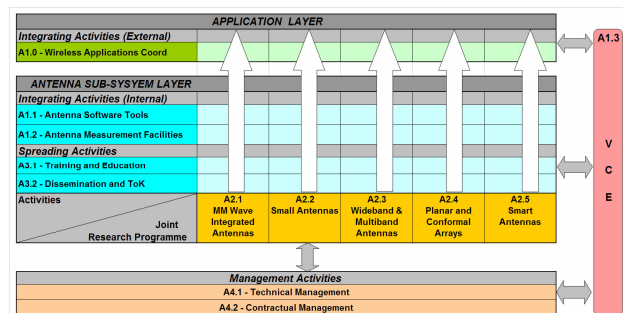


Joint Programme of Activities

ACE is organised in activities according to the following Joint Programme of Activities



Three integrating activities for basic antenna needs:

- Wireless applications coordination;
- Antenna software tools;
- Antenna measurement facilities.

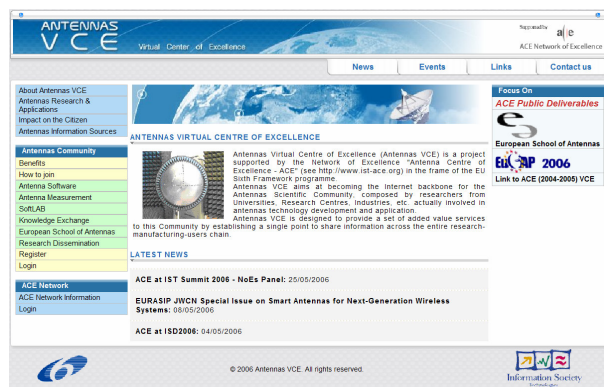
Five vertical, application-oriented activities:

- MM waves/Integrated antennas;
- Small antennas;
- Wideband and multiband antennas;
- Planar and conformal arrays;
- Smart antennas systems.

Two spreading activities:

- Training and education
- Dissemination and transfer of knowledge

At the heart of ACE, a Virtual Centre of Excellence (VCE) (www.antennasvce.org) acts as a knowledge base and communications centre.



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Action lines: Mobile and wireless system beyond 3G

Clusters: SB3G, Broadband for All, BAI

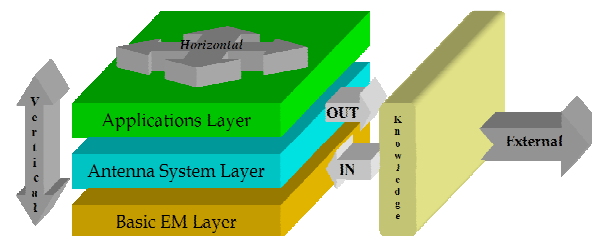
Number of partners: 51

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Objective

The new wireless and broadband world will see ubiquitous small antennas, and very advanced antennas. Antenna research has to be reinforced, and redirected into the new applications. ACE deals with the antenna function of radio systems, not only the classical antenna units.

Antenna research in Europe is fragmented, cooperation between countries and between universities and industry limited. ACE aims to change this, so that Europe gets a competitive research structure and better industrial utilization of the results. ACE will also improve the education and dissemination in the antenna area.

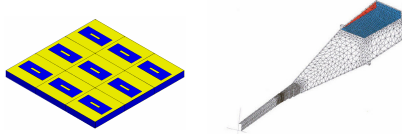


Activity 1.0: Wireless applications coordination

- Exchanging requirements and providing feedback
- Addressing BAN, PAN, LAN, WAN and RF-Sensors

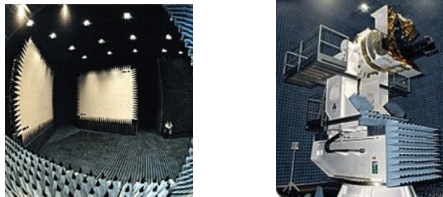
Activity 1.1: Antenna Software Initiative

- Identifying competences and existing tools in Europe
- Organizing a standard assessment process of software
- Standardizing software interfaces
- Initializing integrating activities with existing tools



Activity 1.2 Antenna Measurements Techniques

- Mapping of European antenna measurement facilities
- Sharing of measurement facilities and resources
- Recommendations for near-field measurements and smart antenna measurements



Activity 2.1: MM & Sub-MM Waves / Integrated Antennas

- Overview of the state of the art in millimeter wave, integrated antennas, materials and manufacturing processes.
- Compilation of an inventory of integrated and mm wave antenna design software and measurement facilities.
- Initiate research projects for future systems



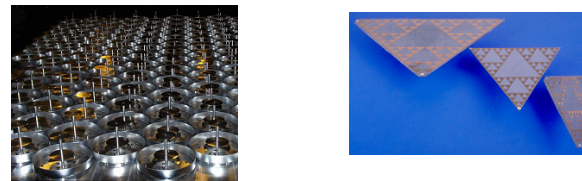
Activity 2.2: Small Antennas

- Overview of the state of the art in small terminals antenna
- Analysing combinations of multi-system and MIMO antennas
- developing new evaluation techniques and methodologies



Activity 2.3: Wideband & Multiband Antennas

- Ultra wideband & multiband radiators.
- Reflector surface & FSS modelling.
- Surface penetrating radar antennas: joint test facility & research.



Activity 2.4: Planar & Conformal Arrays

- Modelling framework for active array antennas
- Beam forming techniques and networks
- Structuring research on conformal arrays

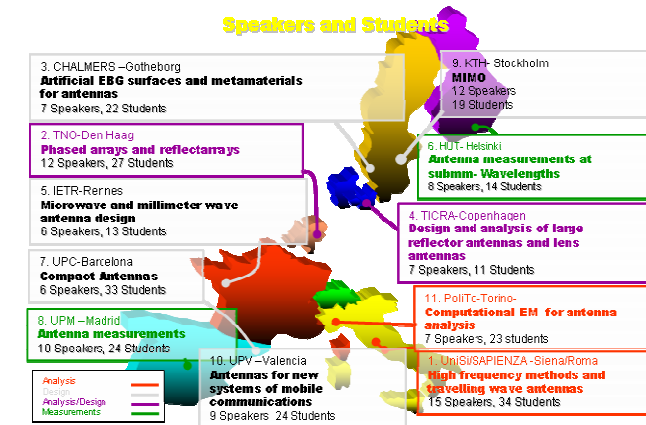


Activity 2.5: Smart Antenna Systems

- Advance multiple antenna transmit and receive schemes
- MIMO networks optimisation and deployment issues
- Antenna technology and propagation aspects for multiple antenna systems

Activity 3.1: Training and Education

- PhD and undergraduates support, by inventories, databases and industrial PhD startup.
- European School of Antennas (ESoA), where an extensive set of courses will be given in 2006-2006 (see the following figure).. Travel grants are available to Ph.D. students outside the ACE Contractual partners.
- Virtual Antenna Laboratory (VALab), to support teaching for young researchers, Ph.D. students and undergraduate and to extend the collective knowledge portfolio.



Activity 3.2: Dissemination and knowledge transfer management

- Dissemination at Academic and Research level: Creation of a major European antennas and propagation conference
- Dissemination towards SMEs and related R&D groups: Technological transfer Workshops in order to increase the cooperation between universities and between universities and industry
- Dissemination towards Society: General Public events
- Awareness of Intellectual Property Issues: Short courses
- Dissemination on antenna and participation at IST conferences and workshops
- Creation of an association for European antenna engineers and researchers