EUREKA PROJECT E!140 - EUROCARE

1. General description

Project E! 140 - EUROCARE Status Finished - 27-MAR-2002

Title European Project Of Conservation, Restoration And Maintenance (Umbrella:

Generates Projects, But Does Not Carry Out R&D)

ClassUmbrellaTechnological areaEnvironmentStart date01-SEP-1986End date01-JAN-2002Duration184 monthsTotal cost0 Meuro

Partner sought No

Summary New Industrial Products And Technologies As Well As Craft Skills For Conservation And

Restoration Work. Establishment Of Technical Standards And Guidelines For Examination

And Treatment Of Objects And Monuments.

Budget and duration

Phase	Budget(Meuro)	Duration (Months)
Total	0	184

Member contribution

Member	Contribution	Position	Since
Austria	.00%	Notified Finished	27-MAR-2002
Czech Republic	.00%	Notified Finished	27-MAR-2002
Germany	.00%	Notified Finished	08-JAN-1997
Denmark	.00%	Notified Finished	27-MAR-2002
Spain	.00%	Notified Finished	27-MAR-2002
European Union	.00%	Notified Finished	27-MAR-2002
Hungary	.00%	Notified Finished	27-MAR-2002
Iceland	.00%	Notified Finished	27-MAR-2002
Italy	.00%	Notified Finished	27-MAR-2002
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Turkey	.00%	Notified Finished	27-MAR-2002
Slovenia	%	Notified Finished	27-MAR-2002
Sweden	.00%	Notified Finished	27-MAR-2002
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Ireland	.00%	Notified Finished	27-MAR-2002
Greece	.00%	Notified Finished	27-MAR-2002
Finland	.00%	Notified Finished	27-MAR-2002
France	.00%	Notified Withdrawn	12-DEC-1995
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The Netherlands	.00%	Notified Withdrawn	09-OCT-1995

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2. Project outline

Project description

The EUROCARE project aims to develop industrial products and technologies which are currently not available as well as craft skills for conservation and restoration work based on and supported by scientific knowledge. The objective of the project is to establish advanced technical standards and European guidelines for the evaluation, analysis and treatment of objects and monuments.

EUROCARE aims to:

- develop new chemicals
- improve the analytical and treatment techniques to be applied by architects and conservators
- promote the exchange of information between scientists and industry in all participating countries
- generate a market for high technology products and processes in the field of conservation, and to
- establish individual compatible databanks for information (including image storage, image processing and network transfer).

Technological development envisaged

EUROCARE structure:

Initial phase:

Industry, scientists and users agree that the presently available chemicals, analytical methods and standards for the treatment of deteriorating objects exposed to environmental pollution are inadequate and short-lived and may even contribute to further damage. Therefore, the participating working groups have defined the most urgent and promising fields of R & D. The materials and parameters which are to be examined will be defined before pilot studies are initiated in zones of different climatic and pollution conditions in Europe. In this connection, international cooperation has already started and interdisciplinary sub-projects and working groups have been set up with a view to treating the topics selected. These working groups are to include partners from industry as well as from the scientific and users' communities. The EUROCARE Board formulated a provisional definition of the following sub-projects:

Execution Phase:

The development of industrial products, methods and techniques is to be achieved by taking the following steps:

- scientists, conservators and art historians are to make a general evaluation of material damage by applying traditional and novel criteria as well as to render a visual description with the aid of new techniques.
- the development of industrial products based on the results yielded by the initial testing phase is required. These new chemicals and methods are to ensure a more effective conservation of the relevant objects.
- studies on conservation materials and techniques are to be carried out using artificial structures, in situ structures, mural paintings and other test surfaces.
- plans have been made for the development of instruments for a special and in particular an advanced non-

destructive analysis (e.g. by means of laser optics, infrared spectroscopy, biosensors, CCD photogrammetry, microseismology, microclimatography and miniaturized gas chromatography equipment for field work).

- when carrying out the various sub-projects, attempts should be made to develop the data bank system and adapt it to the respective sub-project in order to minimalize analytical work and at the same time maximize the success of analysis and treatment. In addition, the lasting effect of new materials and methods of conservation is to be checked.

Final Phase:

A) The information and technology transfer among interested institutions from EUREKA countries, in particular between training centres for conservators and craftsmen, is to be enhanced by pooling the relevant information in various factual data banks.

B) European standards and guidelines for conservation and restoration are to be established under the interdisciplinary sub-projects with Governmental institutions taking an active part. This procedure is aimed at bridging the gap which currently separates industry, scientists and the often sceptical conservators and restorers.

Note under Relationship to other EU Programmes: Unspecified links with environmental and material programmes of the CEC.

Markets application and exploitation

The materials, methods and services are to be developed in such a way that they can be applied in all fields of conservation and restoration of materials and objects which are exposed to natural environmental factors as well as to pollution. Some of the products and methods will be appreciated above all by public institutions which are charged with the protection of the cultural heritage; others will be suited for broad application in the building and materials-producing industies. Some products will, however, be too specialized and expensive for general application.

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