

researchers at National and European level (EARTO, Dante Network, etc.), National Contact Points, IRC Network...

- Researchers (R): Defined as people carrying out research activities. They are the objective of the study.

The number of entries in this initial delivery database was 4.444. From each entry the following information has been stored: country, type of organisation, organisation name, contact name, contact email and contact telephone.

A second sending started on July 2006. In this case, a more extensive database of research contacts (4.115 new contacts), and contacts of researchers involved in Marie Curie projects, provided by the European Commission (2.731 new entries) was used.

Additionally and also aiming at improving the survey's impact, the questionnaire was forwarded to:

- The e-mail list of the ERACAREERS portal, owned by the European Commission (<http://ec.europa.eu/eracareers/>). The email list contains email addresses of about:
  - 6.000 active researchers and,
  - 1.500 active organisations.
- 200 attendees to a conference organised by the Austrian presidency, held in Vienna 1-2 June (<http://www.eracareersaustria.at/conference/>).

In the light of the preliminary results of the survey, the contacts database was again improved with additional industry contacts. This action aimed to obtain more data from the researchers working in the industry sector. Thus, 822 new contacts of industrial companies were included in the database, and a third sending was done to those new contacts.

For all these contacts, and in order to maximise the impact of the mailing, the following reminders (for each of the sending) have been sent, as presented in the table below:

Database	Initial sending	Reminder 1	Final Reminder
First Sending (4.444 contacts)	4 July 06	19 July 06	22 September 06
Second Sending (4.115 contacts)	26 July 06	4 August 06	22 September 06
Marie Curie contacts (2.731 contacts)	20 July 06	4 September 06	22 September 06
ERACAREERS portal email list (6.000 researchers + 1.500 organisations)	20 July 06	N/A	N/A
Contacts Austria conference (200 contacts)	20 July 06	N/A	N/A
Third Sending (822 contacts)	15 September 06	N/A	22 September 06

Table 1 – List of the e-mail sending for the survey