



EURO

The Association of European
Operational Research Societies

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EURO and its future

What is EURO?

What is EURO doing?

Towards a new EURO?

Where do we come from?

- From the French revolution and the industrial revolution ...
- To the Second World War (radars and enigmas)
- Through the Information Society ...
- To the challenge of global governance ...

What is EURO?

<http://www.euro-online.org>

- The Association of Operational Research Societies in Europe (within IFORS).
- Established the 29th of January, 1975, in Brussels.
- Representing today more than 10000 OR practitioners and academics all around Europe.

EURO today is 29 national societies

Austria	Finland	Italy	Spain
Belarus	France	Lithuania	Sweden
Belgium	Germany	Netherlands	Switzerland
Bulgaria	Greece	Norway	Turkey
Czech Republic	Hungary	Poland	United Kingdom
Croatia	Iceland	Portugal	Yugoslavia
Denmark	Ireland	Slovakia	
	Israel	South Africa	

EURO today is 27 Working Groups

Examples:

EWG EUROBANKING, Special interest group in banking

EURO Working Group on Ethics

EWG Financial modelling

EWG WATT Working group on automated time tabling

EWG Group decision and negotiation support

EWG EWGLA, Location analysis

EWG HCP, Human Centered Processes

EWG PAREO, Parallel processing in operational research

EWG DEAPM, Data envelopment analysis and
performance measurement

EWG DDM, Distributed decision making

ORESICUP, EURO Special Interest Group on Cutting and
Packing

EURO today is

- An annual budget of 150000€
- A permanent office located in Brussels (Philippe van Asbroeck, Clotilde van Dieren, Bernard Fortz) and in Fribourg (Marino Widmer)
- An executive committee (Laureano Escudero, Gülay Barbarasoglou, Chris Potts, Jo van Nunen, Xavier Gandibleux and Alexis Tsoukiàs)
- The EURO web site: www.euro-online.org

What EURO does?

- Organises the EURO conferences.
- Supports the EURO Working Groups.
- Supports the young OR researchers through the ESWI and the ORP³
- Supports the colleagues from weak currency countries.
- Discerns a number of awards: MSSIP, EURO gold Medal, BAP, EDDA.
- Publishes EJOR

European Journal of Operational Research

- Established in 1975.
- At that time: 6 issues and 200 pages annually.
- Today: 24 issues and 6000 pages annually.
- 35% acceptance rate
- 4904 cites in 2003 (2nd worldwide)

EJOR Impact Factor



New Initiatives

The Africa Project:

promote the establishment of OR societies in the African continent and more in general support OR in Africa.

Branding Operational Research:

Improve the image of our discipline with respect to the external world: companies, academic institutions, international organisations, the European Commission etc.

Do we need to evolve?

- European job market
- European business
- European research funding
- European training standards
- Europe in progress ...

We have a role to play in this process

What are we looking for?

- Improve EURO structure and organisation.
- Improve and increase EURO services.
- Increase and diversify funding of EURO.
- Increase and improve visibility and impact of Operational Research in Europe

**We need an European Association of
Operational Research**

The general idea

Establish an European Society of individual members based on the dual membership principle:

In order to enter the European society a member has to adhere to a national society.

Questions

- Is the dual membership principle acceptable and feasible?
- How we can promote the national societies?
- Are you ready to adhere to such a society?
- Is there any value in such a society?

Doing Better

The most beautiful sea
hasn't been crossed yet.
The most beautiful child:
hasn't grown up yet.
Our most beautiful days:
we haven't seen yet.

And the most beautiful words I wanted to
tell you
I haven't said yet...