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1 Minutes of the 2nd General Assembly of the DisCo Project

Time: 11: 40, 29 May 2019

Place: Marriott hotel, Cologne, Germany

Attended by representatives of members of the General Assembly (Beneficiaries of the DisCo project): Lena Z Evins & Petra Christensen (SKB), Olga Riba (replacing Lara Duro) & Alba Valls (A21), Claire Corkhill (USFD), Emmi Myllykylä (VTT), Volker Metz (KIT-INE), Joaquin Cobos (Ciemat), Dirk Bosbach (Jülich), Olivia Roth (Studsvik), Luis Iglesias (CTM), Karel Lemmens (SCK CEN), Christophe Jégou (CEA), David Hambley (NNL), Enzo Curti (PSI), Laurent de Windt (Armines), Detlef Wegen (JRC).

Excused: Ian Farnan (UCAM)

The meeting was chaired by the Coordinator, Lena Z Evins.

Lena opened up the meeting by welcoming everyone and presenting the agenda (see Appendix).

1.1 Information from the Coordinator team

The Periodic report has been accepted by the Commission without rejections. During the review process, a few clarifications were requested by the EC. The EC will make a payment of 1 337 715.99 EUR to the SKB that will be redistributed to the participants without delay.

We are now in the 2nd reporting period. This second reporting period (technical and financial reports) will end on May 31st 2020, which means that the reporting will be done in June/July 2020. SKB strictly advise all to finalise their reporting and send to the Coordinator on the Participant Portal by the first week of July 2020.

Some thoughts from the experience of the first reporting was conveyed. Two important lessons were learned:

- 1) All partners need to make sure the Coordinator has the right contact, i.e., the person who actually fills in the information of the participant portal, at their organisation.
- 2) It is not enough to just fill in the information; there is also a need to click the button which submits the information to the Coordinator. Otherwise the information cannot be included in the full report (which is finally submitted by the Coordinator to the EC).

1.2 Deliverables

Two deliverables, approved by the EC when the 1st periodic report was approved, will be updated. One is the deliverable D2.1, which will be updated when all materials have been synthesized and characterised. The second is Deliverable “D1.27 Plan for peer-reviewed publications in scientific journals” which will be updated continuously and added to the Portal as versions 1.0, 2.0 and so on, to include new planned and published articles. Once there are plans for new publications the Coordinator team should be informed in order to have it registered in the list. Publications should be made available for all to comment on prior to publication, for example via the internal project webpage (intranet).

Deliverable 1.27 (a deliverable requirement from the Commission) “Plan for peer-reviewed publications in scientific journals” will be updated soon. Note that there are, in the plan, a number of synthesis papers at the end of the project, when project data is collected and analysed. These papers intend to collect results from partners within one work package, as well as between work packages, to present the work as a true collaborative effort. It was noted that it would be good to have individual papers published before publishing the joint paper as these can then be cited in the joint paper. Finally, there will also be one general paper presenting overall project result and outlook.

FISA 2019 and EURADWASTE '19 International Conferences will take place in Pitesti Romania, from 4th – 9th of June. The DISCO project will be represented by two posters and one oral presentation. The publication coming out of the conference will be an open access publication to bring up at the next reporting period.

The project partners were reminded about the 43rd MRS Symposium on Scientific basis for Nuclear Waste management, which will take place in Vienna in October. Normally, short peer-reviewed proceeding papers are prepared by the attendants. Lena encouraged project partners to participate since this may be a good opportunity to publish the results from the on-going project research.

1.3 Dissemination activities and plan for meetings

As previously mentioned, FISA 2019 and the EURADWASTE – IGD-TP International Conferences will take place in Pitesti Romania, from 4th – 9th of June. The DISCO project will be represented by two posters and one oral presentation. The publication coming out of the conference will be an open access publication to bring up at the next reporting period.

Juelich announced that two publications are ongoing as a result from the Juelich –SCK CEN collaboration on sample synthesis. First expected is a publication concerning non-alpha-doped samples for which Juelich takes the lead.

At the JRC two individual training visits will take place in the autumn of 2019. The next period for JRC training application will be opened in August 2019.

The next DISCO Project meeting will be in Karlsruhe in the end of April (or early May) 2020, this is in order not to collide with the expected annual meetings of newly started EURAD projects. There will be a group training event at the JRC for 2,5 days prior to the meeting and then 2.5 days for the annual meeting. The JRC training will include one day of lectures and one day with a guided visit in the facilities (the active area). There will be maximum 10 participants and the LAPs members in the AG have priority. However, to fill all 10 places, partners are encouraged to find interested persons to register. The JRC will adjust according to the participants so the training gets to the right level. It will be announced on the webpage and mail.

The final meeting will be in Barcelona in March, 2021. This will allow some project time for writing up the final reports, etc.

The next General Assembly meeting will be in conjunction with the 3rd Annual Meeting in Karlsruhe in the end of April or early May , 2020.

1.4 General Clarifications

The meeting expressed a wish that when work performed and presented is outside the scope financed by the European Commission, this should be clearly stated.

Lena ends the meeting by saying that generally we are on good track, however we should keep in mind that it is a collaborative project and we have to keep up the collaborative spirit by working together - and hopefully publishing together. There is a risk when partners are doing similar experiments, as we do in our project, that plans to publish separately can appear as competition. This is of course not the purpose of the collaborative project and the success of our project should be conveyed through common publications, when at all possible.

Appendix 1

Agenda of the DisCo Project – 2nd General Assembly

Time: 12:00 -12:30 , 29 May 2019

Place: Cologne Marriott Hotel, Cologne(Germany)

Expected Participants: Representatives from all members of the General Assembly
(Beneficiaries of the DisCo project)

Preliminary Agenda

*Agenda for this meeting

*Information from the Coordinator team:

Status of Agreements with members of EUG & Associated Group

Status of 1st Periodic report

Deliverables & Milestones: submitted & upcoming, including expected publications

*Issues for discussion

Plan for Annual meetings

Plan for Training events

*Decisions (if the need is identified during discussions)

*Other business

*Next meeting