

Thirteenth Management Board of the NERIS Platform

5 May 2014 – Conference Call

Minutes of the meeting

1. Minutes of the twelfth Management Board meeting – Review of the List of Actions (Thierry)

See updated list of actions in annex.

2. Preparation of the second OPERRA Call

2.1. NERIS proposal to the enlarge MELODI scientific committee

The results of the vote of the Management Board is the following:

- Lyn Hubard: 10 votes
- Brian Wynne: 6 votes
- Nadja Zeleznick: 4 votes
- Ken Buessler: 0 vote

Thierry Schneider will inform the MELODI association of the NERIS proposals (1. Lyn Hubard, 2. Brian Wynne, 3. Nadja Zeleznick).

2.2. Discussion on the synergetic topics

Thierry Schneider informs the Management Board of the on-going process for selecting the synergetic topics. A first meeting has been organised in Madrid on April 28 with EURADOS, ALLIANCE and MELODI to establish a preliminary list. This list has to be further elaborated and a consolidated list is expected for May 20. It is proposed to analyse this list during the NERIS R&D committee meeting, planned on May 19 in Brussels. Bilateral discussions with EURADOS, ALLIANCE and MELODI will have to be organised in this perspective. The final list will serve as proposal for the experts in charge of preparing the second OPERRA call in Autumn 2014.

3. Preparation of the European Joint Programming (EJP) for Radiation Protection R&D in Europe (H2020 call)

3.1. Information on the general structure

At the initiative of MELODI, a proposal for the structuration of the EJP has been elaborated (see documents already sent). The key feature of this EJP is to set up a consortium and identify a scientific programme on radiation protection research in the perspective of managing and organising the calls for proposals in the five following years.

3.2. Role of NERIS and discussion on the possible evolution of the NERIS Statute

The proposed consortium will be composed of a series of national owners and managers together with the platforms signatories of the MOU. In this perspective, MELODI could play a role of coordination and it is proposed that NERIS be involved as such in the consortium in order to participate to the orientation of the research programme. Currently, the exact format of participation is not yet finalised, but it appears necessary to slightly modify the NERIS



statutes to allow the participation in EC funded project. The NERIS management has decided to propose an evolution of the statutes during the next General Assembly in June as follows:

Proposed NERIS Article 2.

ARTICLE 2: Aim

The NERIS Platform aims at working on issues related to preparedness for nuclear and radiological emergency response and recovery, with the following objectives:

- Improving the effectiveness of current European, national and local approaches, relying upon both European and international experiences.
- Promoting more coherent approaches through the establishment of networking activities.
- Maintaining and improving know-how and technical expertise among all interested stakeholders by developing a supranational training programme.
- Identifying needs for further developments, addressing new and emerging challenges, and implementing research

3.3. Preparation of the scientific topics, infrastructure needs and education and training issues

Different working groups have been set up for preparing the EJP. The management board has endorsed the following responsibility:

- WG on EJP structure: Thierry Schneider
- WG on Scientific programme: Wolfgang Raskob
- WG on Infrastructure: Deborah Oughton
- WG on Education and Training: Thierry Schneider

Regular information will be sent to the NERIS MB members to report on the evolution of the WGs.

4. Fifth NERIS General Assembly

4.1. Organisation of the Agenda: focus on the EJP and OPERRA

Thierry Schneider will propose the time allocation for each topic in order to dedicate a large part of the meeting to the EJP and OPERRA.

In addition, information on the evolution of the fees and the statutes will be sent to the NERIS supporting organisations prior to the General Assembly.

4.2. Proposal from WHO for cooperation

Thierry Schneider received a proposal from WHO to participate to the NERIS General Assembly in order to discuss possible cooperation. The management board proposes to set up a short meeting with WHO during the week of the IRPA congress in order to further discuss the possible cooperation, instead of opening the discussion directly during the GA. In addition, Florian Gering and Christophe Murith will engage informal discussions with WHO during the RENPAM meeting in May.



5. Proposal for the organisation of a NERIS Workshop in 2015

The Management Board has decided to organise a NERIS workshop in 2015. Although the organisation of a common workshop with ALLIANCE, EURADOS and MELODI is premature, it will be proposed to have participation from the different platforms in the NERIS Workshop.

Marie Claire Cantone, from Milan University, is proposing to host the workshop. Thierry Schneider will contact her to formalise the proposal to be endorsed in Geneva during the General Assembly. In addition, the NERIS R&D Committee will also make proposals for the scientific programme and organisation.

6. Any other business

6.1. MELODI Workshop financial support

The organisation committee of the MELODI workshop to be held in October 2015 in Barcelona has requested a financial support of 1 k€ from NERIS. The Management Board agrees for this support.

6.2. OPERRA Workshop on Emergency

Florian Gering informs the NERIS MB on the preparation of the Expert Workshop on Emergency to be held in the framework of the OPERRA project. It is proposed to organise the workshop closed to the WPNEM meeting in Paris on October 13. The following participation is envisaged:

- Participants from NERIS (Thierry, Frank, Wolfgang)
- 2-3 participants from OPERRA (e.g. Jochen Tschiersch/HMGU, Elisabeth Cardis, ...)
- Ted Lazo from OECD
- Elena Buglova from IAEA
- Somebody from ICRP committee 4
- Somebody from HERCA (e.g. Patrick Majerus)
- Somebody from the US (e.g. Vince McClelland)
- Somebody from Japan

Florian Gering will contact Ted Lazo to confirm the schedule and will inform the NERIS MB.

6.3. SRA consultation: NERIS supporting organisations, NERIS platforms, HERCA, NTW, others

The SRA consultation is now launched for the NERIS supporting organisations and NERIS platform members. For HERCA, Florian Gering has already contacted the Emergency WG and will keep informed the management board of the results. NTW has requested a presentation of the SRA. It is proposed to ask Gilles Hériard Dubreuil to make the presentation during the NTW meeting.



List of actions – from NERIS MB 13th

Strategic Research Agenda

- ⇒ Summarize the results of the consultation the NERIS supporting organisations on SRA (**Secretariat**)

Preparation of the Second OPERRA Call

- ⇒ Send the CVs of the proposed candidates for the enlarged MELODI Scientific Committee (**T. Schneider**)
- ⇒ Comment the list of synergetic topics (**NERIS R&D committee**)

Organisation of the European Joint Programming (EJP) for Radiation Protection R&D in Europe

- ⇒ Keep inform the NERIS supporting organisations of the results of the preparatory meetings (**W. Raskob, T. Schneider, D. Oughton** *(for the infrastructure WG)*)

Participation to the OPERRA Workshop on emergency

- ⇒ Inform the Management Board on the agenda, date and location of the Workshop when available (**F. Gering**)

Cooperation with European and international organizations

- ⇒ Contact HERCA for discussing the possible cooperation – Invitation to the Fifth NERIS General Assembly (**C. Murith, F. Gering, Management Board**)
- ⇒ Prepare some proposals for the ICRP Committee 4 before end of June (**E. Gallego, Management Board**)

Fifth General Assembly in Geneva

- ⇒ Prepare the presentations for the Assembly (**Secretariat**)
- ⇒ Send proposals to the NERIS supporting organisations for the evolutions of the fees and modifications of the statutes (**T. Schneider**)

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- ⇒ Prepare a proposal of articles to be sent to the Management Board (**Secretariat**)

Organisation of the NERIS Workshop

- ⇒ Contact M.C. Cantone for preparing of the proposal for the NERIS workshop to be held in Milan in 2015 (**T. Schneider**)

NERIS Website

- ⇒ Introduce a map showing members and supporting organizations (**Secretariat**)