



Successful communication in European research projects – the GENESYS project as best practice

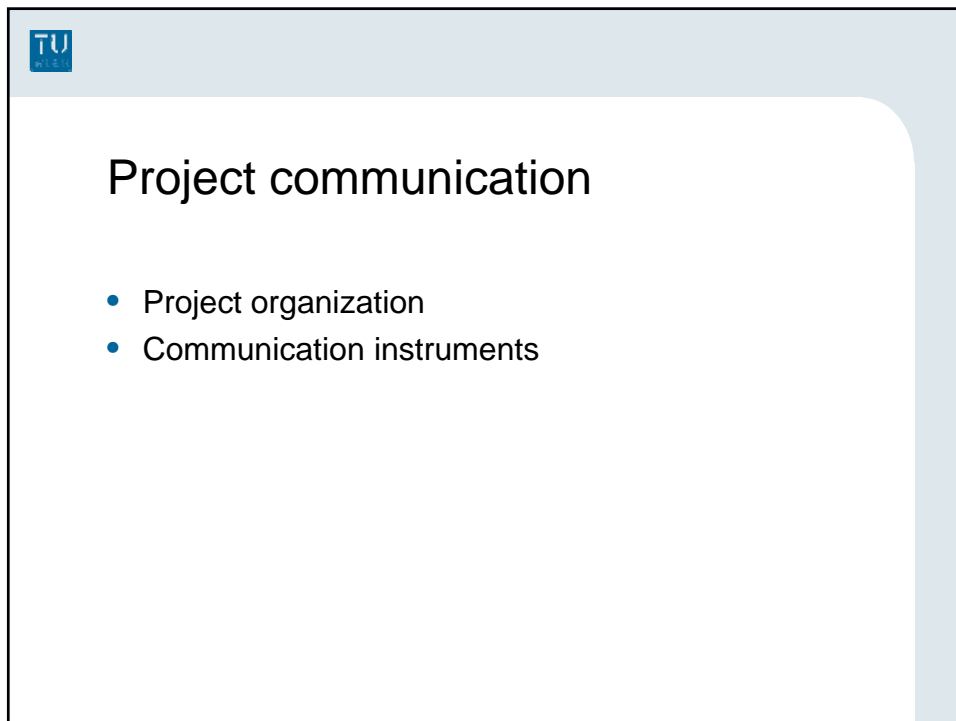
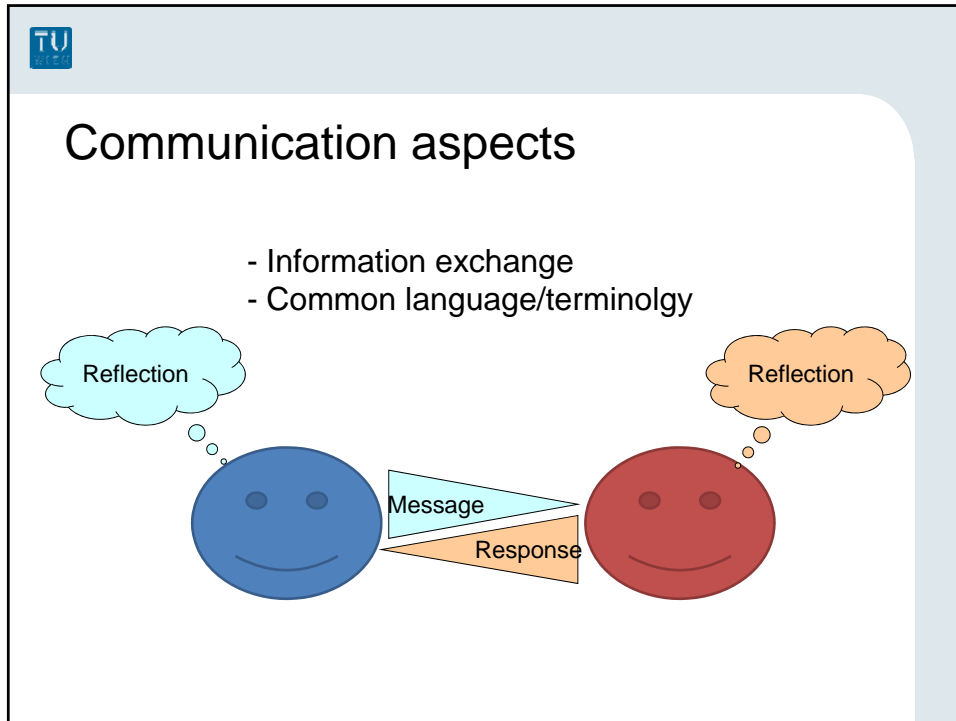
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GENESYS – key facts



- GENeric Embedded SYStem Platform
- 7th Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development (FP7-213322)
- 23 institutions
- Coordinator TU Vienna
- 2,7 Mio € budget
- 18 months duration
- <http://www.genesys-platform.eu>



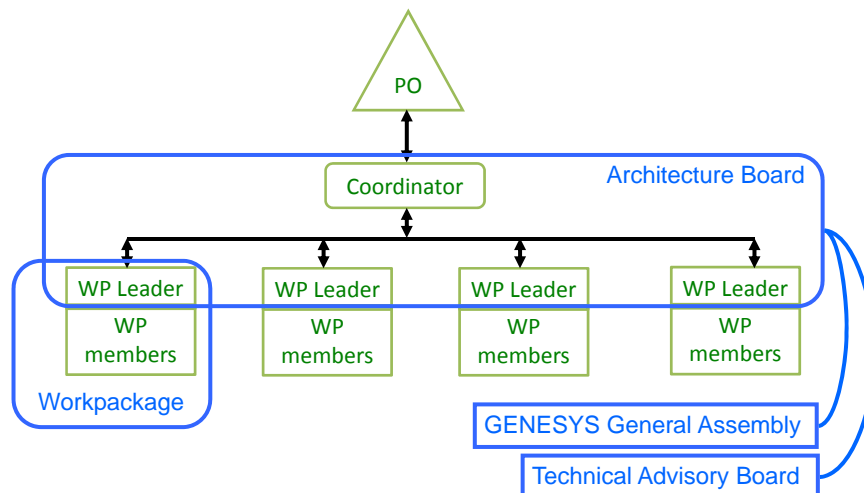


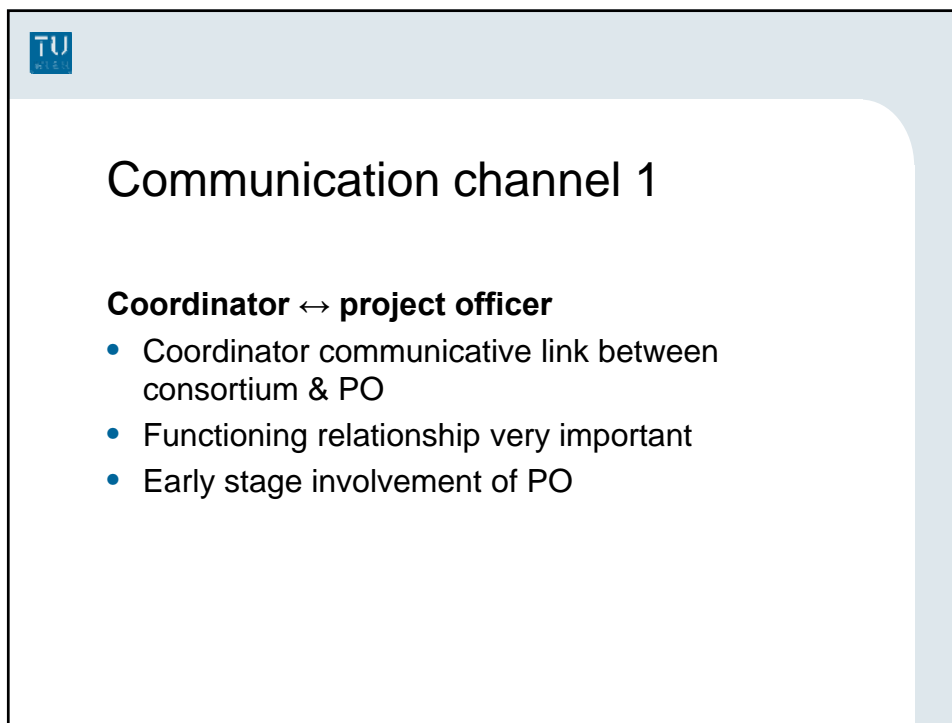
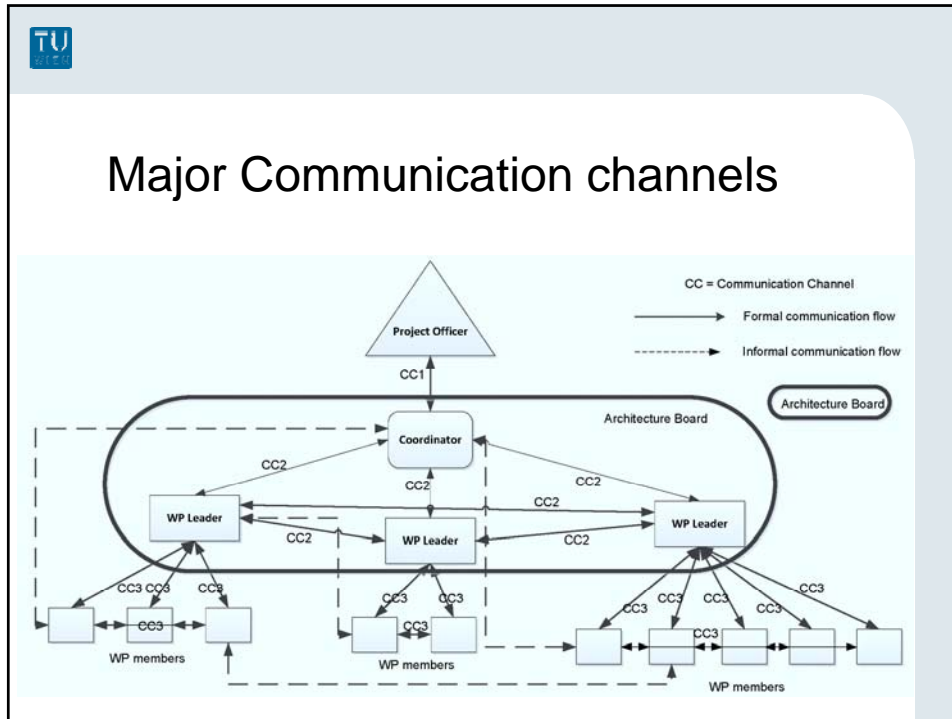
Project organization

- Distinct project roles
- Clear assignment of responsibilities
- Specification of interfaces among roles
- Personalization of roles



GENESYS project organization







Communication channel 2

Coordinator ↔ WP leaders

- Architecture board
- Coordinator driving force for interaction
- Information exchange between WPs
- WPs observe objectives of project



Communication channel 3

WP leader ↔ WP members

- Collaboration to perform scientific tasks
- WP leader key communicator in WP



Informal communication flow

- Research topics cannot be encapsulated by WP structure
- Ad-hoc contacts / long established relationships
- Positively complemented formal communication flow



Communication instruments

- Electronic tools
- Personal tools
- Paper tools



Electronic communication tools

- Email
- Mailing lists
- Document repository



Personal communication tools

- Meetings (in-person, teleconferences)
- Personal talks (face-to-face, phone)



Paper communication tools

- Contracts
- Project handbook
- Meeting documents
- Technical documents



Conclusio

- Communication roles and their responsibilities & interfaces clearly described in GENESYS
- Understandable messages, reflection of positions of recipient(s)
- Informal communication complemented formal communication structures