



RADIONET SPOOR MEETING / TELECONFERENCE

DATE	July 30, 2018	TIME	2 – 2.30 (CEST)
PLACE	VIDEOCONFERENCE		
PARTICIPANTS	Valdis Avotins (VUC); Michael Garrett (UMAN, minutes); Izabela Rottmann (MPIfR); Francisco Colomer (JIV-ERIC); Carole Jackson (ASTRON); Karl Schuster (IRAM); Ivars Smelds (VUC); René C. Vermeulen (ILT); Anton Zensus (MPIfR - lead)		
MATERIAL	https://events.mpifr-bonn.mpg.de/indico/event/82/	(pwd RadioNet-H2020)	
VERSION	FINAL (vers. 13.08.2018)		
NEXT MEETING	October 11, 2018		
AGENDA	Discussion on INFRAIA-03-2020 - Pilot for a new model of Integrating Activities		

MINUTES

A. Zensus presented the history of the Pilot preparation and the current status. After the face-to-face meeting with the EC on April 25, 2018, a PPT presentation of the EC to the Proposal Committee was made available to RadioNet and OPTICON. This document, as well as the notes from the meeting on April 25 (EXEC minutes – 5.6.18) and an EC working document on long-term sustainability of RI created the material for today's discussion. RadioNet and OPTICON will not directly be involved in the writing of the call text; instead the coordinators of both projects are invited to provide input to the EC at the f2f meeting on September 7, 2018.

The SPOOR meeting brought a collection of the following ideas/opinions:

- The pilot is focusing on the TA subset of the RadioNet partners; but we must not lose sight of the remainder of the larger RadioNet community's needs.
- SPOOR original mission remains - the long-term sustainability of RadioNet is still important and must be further developed.
- SPOOR Core Group is also a natural platform to use for developing the pilot strategy.
- The wording 'cascade granting' from the scopes of the Pilot and the future model of the TA provision offered by a central organisation/platform were discussed. One of the RadioNet organisations could well be the organizer of such an access scheme.
- A possible coordination of the pilot by a non-RADIONET organisation was discussed; the INSU is at present not a preferred option.
- Pros and cons of joining were discussed. However, it is important to mention that partners from RadioNet and OPTICON are to be treated equally in the pilot.
- Involving the funding agencies at the present stage of the pilot preparation is important to avoid mismatch of expectations/surprises.

→ ACTION ITEM 1: ALL TA/VA infrastructures will explore their funding agencies' interests towards the pilot

- It is important to map the value of the TA for each observatory, in order to create a clear picture what needs to be replaced in case of no further EC funding

→ ACTION ITEM 2: ALL TA/VA to provide the TA values for each observatory (for what the TA budget is used // what would be not provided when TA budget will be not provided)



INFRAIA-03-2020 - Pilot for a new model of Integrating Activities

Objective

- Develop new ways for opening RI of European interest and support the integrating provision at EU level of their services
- Prepare the ground for supporting networks that bring together national, regional and European funders of research infrastructures for the co-funding of trans-national access of researchers.

Target

- Targeted approach (3 areas). One stage call: deadline March or May 2020
- Targeting larger sets of RIs, gathering close advanced communities to develop and implement a programme focussing on access provision and integration

Scope

- Virtual and Trans-national **access provision** to RIs internal and external to the consortium, the latter supported through **cascade granting**
- Joint activities to facilitate and **integrate** the access procedures, improve the services the infrastructures provide and further **develop on-line services**, ensuring their connection to the European Open Science Cloud
- Model development and testing mechanisms and practices for the long-term **engagement of funders** in supporting and making **trans-national access sustainable** beyond the EU funding

Thematic coverage: (3) RI for advanced optical/IR and radio astronomy: OPTICON, RadioNet

INTERNAL Timeline

- Draft of the call text - discussion on 7 Sep 2018
- The call will be ready by December 2018
- Proposal submission deadline March or May 2020
- The internal preparation must start in 2019
 - Gathering of the partners
 - Selection of the coordinator's team
 - The skeleton of the proposal should be ready before the release of the call