

BEOBAL Methodological and Coordination Workshop

BEO Centre of Excellence Research Capacity Improvement for Sustainable Environment and Advanced Integration into ERA

23 – 25 October 2005, Bachinovo, SWU base, Blagoevgrad, BULGARIA

First Announcement

Preliminary programme:

22.10.2005	Arrival day
23.10.2005	Working programme
24.10.2005	Working programme Meeting of BEOBAL Steering committee (afternoon) Visit to Blagoevgrad and South-West University (late afternoon) Gala dinner
25.10.2005	Culture programme (excursion to the interesting places and sightseeings in the region of Rila and Pirin mountains – Bansko, Rila Monastery or others)
26.10.2005	Departure day

Discussion topics

The main questions to be addressed are: What are the main methodological challenges of BEO Centre of Excellence Research Capacity Improvement? What are the BEOBAL first results and developments and what have to be strengthened in the context of upcoming 7th Framework programme? What is agenda of BEO Centre of Excellence and BEO Moussala development for the next 10 years?

The structure of presentations and discussion

will follow the BEOBAL project objectives and operational goals:

A. The Networking, International Collaboration & Integration and Reinforced Research Infrastructure:

- 1. Diversification, broadening and enhancement of international collaboration and cooperation** (Specific support action (SSA) measure 5 – What kind of cooperative activities and/or joint RTD proposals we are going to develop?)
- 2. Reinforcement of S&T equipment and systems of BEO CoE directed to *enhancement of the research infrastructure* of European importance** (What are the problems of implementation of SSA_A7 measure - Upgrading and/or renewal of S&T equipment and the way to solve them in the framework of ERA?)
- 3. The *implementation and development of advanced methodology, technology, methods and advanced metrology, monitoring and observing system and innovations transfer*, in the field of Global change and ecosystems and their regional and European projections and components.** (Realisation of measures in the field of SSA_A1 – exchange of personnel, SSA_A22 – visits of scientists from abroad for research activities and SSA_A4 - conference events – discussions of working programmes and schedules)

B. Improvement of Human Resources including advanced Human Resources long-term management

(Discussions about the 7 training seminars (SSA_A21 activity) – topics and didactic, short stays for PhD students and Post Docs to laboratories abroad, either for specialised training or to carry out a specific research experiment (SSA_A3 measure) and hiring of young researchers)

C. Advanced Science – Society Interaction policy (presentations, discussions and exchange of experience in the field of science communication)

D. Application and development of advanced Management system (presentation and discussions on project quality management system, review of experience of current progress measurement and management feedback generation)

Confirmation of participation: no later 1st of October