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Minutes and report of the Kick off meeting

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ARIMNet2 Kick-Off Meeting

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Minutes



4 Feb. (9:30-17:30) MIPAAF

10:00-10:20 Welcome by

- Marina Montedoro (MIPAAF, IT),
- François Houllier (PDG INRA, FR)

10:20-10:30 Tour de table: presentation of participants

10:30-10:45 Perspective for Research Coordination Actions in H2020 Societal Challenge 2, François Constantin (European Commission),

10:45-11:00 Overview of the whole ARIMNet2 project, Florence Jacquet, project coordinator

11h30-12h30 Presentation of the Work packages by the WP leaders (10 min each)

WP1- Marina Montedoro, MIPAAF-IT

WP2- Maurice Héral, ANR-FR and/or Sanaa Zebakh, IAV-MA

WP3- Anabel de la Pena, INIA-ES

WP4- Aristotelis Papadopoulos, DEMETER-GR

WP5- Sahin Anil, GDAR-TR

WP6- Aniss Ben Rayana, IRESA-TN

Lunch 12:30-13:30

13:30-13:40 Parallel sessions: Objectives

Presenting the objectives of parallel sessions: start working; distribute the responsibilities at short and mid-term

13:40-15:10 Parallel sessions – Session 1

- WP1. Developing an Integrated Strategic Research Agenda (Sala Natali)
- WP3. Monitoring, follow-up and impact assessment of calls and funded research projects (Sala Medici)

15:40-17:30 Meeting of the ARIMNET 2011 Call Board: Follow-up, organisation of the Mid-term projects review Meeting

(Participants: ARIMNet1 Call board members only)

5 Feb. (9:00-16:30) INEA

9:00-9:15 Dynamics and perspectives of the Euro-Mediterranean cooperation, Jose Bonfim (FCT, PT) (Sala Serpieri)

9:15-10:45 Parallel sessions (cont'ed) – Session 2;

- WP2. Preparation and launching of Joint Calls for transnational research projects (Sala Serpieri)
- WP6. Outreach and Communication (Sala Fais)

11:15-12:45 Parallel sessions (cont'ed) - Session 3;

- WP4. Implementing joint activities to support cooperation in research (Sala Serpieri)
- WP5. From Research to Innovation (Sala Fais)

Lunch 12:45-13:45

Plenary session 13:45-16:30 (Sala Serpieri)

13:45-15:30

- Restitution of the working groups
- Discussion and agreement on next months work plan

15:45-16:15: Wrap-up of the meeting

16:15-16:30: Project management and financial aspects

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- 1/ Presentations of the WP1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
- 2/ Presentations of the outcomes of the parallel sessions
- 3/ Presentation "Dynamics and perspectives of the Euro-Mediterranean cooperation" by Jose Bonfim
- 4/ ARIMNet2 brochure



4 Feb.

1. Introduction (10:00-11:00)

1.1 First Marina Montedoro (MIPAAF, IT) welcomes the participants, then François Houllier (PDG INRA, FR) introduces the meeting. A *tour de table* of the participants begins then, a way to better know each other in this new enlarged consortium.

1.2 François Constantin (European Commission) presents then the perspective for Research Coordination Actions in H2020 Societal Challenge 2. He draws the attention on the specificity of this period for the European Commission, with the new frame H2020, the restructuring of the services, a new director of the Research Directorate.

A new instrument will replace the former concerning the ERANets: ERANet Cofund.

A long lasting conversation will begin with platforms and member states in order to identify and prioritize the 6 topics that will be chosen for ERANet Cofund. 20 millions are planned to address these 6 topics.

The EC will continue the funding of ERANet Platform, the funding of JPI FACCE (that gathers a lot of thematic areas).

ARIMNet2 is the last ERANet, before the Co-fund ERANet. Inside ERANet cofund, the EC will contribute to the funding of the calls.

Many initiatives are related to this area in RDI (Research/Development/Innovation). It is a political priority (cf. Conference med., PRIMA group, ERA Net Med, Med spring, Art 185- potentially focused on Food and Water). These initiatives have to be coordinated.

In the Mediterranean landscape, he remarks that ARIMNet is the only one that has produced concrete results.

1.3 Then Florence Jacquet, project coordinator presents an overview of the whole ARIMNet2 project. (See ppt. in Annexes). She ends her presentation by underlining the necessity to be careful to include and involve the new partners in activities and WPs, and also to think about how to link the WPs, concretely.

Florence Jacquet considers that the consortium demonstrated that it was able to achieve results and that all together the partners have to continue delivering what they promised.

> Discussion

Claudio Bogliotti (ERANet Med) enhances to work together. He expresses his openness to create a maximum of synergies and coherence between those initiatives.

Maurice Héral (ANR-FR) remarks that there are cross cutting issues between ERANets, this is also the case with ERANet Biodiversa.

Claudio Bogliotti requests if representatives of ERANetMed could be involved in the governing board of ARIMNet2.

Florence Jacquet answers that in the SSAB there will be representatives of other initiatives (among which ERANETMED) and mentions also that a lot of members of the consortium are participating in the different projects (JPI FACCE, ERA NET Med, Art 185...).

Sanaa Zebakh (IAV HII) insists on the fact that it is important not to have any overlapping of topics/funding. The role of the SSAB is very important in this way.

For François Constantin, it is an important point. The projects should create an official link between projects in order to better guarantee to go in the same direction. An observer from another institution could be a good way.

Maria Maia (FCT-PT) mentions that each ERANet has its own governance and that links will be done through cross participation.

Ian Gauci Borda (MCST-MT) says that creating official links would however be useful. It is important for ARIMNet2 to find a niche and to have a good knowledge of the context. It is important to designate someone.

Florence Jacquet concludes that this issue of creating official links between ERANETMED and ARIMNet2 will be addressed by the end of the Meeting.

2. Work Packages presentation (11h30-12h30)

See ppt. presentations in annexes

The WP leaders present the Work packages:



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- WP1- Marina Montedoro, MIPAAF-IT
- WP2- Sanaa Zebakh, IAV-MA
- WP3- Anabel de la Pena, INIA-ES
- WP4- Aristotelis Papadopoulos, DEMETER
- WP5- Sahin Anil, GDAR-TR
- WP6- Aniss Ben Rayana, IRESA-TN

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3. Parallel sessions

The objectives of parallel sessions were to start working, distribute the responsibilities at short and mid-term and plan the next actions in the very next months. These sessions were moderated by the leaders and deputy leaders of the work packages then a presentation of the outcomes was done in plenary session by rapporteurs (on the 5th of Feb.) and decisions were made with the whole consortium.

- Session 1 (4 Feb. PM): WP1. Developing an Integrated Strategic Research Agenda (Sala Natali) & WP3. Monitoring, follow-up and impact assessment of calls and funded research projects (Sala Medici)
- Session 2 (5 Feb. AM): WP2. Preparation and launching of Joint Calls for transnational research projects (Sala Serpieri) & WP6. Outreach and Communication (Sala Fais)
- Session 3 (5 Feb. AM): WP4. Implementing joint activities to support cooperation in research (Sala Serpieri) & WP5. From Research to Innovation (Sala Fais)

WP1. Developing an Integrated Strategic Research Agenda

One of the first tasks of the WP1 is to establish a Scientific and Strategic Advisory Board (M1-6).

Roles and activities of the SSAB are reminded and precised.

The roles of the SSAB could be:

- 1) Provide a scientific support to the ARIMNet GB and to the joint activities ARIMNet wants to carry out;
- 2) Provide scientific advice on identification, evaluation and impact of the ARIMNet activities;
- 3) Review the scientific outputs of ARIMNet activities;
- 4) Draft the ISRA to be presented to the GB.

Activities of the SSAB:

The SSAB members will engage and participate in the ARIMNet2 by giving advice and input from a scientific and strategic point of view.

In particular, the SSAB will contribute to the ISRA development and implementation:

- Suggesting proposals for short-, medium- and long-term joint actions within the framework of the ARIMNet2 and ISRA;
 - Contributing actively to further elaboration of ISRA (12M-24M-30M);
 - Providing advice on the implementation of ARIMNet2 Strategic Research Agenda, e.g. training, infrastructures, knowledge transfer;
 - Providing advices and inputs, as required, for the elaboration of the scientific aspects of the ARIMNet2 joint actions, calls, etc.;
 - Acting as ARIMNet2 ambassadors at international conferences and major events related to the aims of ARIMNet2.
- The role of the SSAB is to suggest priorities - the role of GB is to draw the agenda

Composition

The consortium decided that the SSAB will be composed of 9 members:

- 1 from the FACCE SAB;
- 1 from other Mediterranean initiatives (i.e.: MedSpring, ERANETMED), specifically from CIHEAM);
- 1 from SCAR (or Foresight Exercise IV);
- 3 from EU ARIMNet2 members
- 3 from non EU ARIMNet2 members



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The 6 members of the SSAB from EU and Non EU members are elected by the GB from a list of potential candidates nominated by the ARIMNet GB (max 1 nomination for each partner).

The 3 representatives from FACCE, SCAR and other Medi initiatives are nominated by their institution/initiatives so that they are not elected by GB.

At the end the 6 members elected should come from 6 different countries, but they should remind that, as SSAB members, they act in an individual capacity, independent from national or institutional affiliation.

The WP 1 Leader (Mipaaf) is responsible for compiling the list of nominees and preparing the voting procedure.

The diversity of disciplines covered in the scope of the ARIMNet2 is an important factor considered in the nominations.

Criteria for nomination

- Outstanding academic record and international visibility and reputation;
- Recent and active participation at international level;
- Strategic vision of the challenges facing agriculture in the MED area and an existing experience in the MED area;
- A good EN-language communication level.

NB: the election of new members is performed by voting of the GB and organised by the WP1 leader. The candidates with most votes are elected as the members.

The members of the SSAB are appointed for 2 years as standard. Members can be re-appointed for all the duration of the WP1 activity duration (30M).

If a member of the SSAB should leave before completion of his/her term, the WP1 leader will propose to the GB a new member using the ranking list of the first election (after checking his/her availability).

Membership renewal/revision

After a period of 18 months the composition of the SSAB will be re-evaluated and, in case of need, will be revised (adding members, modifying members' background provenance, etc.). In this revision step, new candidates recommended by the SSAB can also be considered by the GB.

Chair and Vice-Chair of the SSAB

The SSAB will elect a Chair and Vice-Chair from its members.

The Chair will moderate the meetings of the SSAB, with the Vice-Chair assuming this responsibility in the event of the Chair being unable to attend.

The SSAB will report directly to the GB through the Chair or Vice-Chair.

The Chair and Vice-Chair are elected for a 2-year term. The Chair and Vice-Chair can be re-appointed for 2 additional years, once.

Meetings of the SSAB

Meeting frequency and attendance

The SSAB will meet at least twice a year at the invitation of the WP1 leader (face to face meeting or video conference). Additionally, the SSAB may be convened by the Chair and/or the GB if special circumstances necessitate such a meeting.

Regular attendance to meetings is expected and will be a consideration in the renewal process.

Meetings of the SSAB are organised and attended by the WP1 leader and, if appropriate, by a maximum of 1 representative of the GB.

One SSAB member is expected to attend GB meetings, rotating as much as possible, and depending on the required expertise for the GB meeting agenda.

Decision process

- Quorum: the SSAB has a quorum of two-thirds, either in person or by video/telephone conference.
- Voting: the SSAB takes decisions by consensus.

Conflict of Interest

SSAB members will not participate in any decisions or any joint action evaluation committees where a situation or circumstance of personal or professional nature has the potential to compromise their ability to make decisions in the interest of best performing their role in the SSAB. In case of a potential conflict of interest, such SSAB member will raise the issue with the Chair and the WP 1 leader. The SSAB is informed and decides, as a panel, on whether or not the SSAB member with a potential conflict of interest can participate in the discussion. The SSAB will make this decision outlining the situation(s) considered as conflict of interest.



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Expenditure, Travelling Expenses

The members of the SSAB work in an honorary capacity and are not employed by ARIMNET 2 to undertake this role. Members are reimbursed for their travel expenses related to ARIMNET 2 activities. To be reimbursed they should present to the WP 1 leader, after the meeting, the "expenditure format" (sent them by the WP 1 leader) proving their expenditure by sending also the invoices of all the expenditures. The detailed roles to be reimbursed will be sent to the SSAB members and also the expenditure limits. The dates for the meetings will be defined at the beginning of the SSAB yearly work (first meeting in Montpellier in June 2014) in order to book flights and accommodation (that should be approved by WP 1 leader) at the possible lowest price.

Time schedule of the establishment of the SSAB:

Action	Dead-line	Actors
Nominations + CV + Info Format	5 th March	Partners
List of nominations	10 rd March	Mipaaf
Contact with FACCE-SCAR-CIHEAM	10 rd March	Mipaaf
Opening on-line election procedure	17 th March	Mipaaf
Election	17 th -21 st March	Partners
Closing on-line election procedure	21 st March	Mipaaf
Ranking list of SSAB	28 th March	Mipaaf
Opening second on-line election procedure only in case of equal scores (ex-aequo)	31 st March	Mipaaf
Election	31 st March-4 th April	Partners
Closing second on-line election procedure	4 th April	Mipaaf
Final list of SSAB	7 th April	Mipaaf
Contact with the 6 elected SSAB members and with the 3 suggested SSAB members	24 th April	Mipaaf
SSAB establishment	June (Montpellier)	SSAB

Task 1.2 Synthesis of Foresight studies in Med Area (M5-M12)

Task 1.3 Synthesis of the Mediterranean priorities in the EU-Med policies (M10-M18)

The GB members, in order to contribute since the beginning to the topics and priorities for the MED Area (useful for Task 1.2 and 1.3), will be asked by the Task 1.2 Leader to send within the end of April a list of:

- Min 3, max 5 key priorities and research-strategic topics of concerns of the MED Area.

This list will be forwarded to the SSAB so that they can take this list into account for the discussion during their first meeting in Montpellier in June 2014.

These topics are not for the call but more open, more broad. All the partners can give their opinion, not only the one who will not fund the calls. They will contribute to define the missions of the SSAB.

WP2. Preparing and launching of Joint Calls for transnational research projects

Sanaa Zebakh reminds the importance of this WP in the whole ARIMNet2 project. The WP2 holds the highest financial shares: 21.8% of the total budget. This WP is associated to the preparation and launching of joint calls, which is the ultimate goal of an ERANET and require a high level of commitment and exchanges.

The main objectives are:

- Developing tools, processes and documents for launching transnational joint calls for research (to two joint calls)
- Preparation and launching of Joint Calls for transnational research projects
- Provide structures, procedures and documents for call implementation and project monitoring.
- Create sustainable mechanisms and documents for call implementation to facilitate each institution to launch transnational calls after the end of the ERA-NET reaching the article 185 under preparation.



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The consortium will have to be careful with the overlapping (dates/topics) with other initiatives (Art 185, ERANet ...)

- It is decided to launch the first call before the end 2014 with budget 2015.
- A list will be sent by WP2 to ARIMNet2 participants to prioritize their topics (15 Feb). This list will be prepared by capitalizing in the other projects (MIRA, MEDSpring, JPI FACCE, and other, ARIMNet1...) and add new topics. (It is not possible to wait for the results of ISRA before the first call. For the second call, the partners will have to choose some topics inside the ISRA, which will be a wide document)
- Each partner will have to identify the funding agency which approve the topic priorities, and define the budget limits (min/max) by the 20th of March.
- Then, on the basis of these elements, the WP2 will summarize focused priorities by the end of April and sent back to partners.
- A WP2 meeting will be organized during the June event to work on the call text.
- The Call texts will be draft in June-July (first draft to be discussed in the meeting and to be finalized after the meeting).
- The Call will be organized through a 2 step-proposal process. A preannouncement will be launched in September and the call will be published in November.
All the partners will not be necessarily involved in the funding.

Links with other WPs:

A link will be made with WP1 when using ISRA results for the second call.

WP3 and WP5 will gives elements to improve the calls.

WP4 may interact with WP2 in order to include other joint activities through a common call.

WP3. Monitoring, follow-up and impact assessment of calls and funded research projects

Task 3.1 Evaluation of calls, calls procedure and impact assessment

The organization of a survey is planned as described below:

1- Circulation of a proposition of questionnaire among main contributors of WP3, by the end of March, and then in April among all ARIMNet2 partners

Different kind of questionnaires will be conceived and tested (4), for 4 different target groups.

The target groups are:

- coordinators of all the proposals (ask the coordinators to send it to the other applicants...)
- applicants
- funding agencies
- scientific committee

By the end of March, all partners will have to identify target stakeholders by country for the implementation of each questionnaire.

By the end of May, questionnaire and target people identification will be ready.

2- Conception of an on-line survey tool, by FCT: available in May

3- Launch of online survey to implement the 4 questionnaires in June (max 3 weeks to answer the questionnaire).

4- June-August analysis

5- Integration of some results (improvement of procedure) in 1st call

Examples of items of the questionnaire:



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- type of process : 1 or 2 steps proposal
- number of pages of the proposal
- ...

When drafting the questionnaire, the WP2 members will have to keep in mind that the call was 2 years ago.

A feedback will be done to all the applicants of the survey: one summary will be elaborated for each target group (spread by email and published on the website)

The importance of involvement of each country to motivate the answers is strongly underlined.

Task 3.1 Evaluation of calls, calls procedures & impact assessment	Responsible partner	Support partners	2014									
			Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Sept	Oct		
Analysis of the ARIMNET call based on questionnaire												
a) 4 different questionnaires (applicants, funding agencies, call secretariat, evaluators) will circulate between contributors	INIA, ES	FCT, PT; IAV-MA										
b) Circulation of the questionnaires to ARIMNET partners for comments	INIA, ES	ALL										
c) Consolidation of the four questionnaires final version	INIA, ES											
d) Final version of the 4 questionnaires to be sent to FCT	INIA, ES	FCT, PT; IAV-MA										
e) Identification of target stakeholders by country for the implementation of each questionnaire	INIA, ES	ALL										
f) Preparation and insertion online survey	FCT, PT											
g) Online surveys' pre-test phase	FCT, PT	INIA, ES; IAV-MA										
h) Launch of online survey to implement the 4 questionnaire	FCT, PT	ALL										
i) Analysis	INIA, ES	FCT, PT; IAV-MA										
j) Summary Report	INIA, ES	FCT, PT; IAV-MA										
k) D3.1 Call procedure reports	INIA, ES											

Task 3.2 Monitoring the progress within the research projects

On the basis of the templates of report of the funded projects and layout of the 1st Call, FCT will prepare a draft of indicators that could be used to evaluate the progress within the research projects.

FCT will examine the contracts obligation in each country in order to prepare a table of needs to bring more coherence. By the end of June this first sub-task should be finished.

Then it will be used on the analysis of the first call by the end of July.

Task 3.2 Monitoring the progress within the progress within the research projects continuously			Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Sept	Oct
Call secretariat will sent the ARIMNET project reports and layouts to task leader	INRA, FR									
a) Improvement of layout in order to monitoring projects with indicators	FCT, PT									
b) Discussion on indicators with partners in accordance with call text	FCT, PT	INIA, ES; IAV-MA								
c) Consolidation of the layout for monitoring	FCT, PT									
d) Analyse of the ARIMNET 1st call reports and preliminary results to be integrated on Task 3.3 WP2 (Task 2.2) and WP6	FCT, PT	INIA, ES; IAV-MA								
e) Results from ARIMNET call monitoring	FCT, PT									

Task 3.3 Assessment of the research projects at mid-term and at the end



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A part of the scientific follow up will be organized in June through the mid-term event. Experts will be asked to question the coordinators and then prepare a report. IRESA will contribute to the organization. The experts in charge of the scientific evaluation could be chosen among the SSAB members.

IRESA and FCT will propose terms of reference for projects scientific evaluation, by end of April.

Synthesis of the reports review will be prepared by IRESA.

Task 3.3 Assessment of the research projects results at mid-term and at the end			Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Sept	Oct
a) Building the Terms of reference for projects scientific evaluation	IRESA-TN	FCT-PT								
b) Organization of Scientific Mid- Term evaluation of ARIMNET projects	IRESA-TN									
c) Mid-Term projects Scientific evaluation	IRESA-TN									
d) Organization of the final scientific evaluation of the projects	IRESA-TN									
e) Final scientific evaluation of the projects	IRESA-TN									
f) Reports on the research funded projects mid-term and final review	IRESA-TN; FCT,PT									

Links with other WPs:

SSAB (WP1) will be involved in the follow-up of the projects.

A link with WP2 will be done: the results of the survey (Task 3.1) will feed the preparation of the first and second calls.

A link with WP5 could also be done (evaluation of the creation of innovation through the call).

WP4. Implementing pilot actions of joint activities to support cooperation in Mediterranean agricultural research

J-F Tourrand (CIRAD-FR), Aristotelis Papadopoulos (DEMETER) and Adel Aboulnaga (ARC) present the WP4 and its objectives.

What sort of joint activities do we want to implement?

Brainstorming

One of the first observations is that the partners have to be careful with the overlapping between WP and may have to coordinate with WP1 and WP2 for the choice of the topics.

Florence Jacquet encourages deciding the method to choose those topics. A methodology for each type of joint activities was already realized in ARIMNet. In ARIMNet2, pilot actions have to be concretely experimented.

Now the partners have to choose a topic and act. One possibility would be for example to choose a topic that was not well represented in ARIMNet Call such as Animal health. How to make capacity building in this topic? And how to proceed without any significant budget (only possibility for little pilot actions such as a seminar with experts of this topic to identify the needs, organize a summerschool..)

Adel Aboulnaga suggests that it could be also a cross cutting issue, assuring in all case strengthen cooperation...

Idea 1 Adel Aboulnaga

One joint activity could be to insert an item on exchange of researchers, and request in the call of an exchange North/South or training young researchers.

One of the problems will be that some countries will not be able to fund both research projects and mobility...

Idea 2 Serenella Puliga

Projects are already running in each country. Organize the link between two similar projects in different countries could be another type of joint activity (cheap one).

Idea 3

For Moez Jebara, the needs in Tunisia are not those of staff exchange. Summer schools would be more necessary and represent both a benefit for the North and the South.

There are enough bilateral funds to fund exchange of staff.



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Idea 4 Moez Jebara: One idea could be to find a success story in the call and to give benefit to the entire region, invite young researchers, producers, enhancing dissemination and/or training...

Florence Jacquet suggests, following this idea, to choose the first joint activities on the basis of the research projects funded in the first call.

Another scenario could be to include joint activities inside a call. ARIMNet2 can do first the proposition of Moez Jebara and then something with the WP1 inputs (choice of topics).

JF Tourrand suggests that they could select a topic which is not presented in ARIMNet1 call like animal health.

Jose Bonfim adds that, with his large experience in ERANets, he notices that we are not able to build up the results, to make a good follow-up. It could be something to improve.

Kim Turk underlines that, despite the fact that she likes the idea to choose joint activities on the basis of the first call; many new partners were not involved in the call and could be excluded of these actions.

Florence Jacquet asks if ARIMNet2 should select one or two projects? Select all?

The same method could be used on the next calls.

The projects could be joined in June by thematic "packages" like fruits, livestock, etc. ...

Conclusion

1. In June 2014 during the ARIMNet2 meeting,

Define in partnership with coordinators of ARIMNet1 research projects (focused on the main success stories ...) Joint activities giving added-value to their respective projects in terms of dissemination and valorization of the results (with WP5), training, summer schools ...

2. Repeat joint activities with ARIMNet2 research projects (data analysis...)

3. Suggest developing joint activities (common data tools ...) in next calls

By June, WP leaders should propose a way to organize this meeting with coordinators (in link with WP5- and in coordination with SSAB...)

Links with other WPs:

WP4 may interact with WP2 in order to include joint activities inside the future call for research proposals.

WP4 will use the results of WP1 in the determination of its strategy.

In the short-term, WP4 will have to synchronize its action with WP5 concerning the support given to the funded research projects to enhance new knowledge production through joint activities (WP4) and/or to enhance innovation (WP5)

cf. meeting with coordinators in June...

WP5. From Research to Innovation

Task 5.1 Analysis of the AKIS in Med - State of the art (INEA, GDAR, IRESA, INRAA, IAV, ASRT)

IAV will send the MIRA and ERA WATCH document to WP5 contributors and draft a questionnaire to send to the most appropriate institutions in each country, at the beginning of April.

Each ARIMNet2 will be asked to identify the most appropriate institutions dealing with AKIS.

The survey will be launched during summer.

The contributors of the tasks will analyse the results and prepare a synthesis for October.

Task 5.2 Seminar on the AKIS concept (INIA, GDAR, MESRT, IRESA, DEMETER)

The AKIS seminar will be organized in coordination with SCAR -Collaborating Working group on AKIS and will be held in December.

A synthesis report will be produced in Feb. 2015.

Task 5.3 Conference (GDAR, IRESA, MESRT, ICARDA)

The conference will be prepared in 2015 and held in 2016

Task 5.4 Analysis on the previous ARIMNet call (IAV, IRESA, INRAA, CIHEAM, ICARDA, ASRT, ANR)

An effort will be done to coordinate the action with WP3 (WP3.2 and WP3.3)

A session on innovation will be organized during the meeting in June with the coordinators.



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An analysis of innovation potential of the research projects will be done for February 2015.

An assessment of training needs will be done by April 2015

Training on innovation and valorization plan will be proposed (October 2015). Maybe not all the 10 projects can be supported. A technology transfer plan will be developed for some projects in 2016.

Task 5.5 Guideline with criteria for the calls and joint activities

A guideline for the call will include innovation incitation. Criteria will be given for the first call (after June 2014 meeting)

The global idea is not to spend too much time on concepts.

Links with other WPs:

In the short-term, WP5 will have to synchronize its action with WP4 concerning the support given to the funded research projects to enhance new knowledge production through joint activities (WP4) and/or to enhance innovation (WP5) cf. meeting with coordinators in June...

A link with WP2 will be done: criteria for enhancing innovation will be considered to feed the preparation of the calls.

A link with WP3 will also be done (items on the creation of innovation through the call to be included in the first survey of the WP3).

WP6. Outreach and communication

The WP6 has to produce several deliverables by the M6: dissemination plan/ website/ communication kit

A first product has been realized: the brochure.

Partners agree that the same graphical chart identity should be used for all the ARIMNet2 products (to keep coherence, homogeneous communication).

Task 6.1. Dissemination strategy and communication kit

Communication strategy in preparation

- need to define target groups, messages and communication channels to the defined groups
 - need of annual evaluation to see how successful the strategy is
- Kim Turk will send the dissemination plan that she has already realized to give an example...

Communication kit

- logo (it is decided only to update it with the new countries)
- Brochure already printed – CGI set, will be used for future communication tools (flyer, banner, etc.)
- Flyer (draft prepared by IRESA/INRA and sent for comments in March, printed in May)
- Press releases (kick-off PR to be sent to Cordis Wire, national channels by partners)

Task 6.2. Electronic Dissemination Tools

website

Aniss Ben Rayana presents two templates to the partners. They will work on a more finalized template and all the partners will receive content for review. Partners will be asked to update data on their institution / persons involved – February, draft in April, launch May or June.

»Deliverables« should be changed to »reports«

A box to subscribe for the newsletter will be included

Map: a mention of the international partners should be included/ the numbers should be replaced by names

The media part should be deleted if there is not enough content, but already several radio spot-podcasts were realized.

Other will be soon also produced in English/French/Arabic.

Partners are in favor of an intranet.

IRESA will ask to each partner a list of persons who need an access to intranet and a list of person who should receive a newsletter.

Newsletter



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2 newsletters per year may be produced. The content will be discussed by WP group in the next months.
Each partner can send the newsletter to those who has not subscribed directly through the website.
Newsletter: Kim Turk-Krizanec will send an example of the one she produces.

Task 6.3. Videos and other innovative tools

- Podcast in 3 languages on ARIMNet2 will be embedded on website
- Video – what kind, for who, what is the objective (question of financing such a costly communication tool). No decision was taken at this stage. The debate is postponed (need of a dissemination strategy first)

Video spot-interviews may also be realized with a technician in Tunisia.

The idea is to mutualize the means (institutions of coordinators of projects)

One idea is also to suggest to coordinators to make a short video, another could be to make a little interview in June in Montpellier.

- Other innovative tools : presentation of such tools, »The knowledge's Cube«
The content has to be discussed and the date of realization also.

Links with other WPs:

This WP will collaborate with all the others.

4 Feb.

4. Meeting of the ARIMNET 2011 Call Board (15:40-17:30)

Follow-up, organisation of the Mid-term projects review Meeting

(Participants: ARIMNet1 Call board members only)

Marie Ollagnon presents the situation of the ten projects (see ppt) : sending of reports, signature of consortium agreements, special requests done or problems faced and possible on-going question to the Call Board members.

The questions to the CB are the followings:

- How to solve the funding problems in Egypt (CLIMED, MEDILEG, PoH-MED) and Algeria (PoH-MED, SAFEMED)?
 - Answers:
In Algeria, a meeting was held with coordinators and the situation was clarified. Now the partners got the first part of their budget. They may need an extension of the duration of the project due to the delay of starting of the project. INRAA and the Ministry are also actively examining the possibility for the researchers to pay expenses in a foreigner country (meetings abroad).
In Egypt, Adel Abounaga will check the problem.
- Consortium Agreement: what should do the coordinator when he cannot get the signature of one partner?
The EG page of the CA of CLIMED, the US page of the CA of REFORMA, the DZ page of the CA of SAFEMED are not signed yet. The reasons of this delay are not clear.
 - Answers:
It was asked in the guidelines for applicants to produce and sign a CA. In some countries it is mandatory in order to get the funding (e.g. ANR-FR).
The CB has no possibility to force a partner who is not funded to sign a CA (case of REFORMA with the US partner) but can actively encourage them to do so in order to protect the results and manage the property rights.
Concerning the case of CLIMED, Adel Abounaga will check and try to solve the problem.

Marie Ollagnon asks then if the Call Board members were you satisfied of the follow-up of the projects, if the circulation of information was satisfactory or if it could be improved. The Call Board members are satisfied and do not ask anything else.



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5 Feb. (9:00-16:30) INEA

Dynamics and perspectives of the Euro-Mediterranean cooperation, Jose Bonfim (FCT, PT) (Sala Serpieri)

See ppt in annexes

Wrap-up of the meeting

Florence Jacquet concludes the meeting and thanks every participant for this fruitful kick-off meeting.

She reminds that the next common meeting will be in June, the 11th and 12th, in Montpellier (France).

This meeting will gather several "sub-meetings":

- mid-term meeting of the funded research projects (public presentation of the state of progress of the projects and complementary exchange between SSAB scientists and coordinators)
- meeting of the WP4&5 with coordinators
- meeting for the preparation of the Call (WP2),
- working groups for each WP
- 1st meeting of SSAB
- Governing Board meeting and Executive Committee meeting.

Project management and financial aspects

Marie Ollagnon reminds that the ARIMNet2 partners will have to produce and sign a Consortium Agreement. A draft will be send to all in the next weeks.

She informs the partners that INRA has just received the prefinancing of the European Commission. The coordination will transfer this amount but proposes to organize it in two times: 50% now and 50% in one year upon the receipt of a technical and financial report. The experience of ARIMNet1 shows that some partners had difficulties to claim enough expenses and had to get back a part of this prefinancing.

Some partners express their special needs for this first year (IAV-MA, IRESA-TN and MIPAAF-IT).

It is agreed that the common rule will be 50%/50% and that exceptions can be done with partners who can have special needs. Coordination team will communicate in the very next days in order to determinate the needs.

She enhances the last institutions which have not sent their signed page of the ARIMNet2 Grant agreement to do it as soon as possible.