

## 2. Overall Management, Co-ordination and Common Activities

**Rationale:** The diversity of fields covered by this major programme — food and agriculture, human health, water resources, physical and chemical applications, protection of the marine and terrestrial environment — require efficient management and co-ordination at the technical and scientific levels in order to ensure that all activities respond to actual needs of Member States.

Panels of external experts and Advisory Groups have been set up to review and provide guidance on the different activities included in this major programme. Background and information documents will need to be prepared for the consideration of the panels and conclusions and recommendations of these panels will have to be consolidated and followed up.

Where nuclear applications can have a higher impact through contributions from different technical disciplines, an overarching co-ordination mechanism is necessary and will have to be established.

Finally, the Agency's Research Contract Programme, made up of co-ordinated research as well as individual research projects, requires co-ordination and management in order to ensure that all these activities respond to the overall strategy of the Agency.

**Objective:** To ensure a well co-ordinated and efficiently managed programme on nuclear techniques for development and environmental protection.

Outcomes
— New and most promising areas where nuclear applications can have an impact identified.
— Topics where multidisciplinary approaches to nuclear application can provide synergic results identified.
— Optimization of the various mechanisms of programme delivery (CRPs, meetings, laboratory activities, support to technical co-operation) for individual projects and subprogrammes.

Performance Indicators
— Number and relevance of new areas where nuclear applications are expected to have an impact.
— Synergism produced by multidisciplinary approaches to nuclear applications.
— Improvement due to better balance among the various mechanisms of programme delivery.
— Number of projects of lowest priority phased out.

**Resource changes and trends:** The regular budget resources for overall management, co-ordination and common activities show an increase of \$63 000 in 2002 compared to the adjusted budget for 2001 but remain at the 2002 level in 2003. This increase is due to the incorporation of all costs related to overall programme management and co-ordination as well as the provision of support to the Standing Advisory Group on Nuclear Applications (SAGNA).

### Financial resources

	2001	2002	2003
IAEA Reg. Budget	549 000	612 000	613 000
<b>Total</b>	<b>549 000</b>	<b>612 000</b>	<b>613 000</b>