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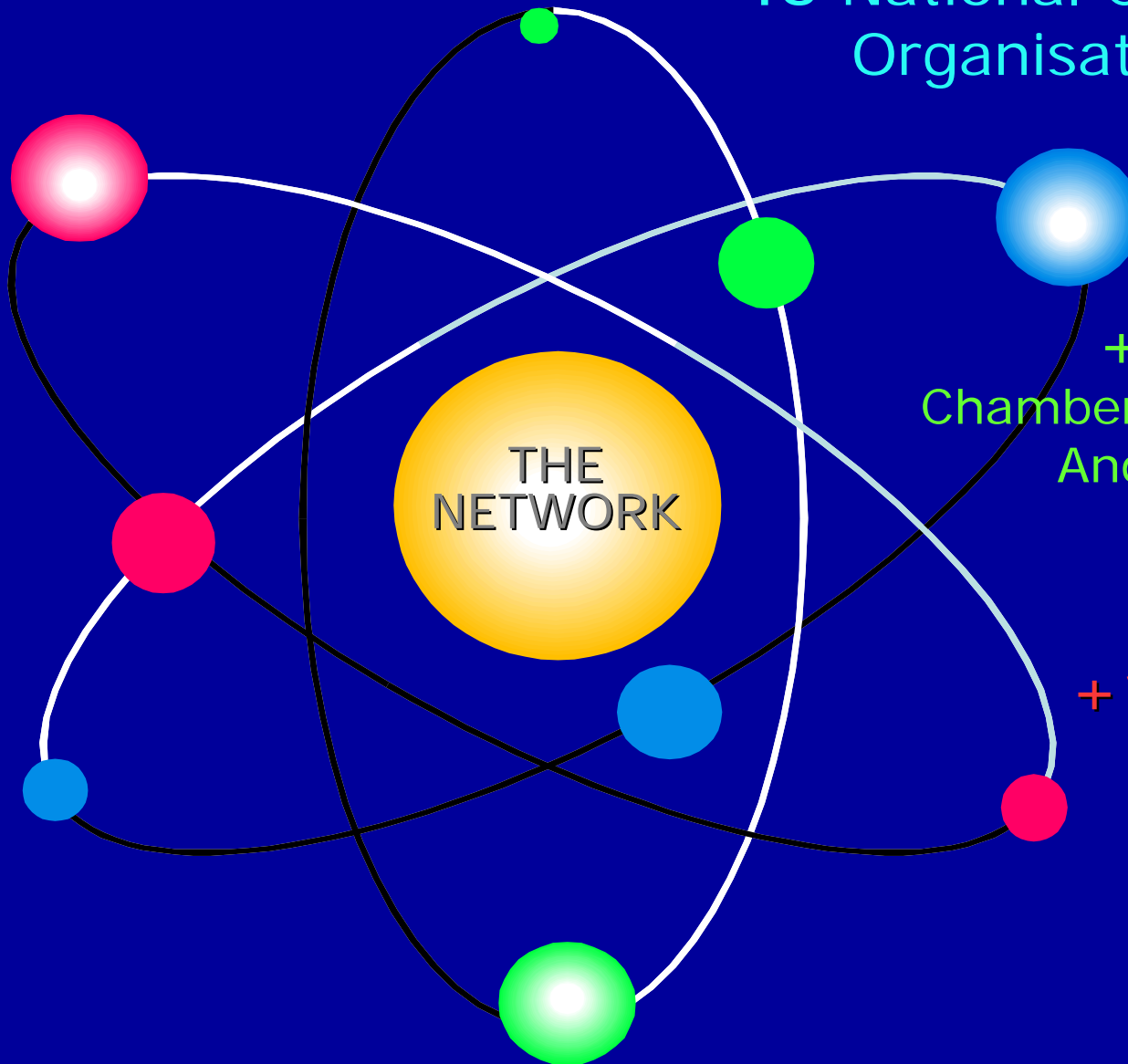
The Road to EU Accession

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EUROCHAMBRES

45 National Chamber
Organisations



+1,788
Chambers of Commerce
And Industry

+19,367,120
Enterprises



Effective Representation

**To represent,
serve and promote
European Chambers
of Commerce & Industry.**

Programmes

Policy



Enlargement strategy

- **Institutional**
 - Membership
- **Political**
 - Position papers, Surveys, ...
- **Operational**
 - Programmes of cooperation, assistance



Central Europe



- **Institution Building**
 - Chamber Twinnings
 - Central European Academy
- **Enterprise Development**
 - CAPE Audit
- **Policy**
 - CAPE Surveys



Western Balkan



- **Institution Building**
 - Chamber Partnerships (twinning)
 - Academy Scholarships
 - Regional seminars on A.C. (train the trainers)
- **Enterprise Development**
 - Local Seminars on A.C.
- **Policy**
 - Competitiveness Surveys



Turkey



- 20 Chamber Partnerships (twinning)
- Accreditation Programme
- Academy Scholarships
- Conferences



New Programmes...

New

- **EU-Turkey Chamber Forum**
 - 15 Chamber Partnerships (twinning)
 - 30 Academy Scholarships
 - 2 x 6 Seminars on A.C.
 - 6 Publications on A.C.
 - 50 Chambers in Accreditation Programme
- **Business Support Programme**
 - Focus on candidate countries
 - Call for Proposals, Spring 2007



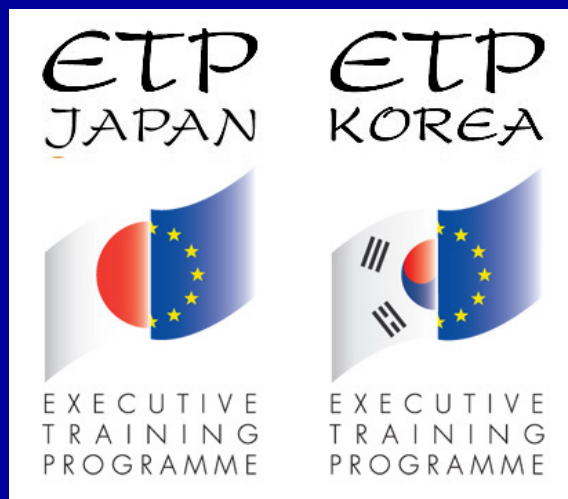
Keys to Success

- **Decentralised implementation**
 - Close to reality
 - Regional outreach
- **Focus on Civil Society**
 - Multiplier effect
 - Sustainability
- **KISS**



Impact of Accession

- **Closer involvement in policy making**
 - Focus on EU Internal Market
 - Also global topics (WTO, EU Summits,...)
- **Full participation in EU programmes**





Thank you.

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