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WP3 core group meeting

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Minutes

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Agenda

- 1.- Welcome and presentations
- 2.- Overview on the Deliverables
- 3.- Work done on Deliverables for year 1 and 2
- 4.- Needs and help to fulfil commitments
- 5.- Next phase work to do
- 6.- New initiatives
- 7.- Any other business

1.- Welcome and presentations

The work package leader welcomes the participants and a round table of presentations and self introduction is done.

2.- Overview on the Deliverables

The attendants review the deliverables that are due during the next year (quoted next) and the time table related to the fulfilment of tasks.

DL	Title	Month
3.5	Course information package	27
3.6	Expand mobility capacity	27
3.8	Local contact points information package	30

3.9	Local Regional Support	30
3.10	Grants management: collating information	30

It is mentioned that all the deliverables can be obtained without major problems providing that the AquaTnet members will collaborate in giving the necessary informations. The only exception is 3.8 in which local information packages may not be possible to be obtained in several cases, for instance companies that do not have such information.

3.- Work done on Deliverables for year 1 and 2

The Deliverables 3.1 to 3.4 have been already done and the attendants focused in DLs 3.5 to 3.10 which are due in the next months.

The wp leader makes an introduction to the deliverables 3.5, 3.6, 3.8, 3.9 and 3.10 which are the ones that core members should have been working on during the past months.

Course information package

Necessary information related to courses, a list of procedures for paperwork preparation, and the requirements that a mover will need in terms of registration, evaluation and accreditation will be produced.

Expand mobility capacity: Building upon the existing Aqua-tnet Mobility Platform, in cooperation with industry and research stakeholders new placements, points of common interest or facilitating mobility will be identified to increase the number of contacts and placements.

Local contact points information package: This is an information package that will be common in its format but different from one place to another, as every place is different. It is intended to build an administrative network, i.e., a number of contact points from every partner in the project, and if possible others interested in the Aquatic Sector in order to provide local reference points for movers. The intention is also that these administrative points should be able to stay, maintain and update the information during the project and after it.

Local Regional Support: From past experience it has been demonstrated that local networks (regional or national) may be very useful and convenient in order to facilitate information, help in solving administrative problems, organize mobility groups, organize educational initiatives in a particular language or educational system and other issues. Therefore, it is intended that the Aquatic sector could be coordinated at the regional level and support all the WPs of the project and mobility in particular.

Grants management: collating information: Availability of grants widens opportunities for all partners involved and is often the missing incentive for people taking up mobility options. The Aqua-tnet Mobility Platform will provide clear and up-to-date information on the different possibilities for people working in the Aqua-tnet sector to receive or apply for grants, at different levels and for different purposes (study, practical internships, Erasmus etc).

The core group reviewed the work done on these wps and the results of that will be collated and reviewed again in the next meeting (group meeting into the General Meeting). It is mentioned that additional collaboration will be necessary in order to fulfil the gaps existing as a result of the lack of representatives from each country.

4.- Needs and help to fulfil commitments

The core members recall the difficulties of doing the job with the only active members of the wp3. Therefore it will be necessary to recruit members of other countries to obtain more easily the information required for DLs 3.5 to 3.10

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There will be also a call for AquaTnet to fill the information of the courses included in the Portal and the map, otherwise this tool becomes non-useful.

It may be necessary to allocate some funds to complete the information to be uploaded in the Portal and also to make a closed control on the people that has to provide such information.

It can be necessary to review the organization of the Portal in terms of what information from the different wps should be uploaded.

5.- Next phase work to do

The attendants focused the work on the Deliverables 3.5 to 3.10 and wait for the rest of deliverables for the last years. Also because the work load is allocated to these deliverables. In particular, the next job includes:

- Collect the data on research centres and industries from the core members that have not done that yet and others that we can get from contacted people.
- Identify other persons from the countries not "under control" and ask for the information
- Prepare the first version of "Course Information Package"
- Contact Stirling in order to fit the collected information in the Portal (technical job)
- Prepare the new suggestions raised in the meeting: Tool for capture placements in industries.
- Contact the AquaTnet members several times in order to push them to introduce the information in the Portal

6.- New initiatives

As Sören Pedersen from ICES attended the meeting he explained the project COFASP trying to include expertises available in EU in the area of aquatic sciences, fisheries and aquaculture. In this way, AquaTnet mobility data could provide tools and data that can be used for other projects such as COFASP. The core group agreed in facilitating these collaborations.

Chris Blake suggests to use the database EU-Masters to merge information with AquaTnet mobility Portal in order to facilitate searching for thematic courses, a tool that is not available in the AquaTnet Portal.

7.- Any other business

The core members ask themselves and the whole AquaTnet about the future of the Portal and their content/informations if AquaTnet stops after the project.

Concetta Messina offered Trapani for the next venue of the WP3 core groups members. This could be during the second part of October or beginning of November.