



**EURON**, the European Robotics Research Network, was formed in 1999 as way of uniting robot researchers throughout Europe. It was set up under the Future and Emerging Technologies Framework Programme 5 and continued under Framework Programme 6. The aim was simple: to implement a Network of Excellence (NoE) which encouraged the coordination of research, teaching and education in the area of robotics. Made up of around 180 member organisations from 25 countries its purpose is to bring together the best groups and resources in research, industry, and education in Europe and demonstrate Europe's world class position in robotics. Through meetings, publications, sharing resources, and forging links, the aim is to provide a fertile basis from which Europe can continue to remain at the forefront of robotics, both in terms of research and their industrial implementation. EURON activities concentrate on the following the six key areas:

**Community:** EURON creates a forum for members to meet and exchange news and results. From this existing friendships are strengthened so that new ideas and collaborations are born, and old ideas are reviewed and extended. Through EURON, the world sees the scope and quality of European robotics research.

**Research:** EURON helps to focus European research efforts towards more productive goals. This happens partly through its community activities which allow us to exchange ideas and techniques, and partly through identifying the topics where research efforts are best spent and advertising them to scientists and policy-makers.

**Education:** If Europe is to maintain its world-class position in robotics, new skilled researchers, innovators, engineers and teachers are needed. EURON's educators develop and train this new skilled workforce through general science promotion activities and advanced summer schools.

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**Industry:** EURON actively encourages the exchange of ideas and people between the research and industrial communities. The Network facilitates a prize (sponsored by the industry) for the successful transfer of good ideas from the research world to the robotic industry.

**Promotion:** EURON members are in the forefront of robotics worldwide and take part in policy-making and promotion activities both in Europe and across the world.

For further information please refer to the EURON website: [www.euron.org](http://www.euron.org)

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