A pan-European research network for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM)

3 years CAMbrella in retrospect

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CAMbrella – what is it?

CAMbrella is a FP7-funded project, hence a research-oriented project.

However, it is not a collaborative research project but a so-called coordination action.
CAMbrella – in a nutshell

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CAMbrella – The consortium
CAMbrella – the task

from the Work programme of Call FP7-Health 2009

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…complemented by the Global perspective
WP1: CAM terminology and definitions
WP2: Legal status and regulations
WP3: Needs and attitudes of citizens
WP4: CAM use – patients’ perspective
WP5: CAM use – providers’ perspective
WP6: CAM research – the global perspective
WP7: Review of CAM research methodology + Roadmap for European CAM research
WP8: Dissemination and communication
CAMbrella – history

2004
Paving the way

2005

2006
Lobbying to bring CAM into FP7

First ad-hoc meetings
Nov06/Jan07

Deadline proposal
Dec08

Result of review process
Apr09

Grant Agreement
Oct09

2007

2008

2009
Preparation

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Lobbying to bring CAM into FP7

2010

2011

2012
From Kick-off to final conference

Execution
CAMbrella – year by year

Kick-off Meeting Munich, Jan 21-22
Functioning project web-site
Work Package Meetings
ICCMR Tromso, May 18-21
Steering Committee Meeting I
WP3 Stakeholder workshop Vienna, June 24-25
ECIM Berlin, Dec 2-4
Drafting the first manuscript to be published
Getting aquainted with the project management tools

Let’s get started – finding the way – finding its role
CAMbrella – year by year

Midterm Meeting Bologna, March 23-25
Steering Committee Meeting II
Work Package Meetings
ICCMR Chengdu, May 7-9
First periodic report to EC
WP7 Roadmap workshop Castellaro, Sept 7-9
ECIM Berlin, Oct 7-8
CAMbrella concept paper published April
First deliverables submitted to EC (WP1 and 6)

Getting routine – reporting – discussing
CAMbrella – year by year

Annual Meeting Stockholm, May 9-11
Steering Committee Meeting III
Work Package Meetings
ICCMR Portland, May 15-18
7 WP Deliverables submitted to EC
Writing the manuscripts for FKM Special issue
Focus on Research Roadmap
Final Workshop/Conference Brussels, Nov 28-29

Writing – Heated debate - Harvesting – The big finish