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## EURO Working Groups a contact forum for OR researchers

Ever since EURO has existed it has provided an organizational framework for EURO Working Groups (EWGs). As a matter of fact, the corner-stone for both EURO itself and its working groups was laid in the first EURO Conference in 1975, and some of the working groups were set up at the same time. The participants of some EURO Summer Institutes (ESIs), starting from ESI I in 1984, have desired to continue to work together after the Institute which has lead into the creation of several EURO Working Groups. Some

other groups which have been working together on some OR field have found out that EWGs give an excellent framework for cooperation and have applied for the status of a EURO Working Group.

### Why Not Join a EURO Working Group?

For the members of the groups the framework EURO is providing means a chance to meet regularly (at least annually) people who are interested in the same OR topic in order to exchange ideas, experiences and research results and a chance to find a counterpart abroad to do research together. The efforts of coordinators and meeting organizers to build an open and friendly atmosphere in the meetings bear fruit; cooperation in the groups is smooth and the personal relations of the group

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