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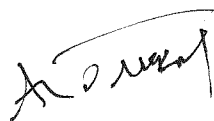
The Black Sea Biotechnology Association and the Public Research and Regulatory Initiative with this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) express their intention to cooperate to assist Metaregions developing as a tool to promote life sciences/biotechnology as a key driver for innovative growth and science based perception of biotechnology.

The parties respect the separate identity, independence and branding of both organisations and meta-regions. The dialogue is intended to bring balanced benefits to both parties.

The Black Sea Biotechnology Association and the Public Research and Regulatory Initiative subscribe to the following:

By this Memorandum of Understanding, the Black Sea Biotechnology Association and the Public Research and Regulatory Initiative enter into a dialogue, promoting an enhanced relationship between the two organisations. In part A the strategic aims of the dialogue are described. In part B are outlined the concrete actions for 2006.

The overriding purpose of this dialogue is to demonstrate that metaregional cooperation is an important tool to develop the potential of life sciences/biotechnology within education, research, innovation, and regulations worldwide.



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Part A – Strategic aims

- Promote knowledge sharing between members of the Black Sea Biotechnology Association and the Public Research and Regulatory Initiative when relevant
- Joint efforts in the promotion of a science based platform for biotechnology perception for meta-regions and meta-scale networks when relevant
- Joint efforts in stimulating the establishment of new bio clusters when relevant
- Joint efforts when relevant in the meaningful promotion of interactions between the Black Sea BioRegion and countries presented in the Public Research and Regulatory Initiative
- Joint efforts in strategic communication on issues of mutual interest to the regional, national and supranational levels when relevant
- Joint efforts in the meaningful creation and promotion of common approach to regulations on bioethics and biosafety when relevant
- Joint efforts in the promotion of sustainability in agriculture, healthcare, environment and other fields of common interest when relevant
- Joint efforts in network activities e.g. conferences, seminars and workshops when relevant
- Joint efforts in communicating the importance of public research
- Joint efforts in attracting external co-funding to concrete activities

Part B - Actions in 2006

1. The web sites of the respective organisations shall exchange links and logos.
2. The signing of this agreement will be marked with a joint press release, which includes statements from the president of the Black Sea Biotechnology Association and the chairman of the Public Research and Regulatory Initiative.
3. The Black Sea Biotechnology Association and the Public Research and Regulatory Initiative agree to promote their major conferences and events to the members and stakeholders of the respective organisations by web links and newsletters.
4. The parties agree to explore the possibilities for – and if possible – attract joint co-funding for concrete activities
5. Latest December 2006 the chairmanship of The Black Sea Biotechnology Association and The Public Research and Regulatory Initiative will meet to evaluate outcome and results of 2006 and explore possibilities for future dialogue.