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All facilities receiving support through the TNA programme are tracking eligible projects and users.

A brief telecom was held ahead of the Executive Committee meeting to review the hours observed, numbers of projects and users, and travel requests for the period Jan 2012 to 31 Aug 2012.

EVN, WSRT and APEX have already delivered (or exceeded) the minimum amount of observing time specified in the description of work for the first reporting period (1 Jan 2012 – 31 Dec 2012). E-MERLIN, Effelsberg, LOFAR, Pico Veleta are on track to deliver the requirements within the first reporting period (1 Jan 2012 to 31 Dec 2012). JCMT looks to be falling short of the requirement for the first reporting period. Data for Plateau du Bure are still being finalised but are expected to be on track.

Since STFC have given notice to withdraw funding from JCMT in 2014, the status of JCMT for TNA funding for the latter part of RadioNet 3 will need to be considered.

All facilities are aware of the revised travel budgets and there have not been any requests to extend these or use the TNA or project contingency. EVN partners have come to an understanding about supporting travel to the Programme Committee, and the proposed allocation seems to just fit.

The completion of project questionnaires is low and TNA leaders will be reminded to encourage users to complete these.

Facilities received packs of outreach material including pens and facility-specific bookmarks.

The table of expected and observed hours/projects/users is below:

	Period 1 : Jan – Dec 2012					
	Hours		Projects		Users	
	Budget	To Aug12	Budget	To Aug12	Budget	To Aug12
EVN	228	434	49	46	99	127
JCMT	147	4	6	2	25	2
e-MERLIN	236	177	15	6	45	44
Effelsberg	339	129	7	3	11	50
LOFAR	160	120	6	3	26	73
WSRT	160	620	4		18	
Plateau du Bure	43		18		70	
Pico Veleta	142	118	37	4	112	35
APEX	103	109	5	9	21	59
Sardinia RT	30	0	1	0	1	0