

Inclusiveness program – a SWOT analysis

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Abstract

The Inclusiveness Program was created with the aim to integrate currently under-represented countries into the mainstream of European planetary research. Having a wider, less homogeneous scientific community will boost competition, economic development and scientific results. Expanding the European concept to the Eastern parts can also increase cost effectiveness.

Main stages of the working plan include setting up a database containing all the research institutes and universities where astronomical or geophysical research is carried out. It is necessary to identify their problems and needs. Challenging part of the project is to find exact means that help their work in a sustainable way. The most common response is the need of money, but it is the objective of Europlanet, that any funding given is not money down the drain, but money as capital, with a long-term effect.

Strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats of the program were identified based on feedback from the inclusiveness community. Our conclusions, further suggestions are presented.