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## **RADIO<sup>NET</sup>3      WP2 - QUESERA**

### **AGENDA:**

1. Policy and Governance (*Garrett*)
2. Advertising Radio Astronomy capabilities (*van Langevelde*)
3. Outreach for the general public (*van Langevelde, Mantovani*)
4. AoB
5. Date for the next meeting

**DATE**                      **JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> 2012**

**TIME**                      **11 AM- 12:00**

**PLACE**                    **VIDEO-CONFERENCE**

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## MINUTES:

### 1. Subtask 1: Policy and Governance (*Garrett*)

Mike presented a 1<sup>st</sup> draft of Terms of Reference distributed between the teleconference participants. He plans to form a Study Group which main objective will be to formulate a clear vision for the organisation and governance of European Radio Astronomy. The Group will address two sets of key issues:

- A roadmap for Radio Astronomy on European scale
- Governance issues for Radio Astronomy

The Group should be limited to 12 members (including RadioNet3 Coordinator) and it will meet personally (three times) and via teleconferences. The membership of the Group will reflect geographic, competency and gender diversity. RadioNet3 management will provide a secretariat (meeting organisation, minutes, etc.).

The selection process of the Group members should be better defined. The founding agencies will be involved, as the work of the Group will proceed.

The 1<sup>st</sup> deliverable – Terms of references is scheduled for October 2012 and should to be delivered on time. Several iteration of the text between the QueSERA members (Huib, Anton and Franco) and also the RadioNet3 Board is foreseen.

A budget of 27.000€ was scheduled for this subtask (see Table 1). The activity will finance 3 meetings and travel expenses of experts. The remains could be reused by the other QueSERA subtasks.

The work on the 1<sup>st</sup> deliverable does not foresee any meeting, only text iteration via e-mails.

- Mike will propose a selection process for the members of the Group
- Mike will draft a 1<sup>st</sup> version of 'Terms of references' document

### 2. Subtask 2: Advertising Radio Astronomy capabilities (*van Langevelde*)

Huib was pleased that JIVE is in charge of the subtask 2, since it has a high priority of JIVE responsibilities. Three main work aspects have been identified:

- Making sure that RadioNet3 facilities are advertised on meetings usually not attended by radio astronomers,
- Advertising the radio astronomy in the countries without radio astronomy background
- Representing RadioNet3 in European scale research infrastructure meetings (also SKA)

A meeting towards the work in that subtask between local experts is scheduled at JIVE next week (4-8 June).

There is an obvious need to create a register of general astronomy conferences, to target people by going there.

A presence of RN3 at EAS in Rome was discussed. Due to relative short session of ASTRONET it was decided not to attend this meeting. Additionally Huib informed that a originally scheduled discussion on ASTRONET user-questionary on radio astronomical infrastructure seems to be cancelled.

A presence of RN3 at IAU in China was raised but not discussed.

- Huib will draft a plan for subtask 2
- Huib will set-up together with SWG a list of general astronomy meetings, to be attended by RN3.
- Huib and Anton will generate a top the top-level document to identified outreach for RN3 and define the interphases with other activities

### 3. Subtask 3: Outreach for general public (*van Langevelde & Mantovani*)

This task concentrates on outreach for general public, mainly collaboration between the outreach centres at RN3 telescope sites. Franco pointed out that a meeting of outreach officers took place in November 2011 in Bologna where plans for the future were drafted, such as:

- Creation of computer applications for radio observations
- Organisation of simple observation using small telescopes
- Offering a possibility of some of the activities to be run online (for schools)
- Offering courses for teachers
- Offering a website connecting RadioNet3 telescopes by webcam.

The employment status of Stefania Varano (INAF) was discussed, as she supposed to lead this subtask according to the DoW. Currently she is not working at INAF, but she has applied for a permanent position at INAF. However the decision of the selection committee is expected first late summer. Franco has noted that this decision does not affect the work of INAF in this activity.

Huib mentioned that the momentum from the last meeting (Nov 2011) should be kept and he asked Franco to assure that the people involved are informed about the subtask status.

→ Franco will inform the group of outreach officers in RadioNet3 about the subtask status.

The travel budget for meetings of Visitor centres group could be too small; however the under-spending from subtask 1 could raise it.

Izabela pointed out that the budget for outreach material for astronomers is allocated at MPG and there is work going on its production. Huib wants to be included in the work of this group.

#### 4. AOB

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

ITEM	SUBJECT	PERSON
A1.	Propose a selection process for the members of the Group	M. Garrett
A2.	Draft a 1 <sup>st</sup> version of 'Terms of references' document	M. Garrett
A3.	Draft a plan for subtask 2	H. van Langevelde
A4.	Set-up together with SWG a list of general astronomy meetings, to be attended by RN3	H. van Langevelde
A5.	Generate a top the top-level document to identified outreach for RN3 and define the interphases with other activities	H. van Langevelde, A. Zensus
A6.	Inform the group of outreach officers in RadioNet3 about the subtask status	F. Mantovani
A7.	Include Huib in the work of the outreach group	I. Rottmann

### **QUESERA BUDGET:**

	TASK	LOCATION	CATEGORY	COST	OH	TOTAL
<b>PS SALARY</b>		MPG	PERSONNEL	43.750,0	3063,5	46.612,5
<b>POLICY MEETINGS</b>	TASK1	JIVE	TRAVEL	27.000,0	1.890,0	28.890,0
<b>INTERACTION WITH NEW USER</b>	TASK2	JIVE	TRAVEL	9.000,0	630,0	9.630,0
<b>RN3 OUTREACH MATERIAL</b>	TASK3	MPG	MATERIAL	20.000,0	1.400,0	21.400,0
<b>VC MEETINGS</b>	TASK3	JIVE	TRAVEL	14.000,0	980,0	14.980,0
<b>MATERIAL FOR GENERAL PUBLIC</b>	TASK3	JIVE	MATERIAL	20.000,0	1400,0	21.400,0
<b>TOTAL</b>						<b>143.112,5</b>