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Aim

To facilitate and increase the number of commercially available *in vitro* methods



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Partners

- REMA – investigation, FP6-project
- SET – investigation, FP6-project
- IVTIP – analysis of the needs of the users
- Expertrådet – inventory of the producers
- Silverdal Science Park – arranging the Expert Meeting and the Forum Event



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Identification of results

- Impossible to get information from the FP5 projects
- Focus FP6-project
- Other sources, ATLA, ECVAM database and EPAA

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Analysis

- In most cases it was indicated that the methods and endpoints tested may be applied to many fields
- The methods – in different stages of development
- Different expectations among inventor and company



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Analysis of the needs of the users

- Companies have adapted to the existing methods and have learned how to use them to make their decisions
- They feel that more mechanistic, multiparametric and physiological models of human origin are required
- It is also important to have robust and reproducible assays



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Report on the availability of producers

- Largest problem for technology transfer is the lack of intra- and interlaboratory reproducibility
- The quality controls need to be improved
- Reference compounds are needed
- Correct training of personnel on how to use the assay/model are important



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Basic requirements needed for the transfer of an invention to a commercial product

- Reproducible
- Regulatory accepted
- Practical
- Low cost
- Screening capacity



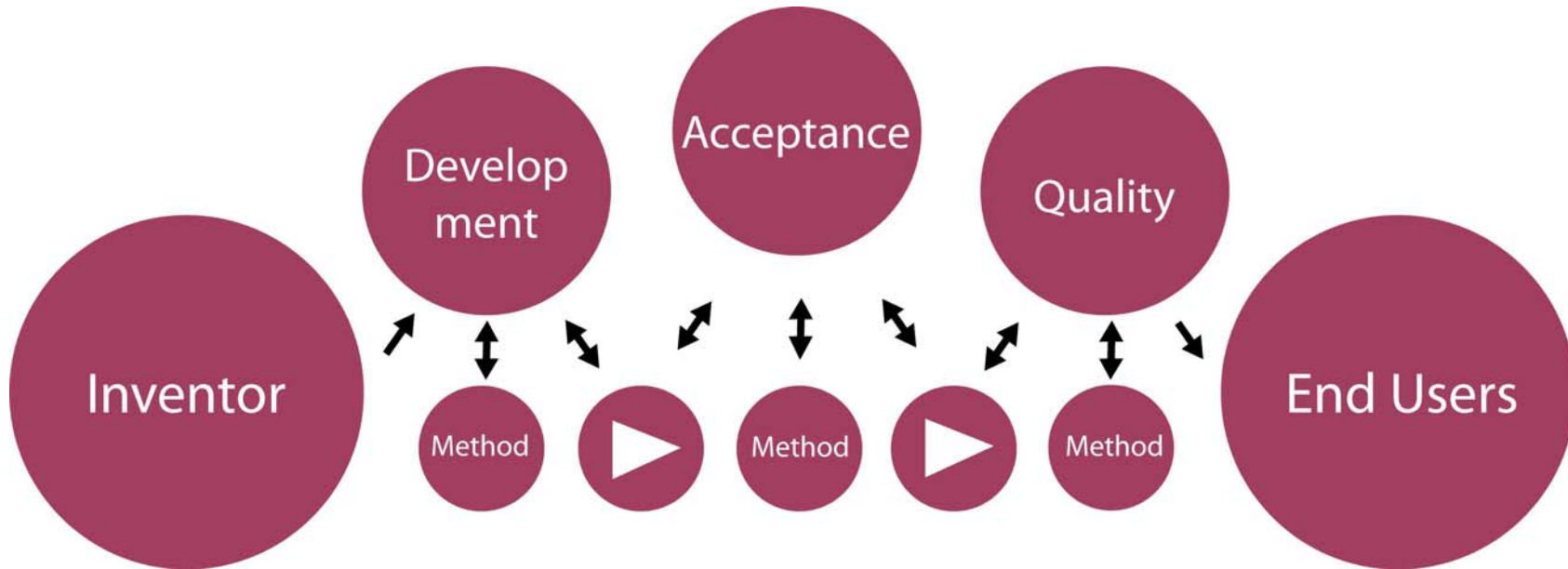
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The Expert Meeting

The most important issues to improve the technology transfer of *in vitro* tests

- Identification of the gap
- Bridging the gap
- The development process
- Instruments to facilitate the transfer

The Forum event





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Goal

To establish the Forum as a meeting place focused on the transfer of *in vitro* methods to the end users