



# COPRAS – A short overview of objectives, goals and results achieved so far

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# What is the Cooperation Platform for Research and Standards?

- 6<sup>th</sup> Framework Specific Support Action addressing IST research and standardization
- Improve interfacing between FP6 IST projects and standards bodies
- Not part of a specific Strategic Objective but focus on all of them in FP6 calls 1, 2 & 3
- Prime goals:
  - Act as a facilitator to FP6 IST projects wishing to upgrade their deliverables through standardisation
  - Prepare generic information on RTD/standards interfacing guiding those proposing or evaluating future projects
- Life time: 1<sup>st</sup> February 2004 to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2007

# Broad basis established by European standardisation bodies & the ICTSB

Collaborative group of organisations concerned with standardization and related activities in ICT



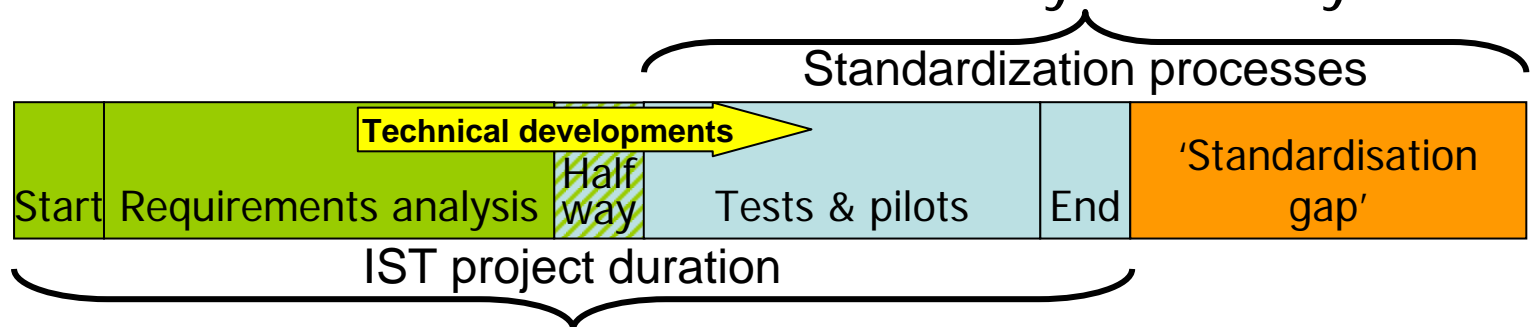
Standards bodies		ERTICO	EBU	EICTA	Industry Groups
		Radicchio	ATM Forum	ECBS	
	<b>CEN</b>	<b>W3C</b>	ECMA International	OASIS	
	<b>CENELEC</b>	<b>The Open Group</b>	TeleManagement Forum	DVB	
	<b>ETSI</b>		Internet Society	OMG	



COPRAS was initiated by the 3 European Standards Organizations together with W3C and The Open Group, but backed by the ICTSB

# Efficient cooperation is necessary for addressing today's challenges in IST

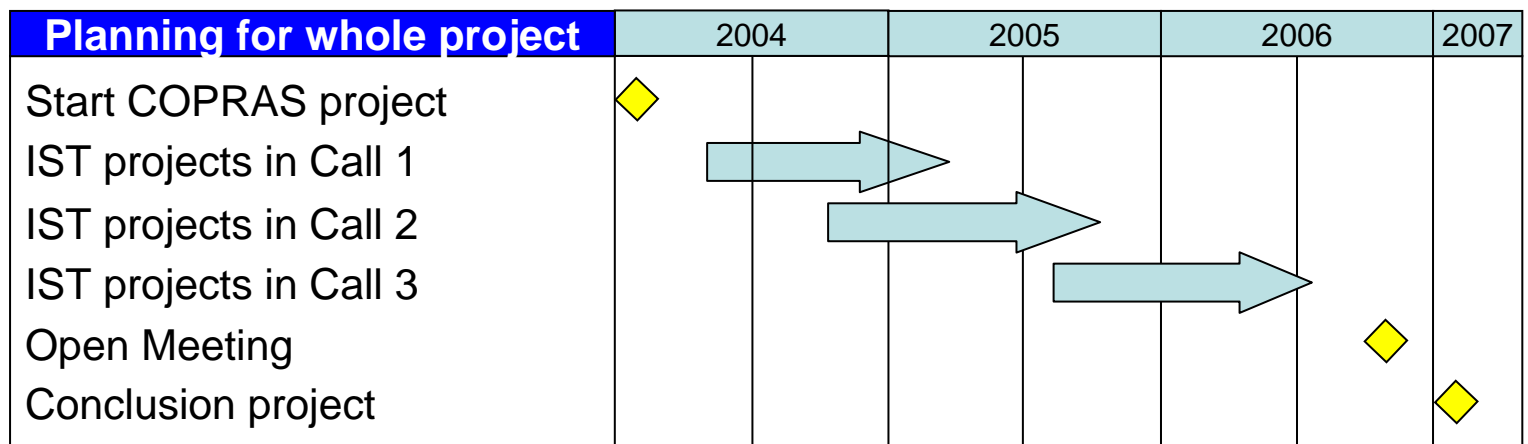
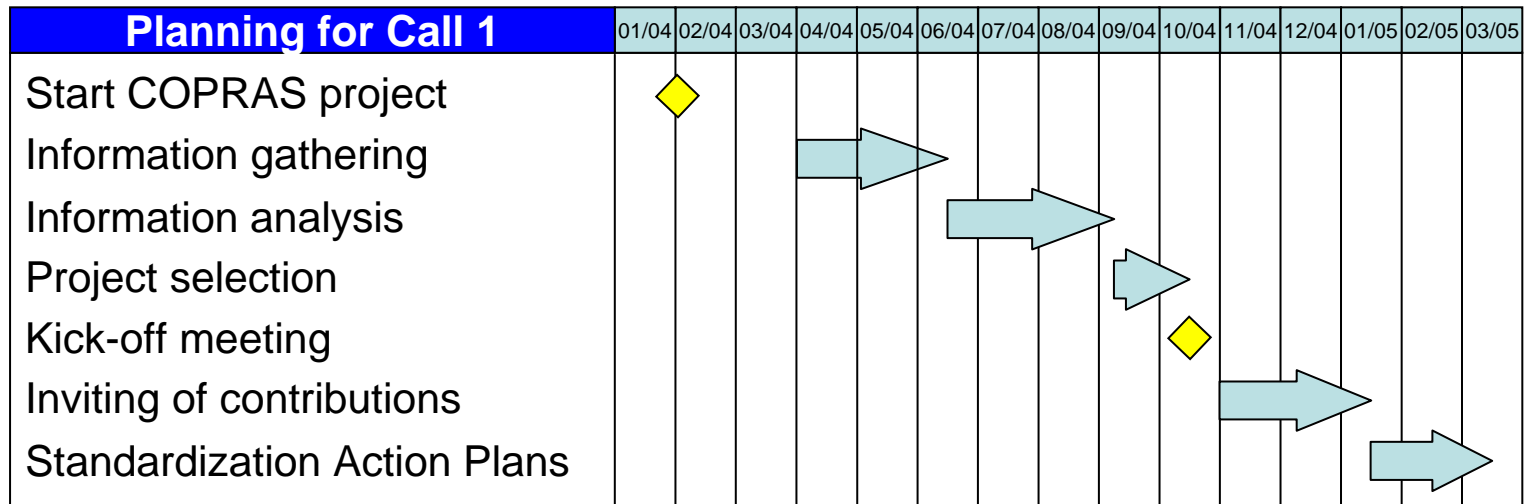
- Interfacing with standardization is required for research projects under Framework Programmes
- Standardization activities are many times already underway with respect to many aspects in IST
- Structuring cooperation will reduce overlap and save resources on the side of research projects
- Cooperation at an early stage will make research results available earlier to industry & society



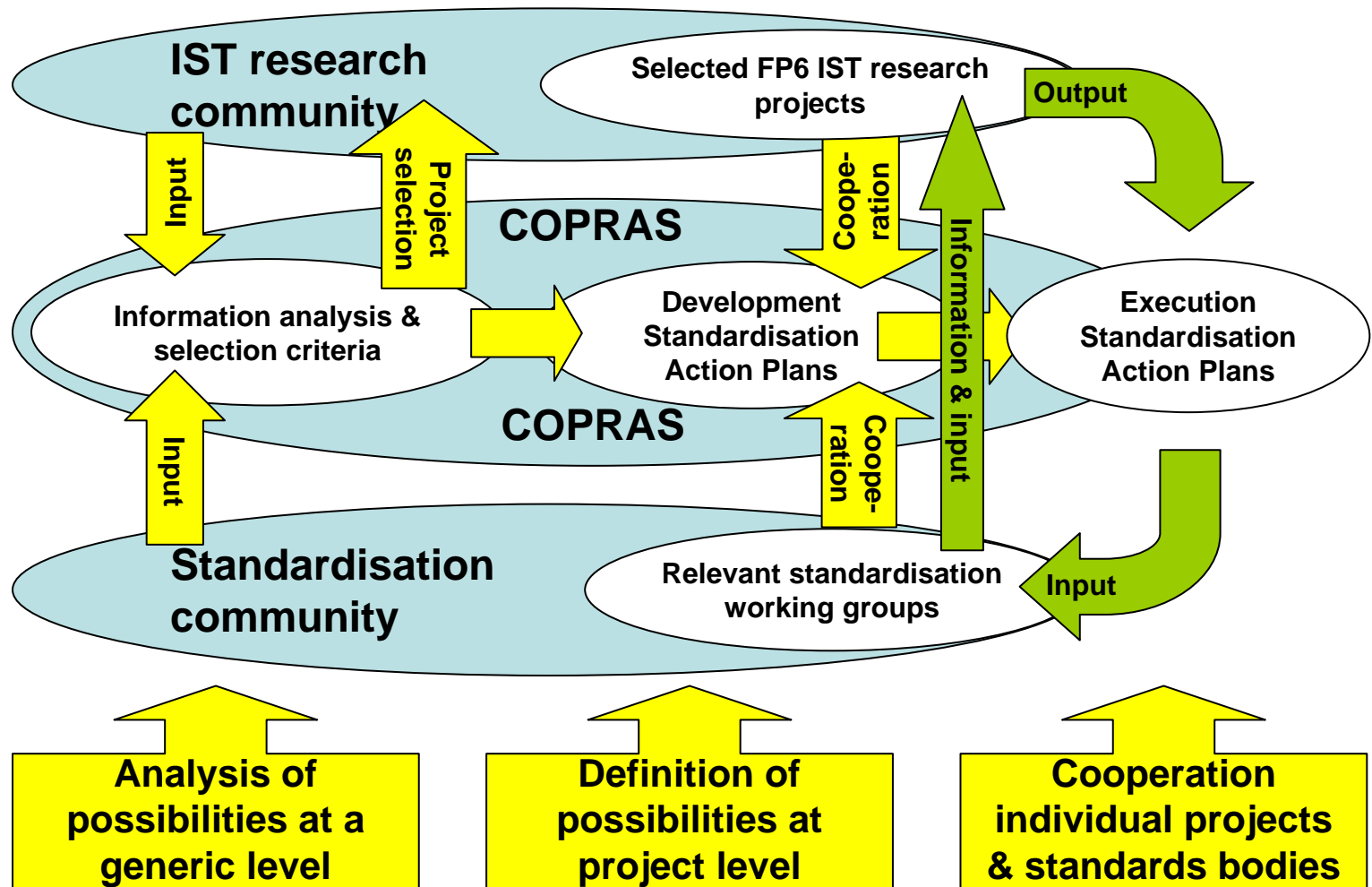
# Defined steps towards establishing a concrete & mutual cooperative effort

- Survey projects for standards related output
- Analyse feedback & select projects to define Standardisation Action Plans with
- Install mechanisms & tools for cooperation between research and standardisation, also across different Strategic Objectives:
  - Arrange input from research projects into standardisation processes and promote new work items resulting from research project's output
  - Ensure relevant input from standards bodies to research projects

# Detailed time plan for steps in call 1 and schedules for consecutive calls



# Final goal : the execution of Standardization Action Plans



# A set of transparent criteria was applied for selecting projects

- Primary criteria
  - Is the issue addressed by a project relevant to the activities of one of the consortium partners or one of the ICTSB members
  - Is the issue addressed by a project relevant to the activities of a standards body outside the ICTSB
  - Has the project a clear view of the standardization activities they seek to deploy
  - Is the standards body a project would interface with sufficiently experienced in the particular domain and are they capable of seeing the standardization paths projects have identified for themselves
- Secondary criteria
  - Does a project have resources available for standardization activities
  - Is a project's timing (in terms of its capabilities of defining a Standardization Action Plan) in line with COPRAS' timing
  - Are standards bodies, a project seeks to interface with, already pre-identified or not

# Feedback and results from first steps are very encouraging

**164 projects addressed via questionnaires across 10 Strategic Objectives**

**92 responses received until end of June 2004 (56%)**

**All responses analyzed; 40 'tier 1' & 'tier 2' projects selected that are most likely to benefit from participating in the COPRAS Programme**

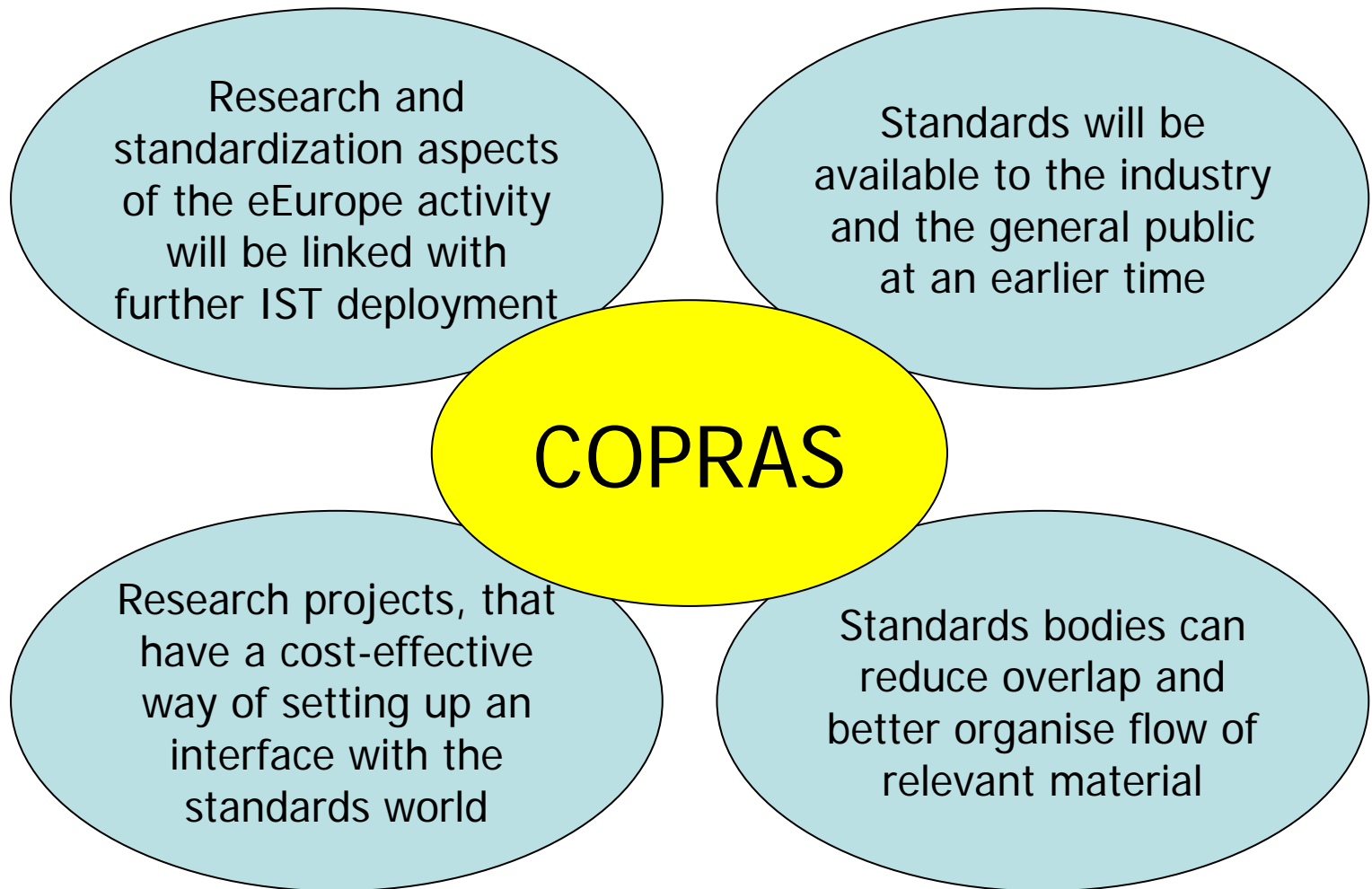
**36 'tier 1' and 'tier 2' projects actually invited to participate in the kick-off meeting plus several SSA & CA projects**

**Kick-off meeting target:  
identify cooperation possibilities and jump-start development of  
Standardization Action Plans with 14 – 18 projects**

# Benefits to research projects from participating in COPRAS are obvious

- Arrange interface with standards bodies in an easier and more efficient way
- Avoid going through a maze finding the proper standards body
- Cooperation may provide external expertise, saving part of your resources
- Increase quality of products and create competitive advantages
- Generate higher international recognition & exploitation potential of projects' results
- Speed up the dissemination of your results

# A variety of stakeholders will benefit from the project and its results





We wish all participants fruitful cooperation and  
an effective kick-off meeting

Thank you for your attention!

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