A little bit of history of the NCP

How it all started
The roots of the NCP

2003, end of August, Günter Koch, then board member of EARTO, called for a meeting on occasion of the so called „Alpbach Talks“ in the Austrian Alps on the subject of IC as an important political issue. Amongst the experts, representatives of the EC (Arie van Zwaan) were present. This impulse, supported by EARTO, resulted in the RICARDIS project (2004).

Extract from EC’s Foreword to the RICARDIS report:

“... It (the team) consisted of selected experts and stakeholder representatives in the field drawn from research bodies, the business sector and public authorities. Notably EARTO, the European Organisation of Research and Technology Organisations, has identified the importance of this issue at an early stage and supported the idea of establishing an expert group in this field...”
Decision on continuation of the RICARDIS working group as an association
Early „Breakthrough“ Events of the NCP (> 2005)

- 1st Round Table in and for Finland arranged by Pirjo Stahle
- IC conferences at the World Bank Institute, mastered by Ahmed Bounfour
Development of the NCP until 2013

- 3 founders, no budget
- 20 Founding Members
- Selective growth in membership
- 100 Members,
  ~ 40 active,
  ~ 10 core members
  ~ 10 “Products”

- 5 Round Tables = National Reports until 2012
- Budget ~ 100 k€/year

One Key Product: ACSI

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