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The Open Method of Coordination (OMC) in the field of research policy

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The OMC applied to the 3% objective (OMC 3%) (1)

Background:

Barcelona summit in 2002 - target of investment in R&D: « to approach 3% in 2010 »

- With an «appropriate split» 1/3 financed by public funds and by 2/3 private – i.e. 1% public/2% private
- For the EU in 2006:
 - R&D expenditure in % of GDP: 1.84%
 - Financed by business: 55%

(Source: Eurostat, 2007)

The OMC 3% (2)

Background:

- Proposals in the «3% Action Plan» in 2003 (Community actions, Member State actions, OMC 3%)
- OMC 3% in the «3% Action Plan»:
 - Coherent policy mixes for R&D
 - Fiscal incentives
 - Public investment in R&D
 - IPR
 - SME's
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The OMC 3% (3)

Background:

- At the Spring summit in 2003 it was decided to apply the OMC to R&D policy making
- The Competitiveness Council entrusted CREST to be the operational interface between Member States when applying the OMC
- CREST is the EU's Scientific and Technical Research Committee

The OMC 3% (4)

Aim:

- To achieve greater convergence towards EU goals by helping Member States progressively improve their own policies in areas where policy competence lies primarily at national level

Means:

- Mutual learning
- Concerted/joint actions between Member States or regions
- Community initiatives reinforcing actions at Member State level

The OMC 3% (5)

The 1st cycle (November 03 – June 04):

- Five CREST Expert Groups:
 - Public Research Base and Links with Industry
 - SMEs and Research
 - Fiscal Measures for Research
 - Intellectual Property and Research
 - Research Public Spending and Policy Mixes
- CREST report (October 2004) : 30 recommendations

The OMC 3% (6)

The 2nd cycle (November 04 – May 06):

Five CREST Expert Groups:

- Public Research Base and Links with Industry
 - Measures for promoting research intensive SMEs
 - Fiscal Measures for Research
 - Intellectual Property and Research
 - Policy Mix Group
- CREST report (May 2006)

The OMC 3% (7)

The 3rd cycle (December 06 – December 07):

Four CREST Expert Groups:

- Coordination of the FP and the Structural Funds
- Internationalization of R&D outside the ERA
- R&D in services
- Policy Mix Group

- Four CREST working group reports

The OMC 3% (8)

The 4th cycle (January 08 – December 08):

So far four CREST Expert Groups:

- Universities
- Industry led competence centers
- Internationalization of R&D outside ERA
- Policy Mix Group

The OMC 3% (9)

Reinforcing the OMC 3% in the future:

- Continue to work with groups of Member State Experts
- OMC-NET
- Link the OMC 3% more to the Lisbon Strategy and in particular the National Reform Programmes
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The OMC 3% (10)

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