Network Action Proposal

Title:	International Conference on Cognitive Systems (CogSys 2008)
Membership number(s)	65
Member name(s)	Tamim Asfour
Member institute/company name(s)	Universitaet Karlsruhe
Goals of the action	**Support of the first International Conference on Cognitive Systems (CogSys 2008), www.cogsys2008.org** CogSys 2008 has been organized as the first International Conference on Cognitive systems to bring together researchers from different fields to identify current research trends, to present and to review recent work and to speculate about the future of cognitive systems. The conference series started in Bled, Slovenia in the year 2004 and travelled to Nijmegen, Netherlands in the year 2006. Both events were organized to share the progress that had been made in the research community around the sponsored European projects within the area of Cognitive Systems (http://cordis.europa.eu/ist/cognition/). Now in 2008 we are expanding the scope of the series as a first step toward bootstrapping an extensive exchange and collaborations between cognitive systems researchers and toward a fruitful cross-fertilisation giving technically oriented scientists new inspiration from biology and opening cognitive scientists new ways to prove and evaluate their biological models. CogSys 2008 will by a 3 days conference with 5 invited talks. The first day is devoted to EU project presentations, (12 oral presentations, 21 poster presentations). In the second and third day regular conference papers will be presented (23 oral presentations and 15 poster presentations). More details are available under www.cogsys2008.org **Organization** The organizers of the CogSys 2008 are: Prof. Rüdiger Dillmann and Dr. Tamim Asfour (University of Karlsruhe, Germany)

Principal activity to which it contributes
  o Community Outreach
  o Scientific Outlook
  o Education & Training
	Community outreach: Reduced student registration fee
	Scientific Outlook: Invited plenary talks
	Education & Training

Concrete outcomes of the action (at least one of which should be material suitable for publication on the euCognition website)	The action will result in • Extensive exchange and interaction between funded European Cognitive Systems projects • Presentations of the supported invited speakers will be made available online on the euCognition website • Conference proceedings (abstracts will be published on the euCognition website, with links to the IEEE Xplore or Springer, where the full papers will be published). • EuCognition logo with link to http://www.eucognition.org/ was added to already to official conference webpage from the very early beginning of the conference organization.
Effort in person-days that will be charged to the Network Action (if any)	None
Expected start and duration in months	2-4. April 2008, Karlsruhe, Germany
The requested funding, under the following headings: o Travel Costs o Other Costs (check with the Network Coordinator if you aren't sure about eligibility of these costs) o Labour Costs (identify the number of person-days and the rate per day).	Estimated total expense (for 3 days conference) 80k Euro A total of maximum 30k is requested from EU Cognition to support renting meeting facilities, plenary speakers (one from US and three from Europe), and productions of conference proceedings CDs: • 15k Euro for rental of conference rooms • 5k for travel & accommodation for four plenary speakers • 3k Euro Conference CD Proceedings, conference brochure, printings, CD production, … • 4k Euro Contribution to the conference social events (welcome reception, conference banquet, coffee breaks, …) • …
Please identify any other sources of funding that contribute to this Action (actions to support events such as workshop and conferences should include an outline budget identifying the total cost)	Expected income: EU-project PACO-PLUS (28k Euro), Conference registration (20k Euro). Donation are expected from Computer Science Department, Karlsruhe (2k)
Workshops: *official euCognition event* (yes/no & maximum number of members that can be accommodated)	