



**Snowman Network**  
**Workshop socio-economic research**  
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# SNOWMAN NETWORK

- A network of Research funders in the field of soil and groundwater. Established in June 2009 as a result of the ERA-NET SNOWMAN.

## Main objectives:

- Implement the SNOWMAN NETWORK Research Programme by transnational calls
- Exchange of existing knowledge and information
- ***Survey the possibility for joint programming***



# Expectations of the SNOWMAN Network

## 1<sup>st</sup> step of a transnational programme

- the basis of national programmes and activities ;
- the basis of coordinated activities, at the SNOWMAN level, such as a new call for projects.

### Inventory of:

- status of knowledge, existing programmes in the different countries ;
- position papers on different topics ?
- identify research questions.



## More expectations

- define the boundaries of the research programme
- collect advises on how to draft this programme
- collect advises on how to succeed in the cooperation between socio economic scientists and soil scientists
- identify other key people to involve in the process and identify main programmes and key people in non-SNOWMAN countries



## Follow up of this workshop

- Later today appointment of a task team leader
- June 17th TC of Network Steering group
- Early September draft action plan based upon the outcome of today's discussion
- November finalized action plan discussed in NSG

### Role of the workshop participants:

- to give input for a transnational research programme (content)
- To give input for the action plan (method), today and to comment on the draft, later
- to help in executing activities as mentioned in the action plan