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Network on Research and Innovation for Europe and Africa and a tool for successful implementation of R&D results

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Research and Innovation Network for Europe and Africa (RINEA)

Start: March 2015 (anticipated)

Partners:

7 African:	Algeria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Ethiopia, Namibia, Nigeria, South Africa
6 European:	France, Finland, Germany, Greece, Portugal, United Kingdom

Volume: 1.9 Mio € for 36 months

Work packages:

- 1) *Analyse and monitor biregional STI partnerships and try to support current and future research and innovation partnerships*
- 2) Facilitate the launch of two new joint calls for proposals targeting European and African programme owners like ERAfrica
- 3) *Contribute to evidence based outcomes of the HLPD and facilitate implementation of recommendations*
- 4) Promote EU-Africa STI cooperation as well as RINEA's activities to a wider STI stakeholder community; assure communication among STI user groups
- 5) *Management*



Rationale

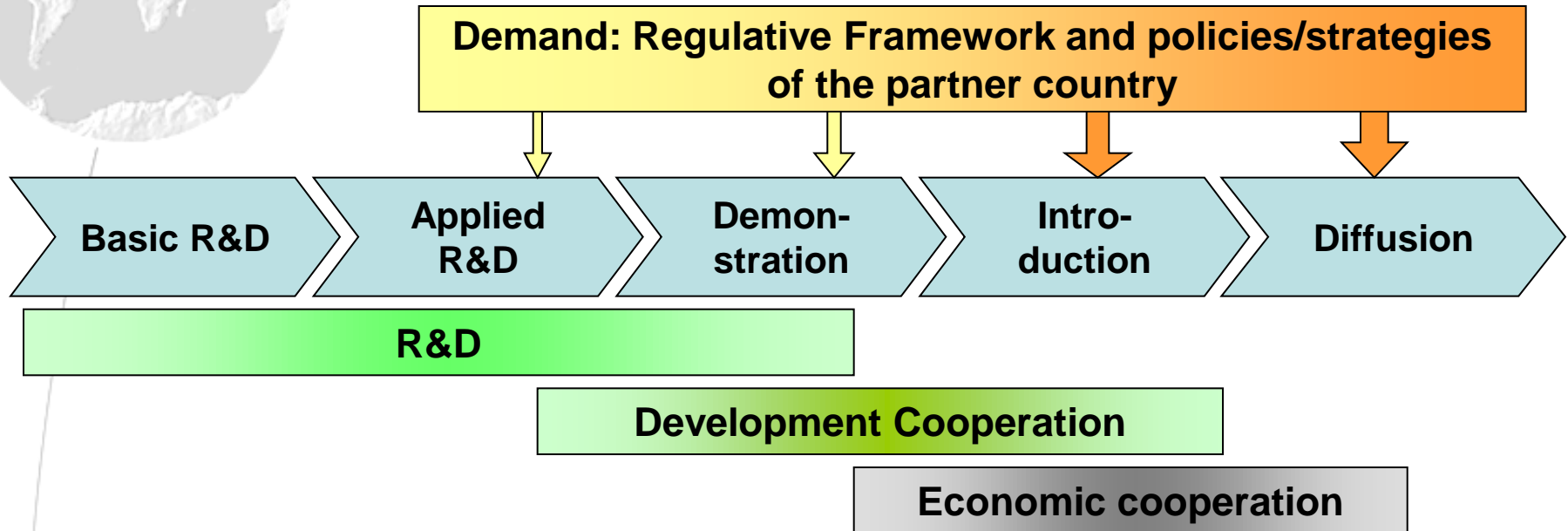
We

- Combine African und European Ministries/funding institutions/management organisation which are key players with regard to STI activities, policy development and implementation of results in their home countries and internationally
- Combine vast experience, which can be of high value for policy dialogue, policy development and successful implementation (Mapping, ERAfrica, High Level Policy Dialogue (HLPD)-support...)
- Combine “old” and new partners, thereby transporting knowledge, experience and new ideas into both directions
- Combine countries, which are active partners in the HLPD-bureau in the context of the Joint Africa-Europe Strategy (JAES)



A tool for successful implementation of R&D results

Main Tasks



- Demand-orientation of R&D projects
- Deepening the conceptual coverage of the entire innovation process
- Use of potential synergies between different cooperation instruments covering different phases of the innovation process



Expectations of partners:

**„We don't want another book
on the shelf!“**

*Director General of the Vietnamese Ministry
of Planning and Investment*

**„Mastering our environmental challenges requires
innovative thinking & practical answers
beyond solutions applied in Europe“**

Senior Environment Specialist of the World Bank



Conceptualization of implementation-oriented R&D projects

- Dialogue with Ministries and Implementation Agencies in partner countries
- Small-scale definition-phase projects for the preparation of more efficient, implementation-oriented R&D projects?
- Implementation strategy as obligatory part of the proposal (incl. regular updates)
- Strengthening of economic and institutional expertise of the R&D consortium
- Determined application of related selection criteria for evaluation of proposals

Summary

- Early and systematic direction of R&D programmes/projects towards implementation and diffusion of the innovative solutions to be developed
- Support of a market-oriented introduction of well-tested innovative solutions in the partner country
- Cooperation with decision makers of the partner country

No new books on the shelf, instead success stories in Africa and Asia

