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ERCIM is a consortium
of leading research
institutions from
20 European countries
committed
to information
technology and
applied mathematics.





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Members

Member	Country	Size*	Member since
AARIT	Austria	500	2001
★ CNR (IT)	Italy	250	1991
CRCIM	Czech Republic	400	1996
★ CWI	The Netherlands	200	1989 (founding member)
★ DANAIM	Denmark	440	2008
★ FhG (ICT)	Germany	1750	1989 (founding member, formerly GMD)
FNR	Luxembourg	150	2002
FNRS/FWO	Belgium	1000	2004
FORTH (IT)	Greece	200	2000
★ INRIA	France	1800	1989 (founding member)
IUA	Ireland	200	2000
NTNU	Norway	800	2002
PEG	Portugal	800	2008
★ PLERCIM	Poland	500	2007
SARIT	Switzerland	500	1994
★ SICS	Sweden	110	1992
SpaRCIM	Spain	1000	2003
★ STFC (IT)	United Kingdom	260	1990 (formerly CLRC, CCLRC)
★ SZTAKI	Hungary	350	1994
VTT (IT)	Finland	450	1993
Total		11,660	* estimated staff (FTE) in areas relevant to ERCIM

★ **Members
of ERCIM EEIG**



Contributing to a leading role of Europe in ICT:

- by building a European-wide, open network of centres of excellence in ICT. One member institute per European country, which serves as the node for the national research community
- by excelling in research and by acting as a bridge to applications
- by being internationally recognized as a major representative organisation in its field; the portal which gives access to all relevant ICT research groups in Europe.



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- by acting as an interface for the non-EU member institutions within the European Community and other international organisations
- by cooperating with other international organisations in its field
- by promoting cooperation in research, technology transfer, innovation and training.

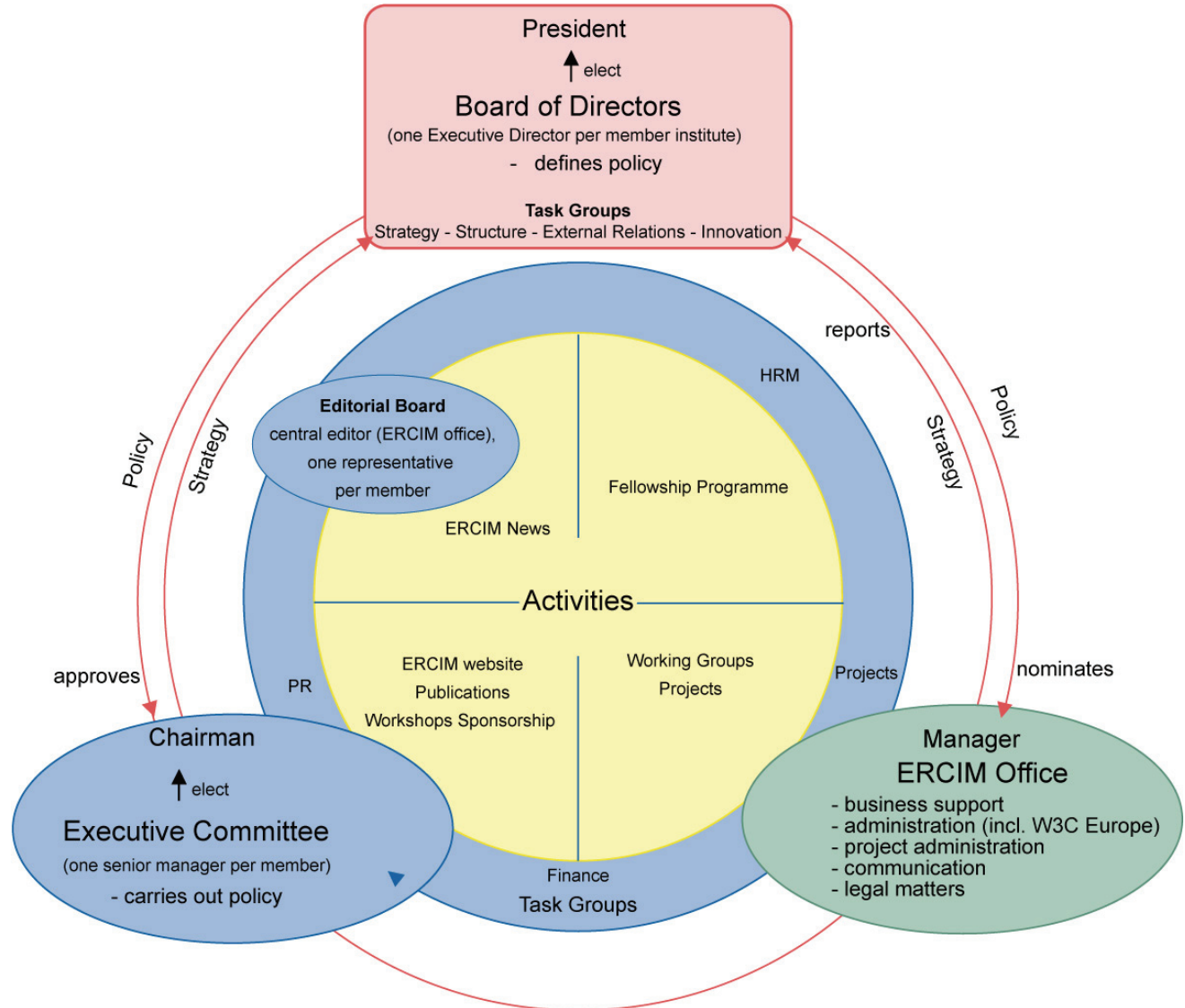
Thus creating added value for its members, for their countries and for Europe.



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Organisational Structure





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Board of Directors

President: Keith Jeffery,

Director IT and International Strategy of the Science and
Technology Facilities Council, based at Rutherford Appleton
Laboratory, UK, UK

Executive Committee

Chairman: Eckart Bierdümpel,

International Business Development, Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft,
Germany

ERCIM Office

Manager: Jérôme Chailloux



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International Cooperation

ERCIM considers it a high priority to develop cooperation with scientists all over the world. ERCIM:

- hosts the European branch of the World Wide Web Consortium
- participates in EU activities
- organised workshops in China and South Korea to foster cooperation in Grid research
- has established contacts/cooperations with the European Mathematical Society, the European Telecommunications Standards Institute, European Science Foundation
- will help in shaping the European Institute of Technology.



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With a pool of IT experts from many European institutes, ERCIM has carried out:

- Evaluations for the World Bank's INFODEV Programme
- Promotion activity for the EU IST Programme in Latin America
- Organization of strategic workshops (Beyond-The-Horizon, EU-Mediterranean co-operations, EU-US National Science Foundation strategic workshops)
- Studies for the EC such as: Cooperations in Grid research between EU and South East Asian countries; Internet in the Mediterranean Region, Tunisian Research in IT, HPCN in the southern Mediterranean Region
- Consultancy in research project management.

ERCIM, the European Host of W3C

- ERCIM became the European host of W3C in January 2003

“with the move to ERCIM, there is the potential for considerable growth and synergies of Web technologies across Europe”

(Tim Berners-Lee, W3C director and inventor of the Web)

W3C Europe, Middle East and Africa

- 26 countries
- 189 members
- 7 of 12 W3C Offices hosted by ERCIM institutes.

Present Links with W3C

- ERCIM members involved in Internet/Web research
- Participation in W3C working groups
- Seven ERCIM members host national W3C Offices
- Joint participation in EU projects.

Potential for the Future

- ERCIM: research in Web technologies
- W3C: technology transfer and Web standards adoption by EU industry
- Broader base in Europe for W3C
- Increased European participation in Web standardisation
- W3C – ERCIM joint FP7 projects.



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Research Projects

**ERCIM participates in research projects
as coordinator or partner**

Scientific activities: carried out by ERCIM members

Administrative tasks: carried out by the ERCIM office.



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Research Projects

Current projects include:

ACGT, D4Science, Digital World Forum, EchoGRID, Euro-India, InterLink, Net-WMS, PALETTE, PrimeLife, RFID in Europe, VITALAS, VPH, WAI-AGE.

Past projects

Beyond-The-Horizon, CoreGRID, GridCOMP, MUSCLE, TELEMAT, DECAIR, DELOS, DILIGENT, MtoM3D, THETIS, ANFAS, CYCLADES, RESET, SCHOLNET, WADI, DELOS I and II, EU-NSF co-operation, and many others.



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Working Groups

- Computing and Statistics
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- Constraints
- Data and Information Spaces
- Dependable Software-Intensive Embedded Systems
- Digital Patient
- E-Mobility
- Environmental Modelling
- Formal Methods for Industrial Critical Systems
- Grids, P2P and Services
- Image and Video Understanding
- IT and Mathematics applied to Interventional Medicine
- Security and Trust Management
- Sensor Web
- Software Evolution
- Software Engineering for Resilient Systems

- Organise workshops
- Prepare common projects
- Receive fellows from ERCIM's fellowship programme
- Are entitled to financial support

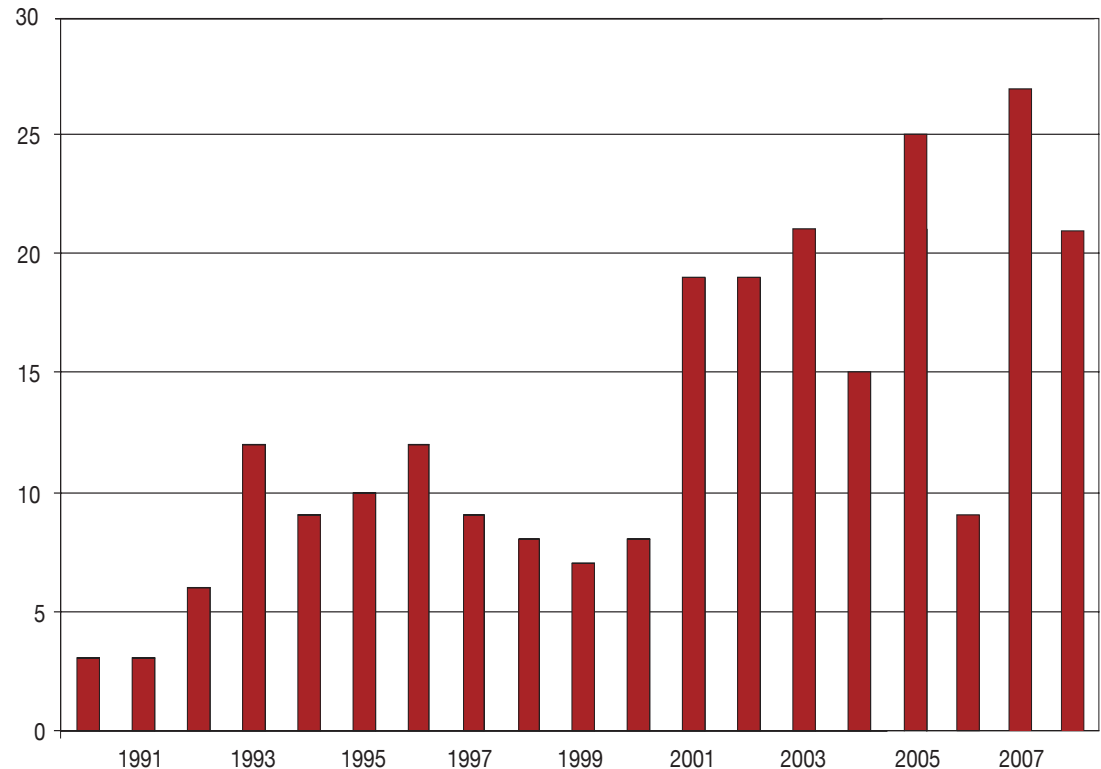


“Alain Bensoussan” Fellowship Programme

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- Open to PhDs, world-wide
- Over 200 fellowships awarded since 1990
- Eighteen months residency at two ERCIM institutes (or 12 months at one institute)
- Competitive salary
- Focuses mainly on topics defined by Working Groups and “ERCIM projects”



Fellows having started a grant.

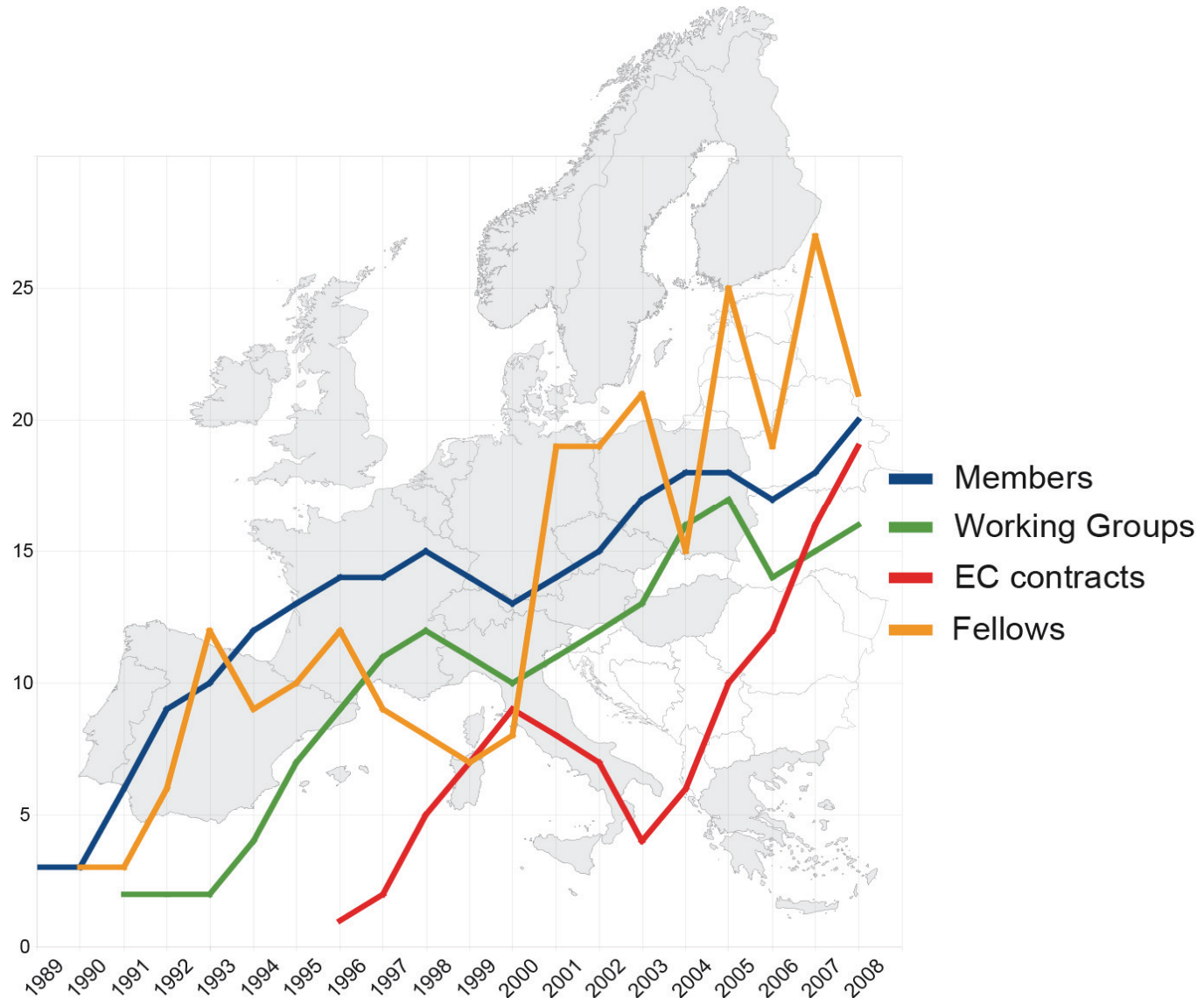


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Evolution of ERCIM

The graph shows the increase in ERCIM Membership, Working Groups (WG), European contracts managed by ERCIM and Fellows hosted at ERCIM institutes through the 'Alain Bensoussan' Fellowship Programme.





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Awards and Sponsorship

Cor Baayen Award

€ 5 000 for the most promising young researcher
from an ERCIM country

Sponsorship of conferences, workshops/schools

ERCIM sponsors high-quality events



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For further information

ERCIM Website

<http://www.ercim.org/>

ERCIM News

Quarterly magazine (free subscription)

The screenshot shows the ERCIM website homepage. At the top left is the ERCIM logo and name, followed by the tagline 'The European Research Consortium for Informatics and Mathematics'. A navigation menu includes Home, Activities, Publications, About ERCIM, News, Intranet, and Search. Below the navigation is a main content area with a description of ERCIM's mission: 'aims to foster collaborative work within the European research community and to increase co-operation with European industry'. To the right is a 'Members' list with flags and names: AARIT, CHR, CRCIM, CWI, DANAIM, FHG, FNR, FNRS/FWO, FORTH, INRIA, IUA, NTNU, PEG, PLERCIM, SARIT, SICS, SpaRCIM, STFC, SZTAI, and VTT. Further right is a 'Latest News' section with headlines like 'ERCIM-ETSI-EC Infinity Initiative: "Bio ICT-The Heart in the Computer"', 'ERCIM Office in Brussels', and 'ERCIM elects President and Vice-Presidents'. Below that is a 'Highlights' section with a call to action for the 2009 Cor Bayen Award. At the bottom of the page, there are logos for W3C, XHTML 1.0, and CSS 2.0, along with a copyright notice for 2009.



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