INFARCT

- initial
  - not yet requested EU funding
  - scientific parties
    - institutes
    - universities
  - existing services
    - no idea...
  - originated
    - univ of Istanbul
    - Portugal
    - French architect
    - Belgium
    - Greece
    - mainly public institution but also private sector
  - data
    - available somewhere or not ?
      - in books
      - some DVD
      - not interactive and not online
  - existing networking
    - yes at scientific level
  - interest
    - Sweden
    - Finland
    - Malta
  - consortium legal
    - could be ERIC or something else
- first comment
  - expert network...no real services yet
    - need to define our goal ?
  - designing
    - Chair
      - NL
    - Co-chair ?
  - few issues to solve
- 1) what formal structures could be considered to meet the condition of the countries that responsabilities and accountability are clearly formalized
  - define a clear roadmap first
    - agree on a white paper
      - vision
        - coordinated network of nodes
        - sharing data and services
          - = a pan-European goal
        - creating a RI
        - enlarge potentially to all countries
      - target
        - each organisation to define service he can provide or need to/from others
        - need adequate IP protection priort to share/sell
          - define data sharing policies
        - define MOU
      - express interest
    - initial funding based on signed MOU
  - creating RI
    - need a network agreement first
      - endorsing vision & target of the white paper
      - agreement on work and practices
        - accounting work being produce
        - ownership of the services
          - who own the results ?
        - decision making process
      - MOU for network to be signed by
        - interested partners
          - institutes
          - universities
          - commercial partners ?
    - legal aspects
      - we need to identify what is already available ?
        - benchmark to already existing consortiums
      - appoint legal expert
        - identify various possibilities
          - to early to start thinking about an ERIC
        - voting rules
          - important for the future
          - who pays can decide
            - can we organise a membership
      - need a legal status
        - suggested to be established in NL
        - we can spin-off commercial companies
        - fundation type might be appropriate
      - government to be involved
        - scientific contact person in each country should have an official contact at govt level
      - central organisation taking care about admin and running of the project
        - council of consortium that will follow central organisation with executive board
        - need a central secretary
          - as a single point of contact
          - inclusive of scientific expert
        - operate with scientific advisory board
    - form a consortium
      - create a NL foundation ?
        - temporary choice
        - can be 100% stakeholder in a spin-off commercial company
          - to be able to sell services
        - we can have a legal address
        - we can obtain more easily funding
    - get funding
      - apply for funding
        - national funding
          - each country responsible for his own funding
        - eu funding
      - central organisation funded by members' fees
      - projects funded by
        - national organisation
        - eventual income from commercial revenues (adhoc/bilateral)
- 2) What are - if any - the implications for the position and responsibilities of the infrastructure network nodes
  - nodes will have IKC to the consortium
    - nodes bringing their own contribution
- 3) Are headquarters needed and, if yes, how should its location be decided
  - circulating the headquarters
    - secretariat circulating
    - location on mutual agreement between the partners
    - based on majority of votes
- 4) Who would be responsible for construction and financial accounts in the network structure?
  - minimum of financial activities in the 1st stage
  - each node responsible for its own national funding
- 5) Who would be in charge to secure the infrastructure operations and services to users ?
  - central secure system in NL
  - user identification at member's level
- 6) What decision process must happen if a country wishes to join or leave the agreement
  - joining
    - signing the MOU
  - leaving
    - exit clauses
- Difficulties?
  - identify process to be followed
  - do not know the group members enough to start such discussions
  - not mature yet - emerging, not yet preparatory phase