

Workgroup *Structure and Organisation* of the *UNIADRION network*

1. The *Ancona Declaration* (May 19-20, 2000), on the basis of the indications of the Round Table on cooperation at university level, emphasises the use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) as one of the reference tools in the economic and cultural growth of the Countries in the Adriatic and Ionian areas. In this context the creation of the UNIADRION network will constitute an important tool for coordinating and developing all activities suitable for reaching the proposed goals.
2. UNIADRION will constitute a general network of the Adriatic and Ionian Countries that will coordinate and conglobate all networks concerning activities carried out inside specific disciplines. Transferring operational activities to thematic networks will allow a balanced distribution of responsibilities during the realisation of the Program in the context of a unitary framework that will assure the coherent and ordered development of all Projects that constitute the whole Program.
3. The Working Group must establish the structure of the network and the associated management procedures that will assure, from the beginning, a fair representation to all participants considering also the necessity of graduating the planned activities in order to take into account the actual availability of human and economic resources. The initial goal will however concern the realisation of a certain number of nodes (*focal points*) of the network, at least one for every country, endowed with all hardware and software tools that will assure the operation of a basic technical structure suitable of subsequent improvements.
4. Making reference to the priorities indicated by the promoting Universities and, more specifically, to the proposals submitted to the discussion of thematic Round Tables, the Working Group will develop a proposal for the operation of the network compatible with the initial configuration illustrated at the previous point. The graduality that will characterise the setup of the network must be compatible with the necessity of an immediate start of some high-priority and high-visibility initiatives. The promoting Universities, on the basis of their experience and openness to a permanent discussion with all partners, should make every effort to reduce as much as possible startup times.
5. General architecture of the system, operational capabilities, realisation times and costs, operational procedures, required skills, professional capabilities to be acquired, physical and functional interfaces with other existing or future networks: the Working Group should give indications on all previous points. These suggestions will then constitute an important element of the conclusions that are expected from the Meeting of Ravenna.
6. Special attention must be addressed to the structure of the management that will be proposed in order to assure that the network will be endowed with the necessary functionality and levels of participation. This will be reflected by the composition and by the tasks of the General Assembly and of the Executive Committee, by the criteria to select their Chairmen, by the presence of a Scientific Secretariat and by identifying the most important “conventional” tools that could be used to carry on all network activities, like exchanges of students and researchers,

seminars and meetings, masters and specialisation courses, formation schools and working schools.

7. The workgroup could also give some indications on the ICT tools that look more suitable for achieving the goals of UNIANDRION in order to conjugate efficiency with effectiveness and compatibility.

