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TNA TELECONFERENCE

DATE	September 10, 2013	TIME	10:00-10:55 (CEST)
PLACE	Teleconference		
PARTICIPANTS	TNA leader: S. Garrington (Chair) – e-MERLIN (UMAN) N. Billot – PV (IRAM) B. Campbell – EVN (JIVE) K.-H. Mack – SRT (INAF) R. Neri – PdBI (IRAM) A. Polatidis – LOFAR + WSRT (ASTRON) M. Thomasson – APEX (OSO) Absent TNA leader: A. Kraus – Effelsberg (MPIfR) Management: I. Rottmann (Project Manager) J. Casado Iglesias (Project Assistant / minutes) A. van den Poll (TNA travel budget)		
VERSION	Final (vers. 11.09.2013)		

AGENDA:

1. TNA stations status
2. TNA travel budget
3. Deliverable submission
4. Status of 1st reporting
5. AOB

ACTION ITEMS:

NUMBER/DATE	SUBJECT	WHO	DATE
A1/2013-09-10	Travel budget: Provide arguments for IR to negotiate with EC a change of the rules for the travel support. (Why is it necessary to support travel for reduction of the interferometric data?)	SG	24.09.2013
A2/2013-09-10	TNA face2face meeting: Prepare a meeting in Brussels and invite also E. Righi-Steele.	IR/JCI	24.09.2013

I. Rottmann and S. Garrington welcomed the participants and opened the meeting.

1. TNA stations status

The hours for PdBI and e-MERLIN will be provided to S. Garrington the next days. The other numbers were provided.

All TNA leaders reported that everything is on track and they expect to meet their obligations.

2. TNA travel budget

A. van den Poll reported that she put the updated travel budget table on the wiki. Only EVN and IRAM began spending money.

IRAM PdBI stopped supporting the TNA users because they do not travel for observation. The EC rules stipulate, that we only support observation hours with travel support or the travel of the members of the Proposal Committees. These members can be supported regardless of nationality. Only EVN is allowed to support travel costs caused for correlation (defined in DoW).

The TNA leaders expressed their concerns that if those two are the only possibilities of spending the travel budget, it will be nearly impossible to spend the TNA travel budget. Furthermore, they argued that in cases of interferometer it is nearly impossible to travel for observation and since the data reduction is crucial, a travel for that purpose should be also supported by the TNA programme.

I. Rottmann encouraged the TNA leaders to support more than one user of each project group and to support more Proposal Committee members. Furthermore, I. Rottmann explained that the remaining money could be allocated for something else. All members agreed that this would be at odds with the spirit of the project.

⇒ **See Action Item A1/2013-09-10:** S. Garrington will send to I. Rottmann a list of arguments for the support of correlation/reduction of interferometric data, which she can use for the negotiations with E. Righi-Steele.

3. Deliverable submission

I. Rottmann encouraged the TNA leaders not to wait with the submission of the next deliverable. She recommended submitting it in the moment the needed access hours are collected.

4. Status of 1st reporting

- **TNA projects (deliverable vs database vs Form C):** For the next Reporting Period, I. Rottmann asked the TNA leaders to pay attention regarding the consistency of the data given in deliverable / database / form C.

- **TNA travel (database vs form C vs JIVE Form C):** For the next Reporting Period, I. Rottmann asked the TNA leaders to pay attention regarding the consistency of the data given in database / form C / JIVE Form C.
The question about the number of hours that can be claimed at each single reporting period and the amount that can be claimed in total brought about a discussion that led to the decision to have a TNA face-2-face meeting in Brussels; on this and other issues. E. Righi-Steele should be invited to participate in some agenda items.

⇒ **See Action Item A2/2013-09-10:** I. Rottmann/J. Casado Iglesias organise this TNA face-2-face meeting.
- **Reporting of publications in database:** I. Rottmann will ask E. Righi-Steele how future publications from projects defined in the database the 1st reporting period can be mentioned in the 2nd Reporting Period.
- **Reporting of users in database:** The TNA leaders suggested not asking E. Righi-Steele if all users of each project should be named in the database. I. Rottmann will check the guidelines for the database.
- **Claiming more than the contracted amount of hours:** As LOFAR is claiming almost all contracted hours and WSRT already more than contracted, we will soon know what happens if a TNA claims more.
- **Collecting suggestions for improvement:** I. Rottmann asked all TNA leaders for suggestions how to improve the process of the periodic reporting for the next year. Any suggestion, including criticisms, is welcome.
- **2nd Reporting Period:** I. Rottmann will provide the TNA leaders with the database for the 2 Reporting Period. The TNA leaders can start already now with filling in the data.

5. AOB

- **MTR:** I Rottmann encouraged all TNA leaders to provide S. Garrington with all scientific output they have from July 2013 to October 2013. He will need it for the TNA report of the Mid Term Review on November 18, 2013.