



**User Engagement Panel
Introductory Video Conference Session**

Meeting Minutes

Date: 17th October 2016

Time: 10:00am – 12:15pm (CET)

Chair: Jo Foden (OSPAR Deputy Secretary)

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of the University of Malta

Presentations: available from – <http://www.jerico-ri.eu/project-information/user-panel/meetings/>

Members present:

Aldo Drago (WP 8.1 Task Leader) – University of Malta
Adam Gauci (Panel Secretariat) – University of Malta
Audrey Zammit (Panel Secretariat) – University of Malta
Patrick Farcy (Project Leader) – IFREMER
Simon Keeble (WP8 Leader) – Blue Lobster
Michelle Devlin (WP6 Leader) – CEFAS
Ingrid Puillat (WP4 Leader) – IFREMER
Stefania Sparnocchia (WP7 Leader) – CNR ISMAR
Nick O’Neill – SLR Consulting
Sylvie Pichereau – IFREMER
Veronique Creach – CEFAS
Dominique Durand – Covartec
Joaquin Tintore – SOCIB

Antoine Mangin – ACRI-ST
David Mills – Bangor University
Johan Vercruysse – Vlaamse Overheid, MDK, aKust
Michel Andre – Technical University of Catalonia, Barcelona Tech
Olaf Sveggen – Fugro OCEANOR AS
Peter McKenzie-Midlane – Scitus Management Ltd.
Svetlana Rusanovschi - ECOLAGUNA
Rodney Forster - IECS
Laurent Delauney - IFREMER

Excused members:

Bill Turrell – Marine Scotland
Laurent Coppola – LOV (CNRS-UPMC)

Agenda:

- **Handshaking session**
Panel members
- **JERICO-NEXT Project Overview**
Patrick Farcy, Project Leader, IFREMER
- **Scope of the JERICO-NEXT User Engagement Panel**
Aldo Drago, Task 8.1 Leader, University of Malta
- **Research efforts and general activities of the project**
Ingrid Puillat, WP4 Leader, IFREMER
- **Transnational Access**
Stefania Sparnocchia, WP7 Leader, ISMAR
- **Virtual Access Services**
Michelle Devlin, WP6 Leader, CEFAS
- **Discussion**
 - Possible collaborations and meeting points
 - General feedback and expectations from the panel members

Minutes

- 1) The meeting was opened by Aldo Drago, where he welcomed the members of the User Engagement Panel (UEP) to the first meeting. He explained that this activity was one of the tasks of WP8 'Outreach, communication and engagement', which involved the creation of a 2-way channel between the project members and users. He then introduced Jo Foden, Deputy Secretary of OSPAR, to chair the meeting.
- 2) Dr. Foden suggested that all attendees introduce themselves in a round table but this was aborted due to technical problems.
- 3) The coordinator of JERICO-NEXT, Patrick Farcy, delivered a presentation on the JERICO-NEXT project. He described: what had been achieved in the first JERICO project; the overall vision and purpose of JERICO-NEXT, and; the work that has already been undertaken since JERICO-NEXT started in September 2015.
- 4) In the next presentation, Prof. Drago explained the rationale behind the UEP. The Panel is made up of selected members with different expertise and representing different user groups. The intention is for users to provide insight into what is required of the JERICO-NEXT project, thereby influencing the outcomes of the project, while benefitting from the products of the project themselves. The current virtual meeting, which is the first, serves as an ice-breaker. The first physical meeting will be held in Helsinki in March 2017. However, before this date more meetings should be held, both on an individual and collective level.
- 5) Ingrid Puillat described the research activities being covered by JERICO-NEXT. The UEP should discuss and suggest the following questions:
 - a. Which are the more interesting items?
 - b. Which added value items should be promoted?
 - c. Which products and downstream services to provide?

- 6) Stefania Sparnocchia's presentation about trans-national access (TNA) projects was partly aborted because of problems with the audio. However, she did stress that the TNA projects can be articulated and submitted by different user groups.
- 7) Michelle Devlin's presentation was about various aspects of Virtual Access. Nick O'Neill pointed out that visibility of the Virtual Access points could be an issue, and suggested that regulators could promote these after being assured of the Quality Control procedures used.
- 8) During the Virtual Access discussion, Ingrid Puillat warned against confusing access to the data services via EMODnet, SEADATANET. The services of this project are to be visible on the JERICO-NEXT website. This will be an added-value product.
- 9) Simon Keeble then made a very brief introduction to WP8. He made the following points:
 - a. The WP aims to create a user panel made up of members from different user groups – government, academic, industry, etc.
 - b. WP8 has a number of activities targeted at a variety of user groups and stakeholders.
 - c. It also aims to create a web presence of the data available. This is achieved through the data portal (JERICO) and is underpinned by EMODNet.
 - d. It will catalogue and publicise the various Virtual Access platforms.
 - e. It will describe and publicise the Transnational Access calls.
- 10) Dr. Foden then asked the panel members who had not yet had an opportunity to talk to intervene with a short comment.
- 11) David Mills (Bangor University, UK) stated that the UEP needs to be flexible to accede to the needs of various users. He said that it is important to look across the range of societal benefit areas and identify sub-users within each category. In addition, for industrial and end-user uptake of data and information from the portal may result in a decision/action. Any such decision will be important to capture. Michelle Devlin agreed.
- 12) Joaquin Tintore (SOCIB) stated that the Virtual Access needs to be identified and quantified. Also, he suggested that the project looks into examples from other environmental sciences to see how data is handled. Michelle Devlin replied that the Virtual Access task is still evolving and suggestions will be taken on board.
- 13) Olaf Sveggen (Fugro OCEANOR AS) said that he found the introduction interesting, and that he will try to be proactive in the coming months before the meeting in Helsinki. Also, the company he represents is involved in a number of projects, and they will take into account proposals made in this panel when planning their future projects.
- 14) Peter McKenzie-Midlane (Scitus Management Ltd) suggested the need for Project Governance to ensure that the work is completed successfully.
- 15) Svetlana Rusanovschi (ECOLAGUNA) enquired whether the research activities of JERICO-NEXT could be expanded to include aspects such as economic and social areas. She commented on the content of JERICO-NEXT and about its multidimensional approach. It has biological, chemical and physical dimensions and there are a great number of users with different backgrounds. Her suggestion is that we should focus on the user perspective and try to 'see' with the users' eyes. The project can be extended to involve dimensions such as social, cultural and economic. The effort is to integrate measurement systems to create some platforms to enable users to switch between dimensions and see the whole picture. Ingrid Puillat asked for an example.
- 16) Aldo Drago and Jo Foden thanked everyone for their participation. They looked forward to an active and productive face-to-face meeting of the UEP in Helsinki, 14th March 2017.