Network Action Proposal

Title:	Industry Forum for Cognitive Systems Projects
Membership number(s)	225 (Erich Rome)
Member name(s)	Erich Rome, Lucas Paletta; (other members who committed participation: Giulio Sandini, Giorgio Metta, Paolo Arena, Hynek Hermanski)
Member institute/company name(s)	Fraunhofer IAIS, Joanneum Research; (University of Genova, University of Catania, IDIAP Research Institute)
Goals of the action	The Industry Forum for Cognitive Systems Projects is planned as a community outreach platform to stakeholders from relevant industries, including automation, service robotics, and automotive. The goal is the dissemination of recent research results of some cognitive systems projects directly to interested parties from industry, and to open a dialogue between research and industry about developments and needs of corresponding technology. Participants from industry shall have the opportunity to make statements regarding their particular needs, and to discuss the presented research results.
Principal activity to which it contributes o Community Outreach o Scientific Outlook o Education & Training	Community Outreach
Concrete outcomes of the action (at least one of which should be material suitable for publication on the euCognition website)	The expected outcomes of the action will be: • A wrap-up of the Industry Forum will be prepared, including presentations and a summary of the event. The wrap-up will be published on the web site of euCognition. • Set-up of a Cognitive Systems Interest group for stakeholders from industry on the web site of euCognition (mailing list). • Possibly follow-up events, depending on an evaluation of the proposed first event. • Possibly cooperations between industry and research.
Effort in person-days that will be charged to the Network Action (if any)	
Expected start and duration in months	The Industry Forum shall be held no later than December 14, 2007. The preparation is planned to start immediately. The wrap-up will be prepared until early January 2008.
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).	Travel costs for active participants from Cognitive Systems projects (organizers, presenters; 6-12 persons). Other costs: • Meals and beverages at the Forum Day for all participants (40-70) • Rental of meeting room • Flyer production The costs depend on the number of participants. Total costs are expected not to exceed 18.000 €
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)	Labour costs of organizers and contributors will be provided from own matching funds.