



Potential Collaboration Models - a Baseline for Discussion -

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Observations



- Match of size of budget and level of objectives:
 - US Agency Programme
 - ~ IST Programme strategic objective EU IP (+ satellite NoEs/trad. projects)
 - Several US Programmes from 1/more agencies
 - ~ Several EU strat obj / IPs in different units/directorates
- Guiding principle of collaboration: 1+1=3
- In accordance with S&T agreement



Potential collaboration levels (1)

- Collaboration between projects
 - EU IPs include a task and budget for information exchange/ co-ordination/staff exchange/joint activity/etc with parallel US Programmes and vice versa
 - each side funds labour and travel of their own researchers
 - reciprocity gradually demonstrated by reciprocal actions
 - collaboration can be reconsidered any time in case of no reciprocity
 - EU IPs include US partners without funding & vice versa
 - funding for respective partners must come from elsewhere
 - commitment is assured through a formal contract between IP and US partners
 - current FP6 IST Workprogramme 2003/2004 includes the necessary hook allowing for this



Potential collaboration levels (2)

Collaboration through joint call

- Based on a priori selected topics
- Clear objectives, scope and focus
- Complementarity / mutual benefit identified a priori
- Each funding agency fund their partners
- Synchronisation needs to be worked out



Roles on EU-side



Research Constituencies:

- Identify and propose research areas for concrete transatlantic co-operation
- Investigate complementarity / mutual benefit / concrete added value of collaboration
- ARTISTpartners are in good position to assume leadership

European Commission:

- Lead discussion for collaboration jointly with US agencies
- Plan joint call through a spring 2004 workshop in US
- First step taken: hook for int coop on embedded systems in IST work programme





Concrete Steps Forward

- Roadmap Projects network with US projects / research establishments
 - to exchange the content of respective research roadmaps
 - identify research areas for concrete transatlantic co-op
 - investigate complementarity / mutual benefit /
 joint objectives / concrete added value of collaboration
 - timeframe for joint workshop: March/April 2004
 - timeframe for joint call: autumn 2004