

Project Management Meeting (8)

Date: 14/06/2022

Place: Ljubljana (Slovenia) and online.

Agenda

- Financial statements / Mid-term report
- Equipment and labs (Tasks 3.1 & 3.2)
- Preparing workshops on research and innovation (Task 1.2)
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- Curricula development (Task 3.5)
 - Programmes
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 - Industrial PhD thesis in new programmes (Task 2.3)
- Technical Trainings 3 & 4 (Cultural Heritage / Natural Hazards)

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Financial statements / Mid-term report

The coordinator reminds that in October we have to submit the intermediate report. So far only two partners (KSUCTA and ANAU) have sent the financial statements excel file. The rest of the partners should send it before the end of June, as well as the invoices and documents that support the expenses.

Equipment and labs (Tasks 3.1 & 3.2)

NUACA and YSU partners confirm that their equipment tender process is finished. Most of the equipment from ANAU is purchased, now they are in the tendering process for the last items. The 3 universities of Kyrgyzstan have problems acquiring the second drone. Two alternatives are proposed: a) buy the drones from individuals; or b) buy other alternative items. OshTU also has some geodetic software left. All universities are creating new labs, with the room already allocated, except for NUACA, that is updating an existing one.

Preparing workshops on research and innovation (Task 1.2)

Both countries should define better the conclusions in the report of social needs before end of June.

Two workshops on research and innovation must be hold, one in Yerevan and other in Bishkek. All agree in what they can be celebrated together with the next training and activities in Yerevan, during one of the two first weeks of October. The local partners should select the persons/guests from industry, other universities, and ministries to participate in the workshops on research and innovation, with a deadline of one month (20 of July).

Technical Training – Land (2nd part)

It is proposed to be held in Yerevan after the summer. ANAU has suggested one of the first two weeks of October. Travel arrangements must be done before summer, in particular for Kyrgyz partners.

Development of Quality plan / External evaluation (Tasks 4.1 & 4.3)

Carlos Machado (VUB) is preparing the second Quality report, evaluating the activities carried out since the first report (Biskek, Ljubiana and online). He also comments that he has created a dashboard with the summary of the activities and their progress. It is suggested to share it with the partners, uploading it to the MS Teams platform.

The external evaluation will be done in Jan-Feb, 2023, inviting 3 external experts to attend during 1 week to meetings with the partners. We should start proposing the evaluators. VUB will prepare the criteria to select the candidates.

Curricula development (Task 3.5)

Armenian partners will prepare a letter to the Ministry of Education, which will be signed by the coordinator, proposing to create a joint PhD pilot programme in the framework of the project, that lately could be updated to fulfil all the requirements of the new national regulations. Mr. Sasunik Malukyan (MESCS) agrees and will help with the preparation of a meeting in the Ministry.

In Kyrgyzstan, KSUCTA and KSMU have their PhD programmes approved and they will start at the end of 2022. OshTU has not yet completed the planning, but they will develop a PhD programme focused on Geoinformatics.

All partners should start preparing a local criteria to include Industrial doctorates in their programmes and countries. This type of doctorate will be explained by the coordinator during the workshop.

Technical Trainings 3 & 4 (Cultural Heritage / Natural Hazards)

These trainings will take place in two consecutive weeks at the end of November / beginning of December. The first week will take place in Valencia (Cultural Heritage) and the second week in Belgium (Natural Hazards). The coordinator and VUB will propose the dates according to their local schedules as soon as possible, so that visas can be processed on time.