

## **METNET**

### **EUROPEAN NETWORK OF R&D AND TRAINING ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED IN METAL STRUCTURES AND INDUSTRY**

#### **AGREEMENT 2.11.2006, BERLIN**

##### **1§ METNET –network**

###### *Objective*

The purpose of METNET-network is to bring together different European R&D and training organizations to develop new products and services to support innovative processes in companies working in the field of metallic construction and industry.

METNET-network will promote knowledge and best practice and enable transfer of know-how between companies, research and training organizations at the European level.

###### *Aims*

The basic aims of the METNET-network are to:

1. build up and maintain a map of relevant areas of know-how, capabilities and resources for sharing through the network
2. support co-operation at the European level by finding areas for collaboration among members, to launch projects of common interest and to seek funding for common activities
3. hold international seminars, workshops, training programmes, consultation, analyses, design, testing and prototype manufacturing
4. prepare, administer and coordinate large scale international projects, financed by companies, European Union, World Bank etc.
5. carry out challenging research and development tasks in large international multitask-projects
6. agree on common terminology and use of resources and equipment across national borders

## **2§ Obligation of members**

The members of network commit to promote the basic aims of METNET and to participate in common activities and projects, subject to the agreement of the network Coordinating Committee by simple majority of the number of current members.

## **3§ Management of METNET network**

The network will be managed by a Coordinating Committee. Every member organisation will be represented by a nominated member. The Chairman of the Coordinating Committee will be elected by the members. In case of more than one candidate, the election will be based on simple majority of the number of current members.

## **4§ Management of research, development and training projects**

The specific Research, Development and other projects funded externally will be managed separately by the contracted partners for each project under the rules of the funding bodies.

## **5§ Resolution of disputes in METNET network**

Any disputes arising from the interpretation of this agreement shall be resolved by negotiation. The Coordinating Committee may make proposals for resolving such disputes. Partners will be expected to abide by the negotiated agreement.

## **6§ Resolution of disputes in specific projects**

Specific problems in projects and activities should be resolved by the project partners and would be subject to conditions and agreements of the specific contracted project.

## **7§ New members**

New members may be admitted by agreement of the Coordinating Committee. Where a scheduled meeting of the Committee may be due a long period in the future, such agreement may be obtained by correspondence initiated by the Chairman. New members will sign this agreement.

## **8§ Withdrawal from the METNET network**

Any partner organisation may cancel this agreement by giving written notice to the Chairman of the Coordinating Committee. Subsequently, the specific organization shall no longer work within the METNET network.

**9§ Withdrawal from the specific projects**

Withdrawal from a specific project or METNET activity will be handled by the project partners and rules of agreement of the specific project.

**10§ Validity of this agreement**

This agreement is valid from the date shown at the time now after it is signed.

**11§ Subscription**

Membership of METNET is free at present. The Coordinating Committee may, by agreement of members, introduce a subscription in the future.

**12§ Foundation members**

This METNET cooperation network agreement has been signed of one copy, stored by Coordinating Committee Chairman. Every member will have a current photocopy of this agreement if there are new member entries or member leaving network.

Berlin, 2.11.2006

Signed by:

Place:

Date:

Fabio Costantini  
Riconversider Srl

Place:

Date:

Kuldeep S. Viridi  
City University  
(Engineering Structures Research Centre)

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Place:	Date:	Stellian Brad Technical University of Cluj-Napoca (Research platform on innovative production)
Place:	Date:	Jorma Nevaranta Seinäjoki University of Applied Sciences
Place:	Date:	Leo Hirvonen Lappeenranta University of Technology Centre for Training and Development
Place:	Date:	Yuri Bondarev St. Petersburg University of Architecture And Civil Engineering
Place:	Date:	Alexander Shmatov Belarussian National Technical University

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