



I3E Project

4th Extraordinary Steering Committee Meeting Teleconference through Skype March 16th, 2010

Minutes

The I3E 4th Extraordinary Steering Committee took place through Skype on March 16th, 2010 on 11:00 Eastern European Time after the invitation of the Lead Partner, Industrial Systems Institute / Research Centre ATHENA to the members of the Steering Committee.

The members of the Steering Committee are the following:

- Athanasios Kalogeras (ISI)
- Albert Treytl (OEAW)
- Rainer Gotsbacher (ECOPLUS)
- Anna Naydenova (BICT)
- Alexandru Borcea (ARIES)
- Matjaz Colnaric (UOM)
- Vladimir Jovan (JSI)
- Christos Papasimakopoulos (RDF-RWG)
- Domenico Ricchiuti (IEA)
- Valerii Lebid (ONPU)
- Vesna Mandic (UOK)

With the exception of Alexandru Borcea (ARIES) and Domenico Ricchiuti (IEA), all other members of the Steering Committee either participated or have been represented in the 4th Steering Committee meeting. Vladimir Jovan (JSI) was represented by Mr Dejan Gradisar. Mr Christos Papasimakopoulos (RDF-RWG) was represented by Mr Dimitrios Terzis. Mrs Vesna Mandic (UOK) was represented by Mr Sasa Randjelovic.

The 4th Steering Committee meeting was also attended by Mr Tiberiu Letia from the Technical University of Cluj Napoka, without a right to vote.

According to Article 4, point 3.c of the Partnership Agreement, a quorum is established (9 out of 11 participants).

The agenda of the 3rd Steering Committee meeting was presented to the Steering Committee by Project Manager Dr Athanasios Kalogeras and it comprised the following points:

- Ratification of the 3rd Steering Committee Meeting Agenda
- Presentation of the situation relevant to the progress of the project Revision
- Discussion

The Steering Committee accepted the agenda and no further issues were raised by any of the participants.

Dr Athanasios Kalogeras, Project Manager made a survey of the activities followed by the LP in order to proceed with the project revision that has been decided in the 3rd Steering Committee meeting that took place in Athens on December 18th, 2009.

The following activities have been performed

- Finalization of the Bulgarian consortium with the introduction of Foundation for New Bulgarian University (FNBU) as a partner replacing TUS
- Finalization of the budget distribution between the 3 Bulgarian partners as following:
 - o BICT will have a new budget of 211.000 €
 - o FNBU will have a budget of 144.371,34 €
 - o TUS remains with a budget of 1.628,66 €
- Finalization of the Romanian consortium with the introduction of Technical University of Cluj Napoka (TUCN) as a partner complementing ARIES. The envisaged budget distribution between the 2 partners would be 86.000 € for ARIES and 124.000 € for TUCN.
- The Lead Partner has proceeded in collecting the necessary documents (e.g. letters of co-financing) with reference to the above distribution

Yet, in recent communication of the Lead Partner with ARIES and of new partner TUCN with ARIES, there have been indications that ARIES has not managed to secure the necessary financial resources to effectively participate in the project. ARIES declared to the Lead Partner its intention to confine its participation in the project in the 1st 2 Reporting Periods (February 28th, 2010) and its budget claims to the amount of 6.831,92 €. ARIES promised to send a letter to the partnership detailing this situation.

In view of the above facts, the Steering Committee has been asked to vote on the acceptance of ARIES withdrawal from the project and the overall ratification of the budgeting scheme presented above. There has been unanimous approval (9 votes out of 9 participants) of both ARIES withdrawal and of the proposed budget distribution.

The Steering Committee Members

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