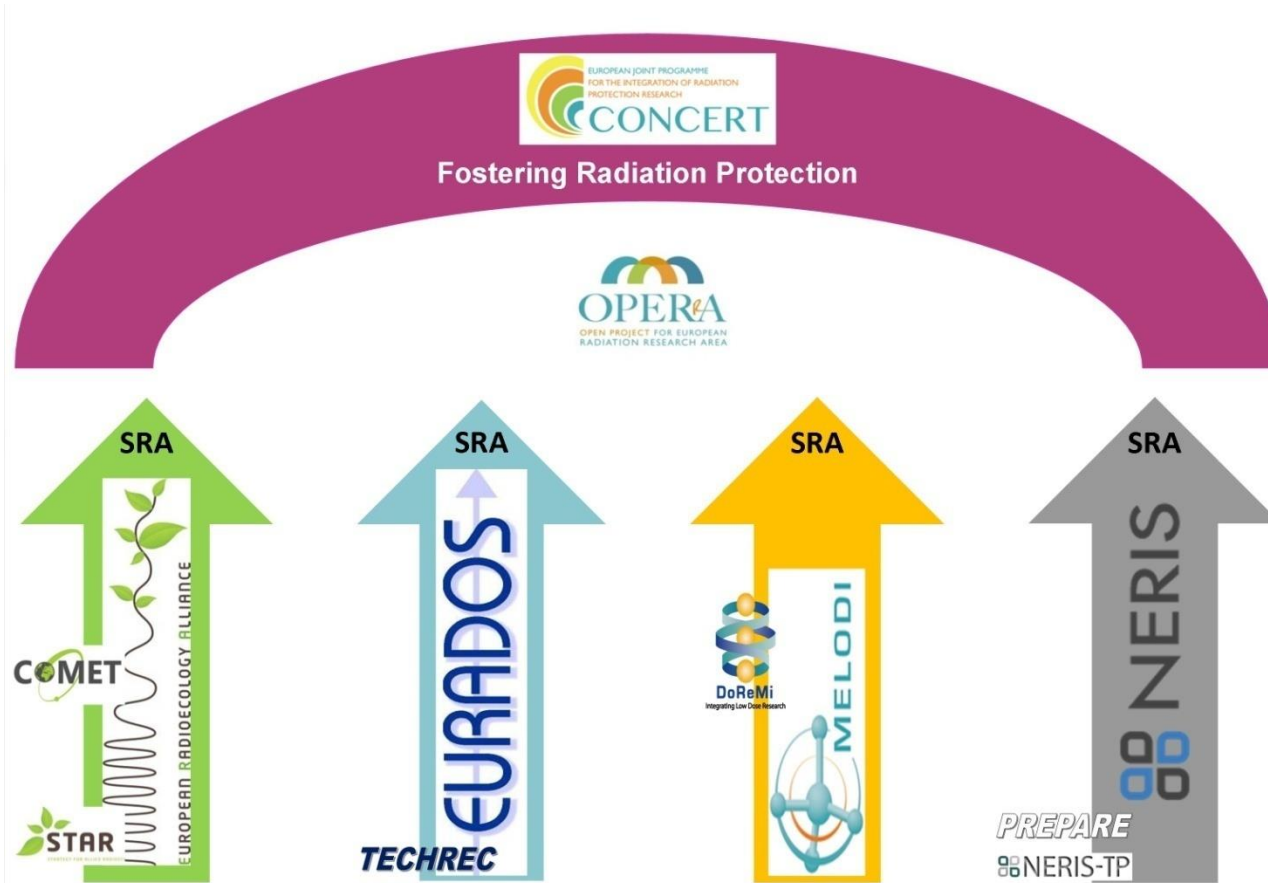




## Wider integration

- Signing of MoU between ALLIANCE and the other European platforms on Radiation Protection in 2013
  - NERIS
  - MELODI
  - EURADOS
- Signing of MoU with IUR later in 2013
  
- Common projects: Synergisms between the SRAs of the four platforms (OPERRA second Open Call, 2014)

# Sustainable future for integration – CONCERT ?



# Challenges

- Funding
  - Objectively sharing EC-funding?
  - Own funding?
  
- Sustainability of the “products” of STAR
  
- Can we keep alive our own area in radioecology, not only the one that is common with other platforms?
  
- Are we capable to see the common needs and benefits >< our own needs and benefits in an optimal way?

Thank you for your attention!

