



# The Cooperation Platform for Research and Standards

Presentation at the IST2004 Networking session N66:  
“COPRAS: a more efficient way of cooperation  
between IST research projects and standardization”

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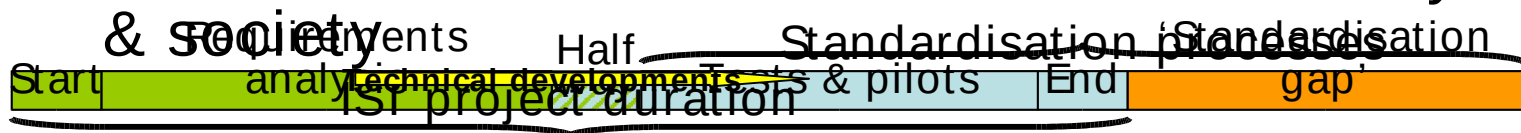
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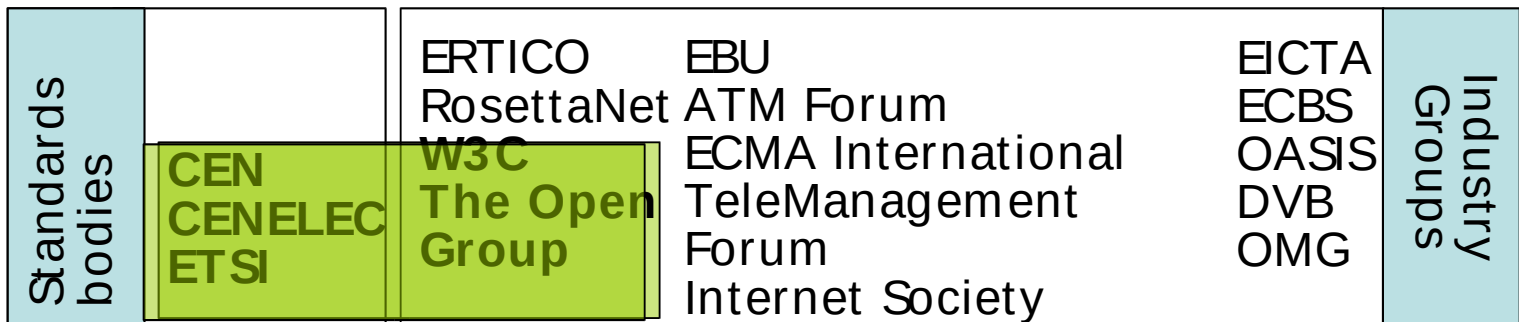
# Background, objectives & rationale behind the COPRAS project

- Interfacing with standardisation is required for research projects under Framework Programmes
- Standardisation activities are often already underway in relation to many IST topics
- Structuring cooperation will reduce overlap and save resources on the side of research projects
- Cooperation at an early stage will make research results available earlier to industry & society



# COPRAS' roots lie with European standardization bodies & the ICTSB

Collaborative group of bodies concerned with standardization and related activities in ICT



COPRAS was initiated by the 3 European Standards Organizations together with W3C and The Open Group, but backed by the ICTSB



# Why do standards and research need better synergies?

- Standardisation is carried out for several reasons
  - Establishment of compatibility and interoperability (critical for ICT!)
  - Improved market for standard products
  - Removal of trade barriers, Safety & health of citizens, etc.
- But an effective interface with standardisation can be beneficial to research projects as well
  - Increase quality of products and create competitive advantages for consortium partners
  - Test products according to internationally agreed principles
  - Higher international recognition, greater visibility & exploitation potential of projects' results
  - Use of external expertise, saving project resources
  - Avoid a confused approach, and find the right standards body

# We're up and running...

- Early 1990s tradition of standards/ research interface, through the RACE and ACTS programmes (contributed to the success of GSM standards!)
- C- ECOM experiment, carried out during FP5 on eBusiness- related projects
- Now expanded to the whole of IST (at least, to calls 1 to 3, discussion with Commission awaited concerning new calls)
- Expanded in terms of partnership: ICT standards are provided through multiple bodies, often badly known

# This morning's agenda

- Introductions from the COPRAS partners
- What we have done over the past 9 months (Bart Brusse, COPRAS Project Manager)
- The different steps towards standardization (Scott Hansen, The Open Group)
- Questions/ answers/ discussion



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