

## **INFARCT The Institute For Architectural Technology**

INFARCT The Institute For Architectural Technology is a proposal of a scientific network that will collaborate and share architectural and civil engineering data and design. The network is the initial stages of informal discussions towards a formal bid for European RI status. They are planning to organise on the basis of the network structure, probably to secure the independent status of each node in the network. Heated discussions about the required network (RI) coordination model did not yet result in a clear picture on the preferred legal structure. Scientists of five countries are already in an informal INFARCT network that has shown the capacity and mutual benefit of collaboration. The authorities of these countries showed interest to support the INFARCT plan, but have set the condition that responsibilities and accountability should be clarified in the plan. Three other countries are interested in joining the network.

What formal structures could be considered to meet the condition of the countries that responsibilities and accountability are clearly formalized?

What are – if any – the implications for the position and responsibilities of the infrastructure network nodes?

Are headquarters needed and, if yes, how should its location be decided?

Who would be responsible for construction and financial accounts in the network structure?

Who would be in charge to secure the infrastructure operations and services to users?

What decision process must happen if a country wishes to join or leave the agreement?