

The project is concerned with the design, development, test and evaluation of a complex integrated information system to support complex, dynamic, distributed decision making and it has been structured around a simplified information system design cycle.

1. The soundness of the idea and approach is consolidated in an introductory phase. This phase is defined as a pilot phase to the project and main tasks are to unify methods and approach, make recommendations on available basic information technology and - based on careful analysis - to chose target organisations for the main project.
2. Specifaction of functionality in the form of use models and user requirements as well as specification of the technical functionality is the next phase of the design process. The parallel top down and bottom up approaches must be consolidated. Design documents are the resultant solid platform for the next phases.
3. The implementation phase is a major and comprehensive phase viewed as a whole. However the decision support system and the accompanying software tools will be developed and generted in modules. Each module will be tested and verified by it self. Integration of the many modules is the next step in the implementation phase and the final step is the verification of the decision support system and the accompanying software tools view as an integrated system.
4. The operations phase will involve five steps. The work described under 3. and 4. will due to the modular character of the system and tools generated be carried out in parallel to optimize efficient use of the project resources.
5. The carefully planed market introduction is the way to disseminate the project result. In the design, implementation and evaluation of the system architectures and software tools the organisational, social, cultural as well as the technical adaptability will be kept in focus and the results hereof will be made explicit in this final projectphase.

The pilot phase, i. e. the work described under 1., is planned for 12 months duration. The main project is planned with a duration of 27 months. Thus the total project will have a duration of 39 months.