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21 June 2023

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Agenda

1) **Introduction and approval of agenda (Coordinator)**
2) **Report on t first year's activity and objectives for year 2**
   a. WP1 : Management and coordination (WP1 leader)
   b. WP2 : Prioritisation of topics (WP2 leader)
   c. WP3 : Stakeholder involvement (WP3 leader)
   d. WP4 : Education and training (WP4 leader)
   e. WP5 : Infrastructures (WP5 leader)
   f. WP6 : Communication and impact (WP6 leader)
   g. WP7 : Organisation of Calls (WP7 leader
3) **Upcoming events (coordinator)**
   a. ERPW 2023 (9-13 October 2023)
   b. PIANOFORTE Event (5-6 December 2023)
4) **Questions and answers (all)**
5) **AoB (all)**

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2 - Report on t first year’s activity and objectives for year 2

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WP 1 : first year achievment

- Organisation of the kick-off meeting
- Payment of the advance to beneficiaries
- Relations with beneficiaries on various administrative aspects
- Drafting of consortium agreement (final version to be sent by the end of June)
- Relation with the Commission services
- Review of deliverables
- Communication activities

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WP 1 : first year achievment

- Relation with the Commission services
- Review of deliverables
- Communication activities
- Organisation of ExB meetings
- Contribution to the Call document (financial part)

Deliverables:

- First periodic report (D1.1)
- Annual work plan – year 2 (D1.2)

WP 1 : second year objectives

- the same as the first year

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- First financial (report 18 month report)
- Management of the new beneficiaries…(first Call)

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Work package 2:
Priority setting for R&I calls

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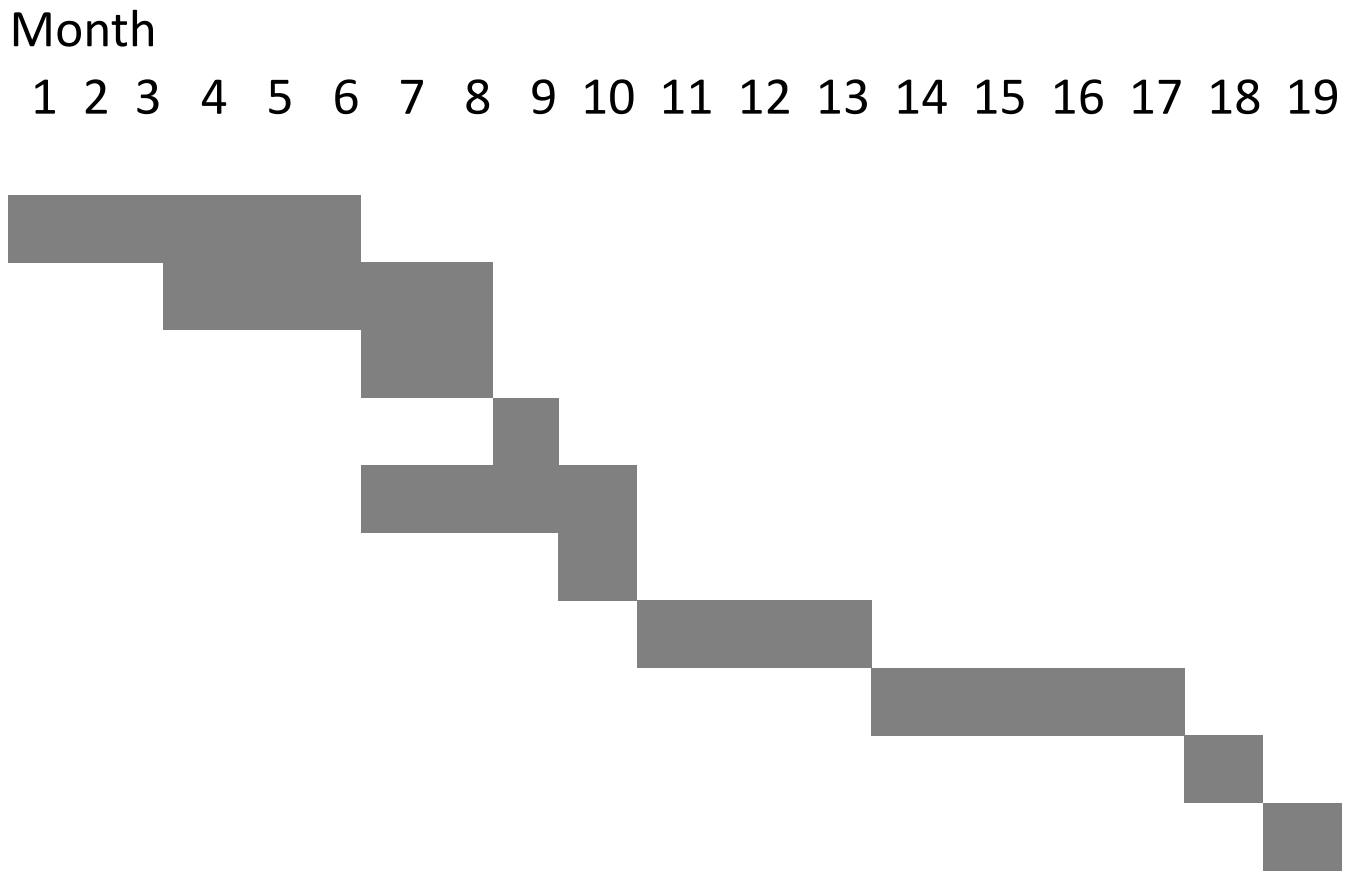
Workpackage 2: Different tasks

- Task 2.1: Set up the research priorities for 3 open calls
  - Lead NNK (Katalin Lumniczky), Partners: CIEMAT, SSM, SCKCEN, NCSRD, all POMs, all Platforms
- Task 2.2: Update of the Joint Roadmap
  - Lead: SCK CEN (Nathalie Impens), Participants: JSI, ENEA, EK, all Platforms
- Task 2.3: Scientific follow up and integration of the research projects
  - Lead STUK (Teemu Siskonen); Participants: SCK CEN, CEA, INSERM, NCRPP, ISS, U. Exeter
- Task 2.4: Integration of Artificial Intelligence in Radiation Protection
  - Lead NCSRD (Spyros Andronopoulos), Partners: NCSRD, IRSN, OVGU, UExet

Call 1 timeline: on schedule…



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Task 2.1: Priority setting Call 2

- MS2.1.1 Finalisation of the first prioritisation procedure for the first open call to be launched (M6)
- D2.1.1 Research priorities for the first open call (M10)

- *MS2.1.2 Finalisation of the second prioritisation procedure for the second open call to be launched (M19)*
- D2.1.2 Research priorities for the second open call (M23)

- MS2.1.3 Finalisation of the third prioritisation procedure for the third open call to be launched (M31)
- D2.1.3 Research priorities for the third open call (M35)

- D2.1.4 Main conclusions and lessons learned from the whole prioritization process (M54)

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Task 2.1: Priority setting Call 2: steps to follow

- Approved by PIANOFORTE Executive Board
- 1st step: reformulate the topics not selected for 1st call, based on the comments received (from POMs, SAB and stakeholders).
- 2nd step/3rd step:
  - ask for new topics to POMs and SAB, for possible merging of topics, and for possible reformulation of topics.
  - ask for suggestions on criteria that could be applied to prioritise the topics.

  - 8 answers: 1 topic revised, 6 (5) new topics proposed

Task 2.1: Priority setting Call 2: steps to follow

- 4th step: Result from Steps 1 and 3 sent to the platforms.
  - to propose new topics (max of 2)
  - to suggest merging of topics or to possibly reformulate topics
  - to adopt new topics suggested by POMs and /or SAB
  - to send criteria to be applied for prioritization of the topics.
- 5th step: PIANOFORTE will select criteria for evaluating topics based on the suggestions from POM, SAB and platforms. The selected criteria will be used by PIANOFORTE to evaluate the topics.
- 6th step: PIANOFORTE will shorten the list of the topics proposed by platforms, POMs and SAB to 6-8 topics based on the criteria suggestions and the feedback from the ranking exercise for call one.
- 7th step: PIANOFORTE will present and discuss the shortlist with the platforms and SAB

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Task 2.1: Priority setting Call 2: steps to follow

- 8th step: the platforms, POMs and SAB will be asked to rank the topics in the short list. The evaluation of these topics performed in Step 5 can be used as background information. The ranking will be asked in numerical order (1, 2, 3,… from highest to lowest priority)
- 9th step: Consultation with stakeholders (TOM) can be done in parallel with step 8, to provide extra input for the final selection of topics.
- 10th step: PIANOFORTE will choose a few topics (2-3) from the shortlist, based on the ranking from the platforms, POMs and SAB, including the feedback from the TOM.
- 11th step: approval by ExB and GA

Task 2.1: Priority setting Call 2: steps to follow

- **Timeline:**
- Ask approval from ExB on this procedure: end of February
- Step 1 and 2: 15 April 2023
- Step 3: send out by 20 April 2023, answers by 20 May 2023
- Step 4: send out end of May, answers by end of July 2023
- Step 5 and 6: August 2023
- Step 7: September 2023
- Step 8: send out end of September, answers by end of October 2023
- Step 9: October 2023
- Step 10: November 2023
- Step 11: December 2023

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WP2.2 : update of Joint Roadmap

- Task 2.2: Lead: SCK CEN (Nathalie Impens), Participants: JSI, ENEA, EK, all Platforms
- By end of PIANOFORTE: update JRM taking into account scientific progress and evolution of societal needs
  - Analysis of stakeholder feedback on the 1st edition of the Joint Roadmap
  - Identification of changes affecting the Joint Roadmap including the update of platform SRAs
  - Drafting of the updated Joint Roadmap for radiation protection research
  - Review of the draft and publication through stakeholder consultation through a questionnaire and live/online events

- MS2.2.1 Analysis of the consultation on the 1st edition of the Joint Roadmap (M4)
- MS2.2.2. Identification of changes in science, technology, society and environment affecting the Joint Roadmap (M32)
- MS2.2.3 New draft Joint Roadmap (M36)
- **D2.2.1 Second edition of the Joint Roadmap (M54)**

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Task 2.3: Scientific follow up and integration of the research projects

- Lead STUK (Teemu Siskonen); Participants: SCK CEN, CEA, INSERM, NCRPP, ISS, U. Exeter
- Goal in PIANOFORTE: to have **focused calls**
  - Different calls can focus on different sub-priorities
  - So some selected projects will work on different aspects of the same priority
- Synergies between projects need to be managed
  - to avoid overlap and to maximise the projects' impact: topical workshops
- A systematic follow-up and analysis of project outcomes will be carried out: monitoring of scientific progress
- Capture the innovation and development and steer towards application: applications and recommendation forming
- Particular attention will be given to the integration of social sciences and humanities in funded projects.

Task 2.3: Scientific follow up and integration of the research projects

- The questionnaire for monitoring the scientific output was finalized.
- Next: organization of the workshops and distributing the questionnaire soon
  - after the first round of projects start.
- D2.3.1 Guidelines on integration of social sciences and humanities in R&I (M6)

- MS2.3.1 Concept design of the reporting tool (M6)

- D2.3.2 Report on integration of projects (M54)

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Task 2.4: Integration of Artificial Intelligence in Radiation Protection

- Lead NCSRD (Spyros Andronopoulos), Partners: NCSRD, IRSN, OVGU, UExet
- This task will coordinate, harmonize and stimulate activities related to the application of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and big data approaches in radiation protection topical fields.
  - Review on AI implementations in RP: on-going
  - Interaction with scientific communities specializing in AI
  - Promoting the uptake of AI in R&I calls
  - Ethical challenges of AI

- MS2.4.3 Workshop with leading experts on ethics and AI (M36)
- D2.4.4 Report on ethical aspects of AI in radiation protection (M42)
- D.2.4.3 Recommendations on the uptake of AI in R&I calls (M42)
- MS.2.4.1 Technical Meeting on AI and big data implementations in RP (M54)
- D.2.4.1 Review of AI and big data implementations in RP (M54)
- D.2.4.2 Minutes of the Technical Meeting on AI and big data implementations in RP (M54)

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WP 2 : 6 months achievement

- First call priorities: on time!
  - Great teamwork….
- Good interaction with WP3
- Try to repeat and improve exercise for Call 2
- Analyses of consultation on the 1st edition of the Joint Roadmap
- Guidelines on integration of social sciences and humanities in R&I
- Review of AI in RP & ethical challenges of AI in RP: started
- Preparation of scientific follow up and integration of selected projects

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WP3 Stakeholder Engagement

Progress of Work

M1 – M12 / June 22 – May 2023

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Forthcoming activities

M13 – M24

Florian Rauser (BfS) for the WP3 team: Jelena Mrdakovic Popic, Almudena Real, Ivica Prlic, Pawel Olko

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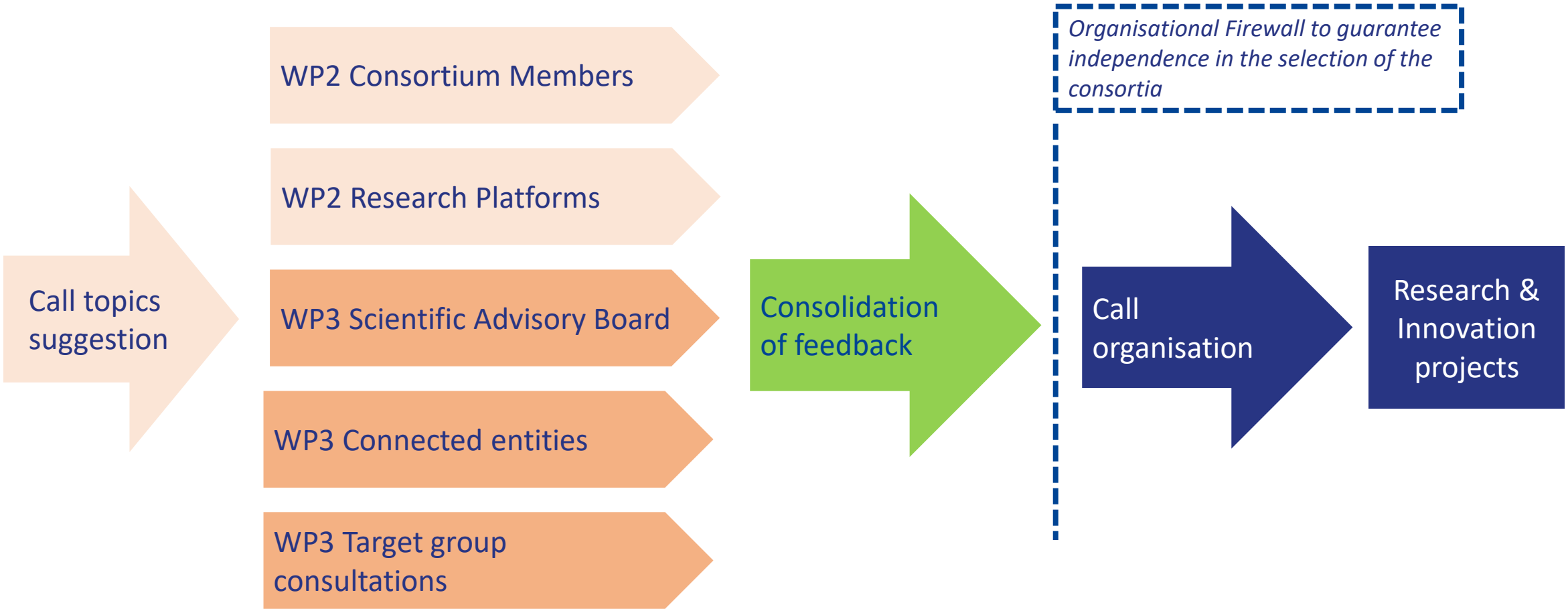
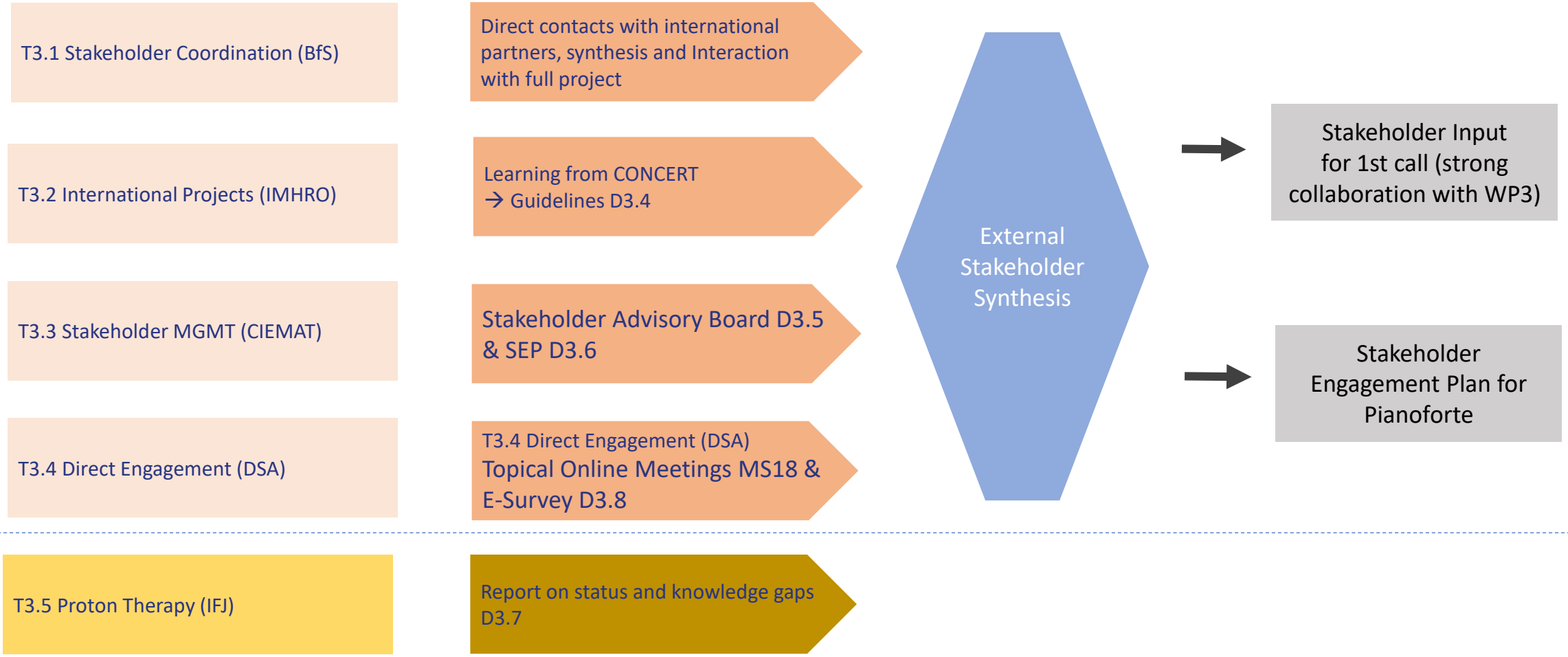
Reminder: heavy emphasis on systematic stakeholder involvement for Open Calls



Stakeholder Engagement Activities in the first year of PIANOFORTE



Deliverables & Achieved Milestones

Submitted Deliverables

- ✓ D3.4 General stakeholder recommendations for the PIANOFORTE open calls (M3)
- ✓ D3.5 Stakeholder and Advisory Board composition, mission and rules (M3)
- ✓ D3.6 First version of the Stakeholder Engagement Plan (M6)
- ✓ D3.1 Stakeholder comments on Exeboard suggestion for call topics & criteria (M8)
- ✓ D3.7 Report with the view on recommended clinical/research practices in proton therapy (M9)
- ✓ D3.8 E-survey on public understanding of radiation protection issues (M9)

Milestones

- ✓ MS18 E-survey on public understanding of radiation protection issues – launching (M6)
- ✓ MS19 First series of topical online meetings (M8)

WP3 Forthcoming activities

- Intensifying the contact with connected entities and (EU) projects, e.g. NASA / ESA
- Detailed analysis and publication of the e-survey in summer/autumn 2023
- Implementation and analysis of TOM in November 2023 for 2nd Call
- Continuous work with the SAB, e.g. for 2nd call
- Implementation of Proton Therapy Workshops including deliverable D3.9 (report)
- Coordinate and link the stakeholder activities of the 1st call funded projects

WP3 Forthcoming Deliverables & Milestones

Deliverables

- D3.9 Conclusions from the Proton Therapy workshops (M17, November 2023)
- D3.2 Stakeholder comments on Exeboard suggestion for call topics & criteria from connected entities, SAB and online consultations of target groups for the second call (M19, January 2024)

Milestones

- MS15 SAB feedback to the first research prioritization process for the first open call (M14, July 2024)
- MS20 Second series of topical online meetings (M17, October 2023)

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WP4: Education and Training

Stockholm University, leader of WP4 and task 4.2
NMBU, leader task 4.1
SCK CEN, leader task 4.3
EK, leader task 4.4

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Duration of Partnership: June 2022 – May 2027 (5 years)

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WP4 Education and Training - Objectives

1. **To support targeted courses** to promote knowledge, skills and competence of students, early career researchers and professionals in the broad field of radiation protection (RP) research and applications. Calls: 1 x per year. Total budget: 900 000 € (180 000 per year). 65% funding.

   → 1 call in December 2022
   Coming: December 2023

2. To provide financial support for **students and early career researchers by mobility grants** allowing research visits, field trips and participation in conferences. Calls: 4 x per year. Total budget: 100 000 € (20 000 € per year). 100% funding.
3. To provide financial support for **radiation protection professionals by mobility grants** allowing exchange visits, trips and participation in conferences. Calls: 4 x per year. Total budget: 100 000 € (20 000 € per year). 100% funding.

   → 3 calls:
   September 2022
   December 2022
   March 2023
   Coming: June 2023

4. To develop and implement sustainable **early career researcher and professional networking**: facilitating training and career upgrades. Calls: 1 x per year. Total budget: 20 000 €. 100% funding.

   → Call is open since Jan 2023

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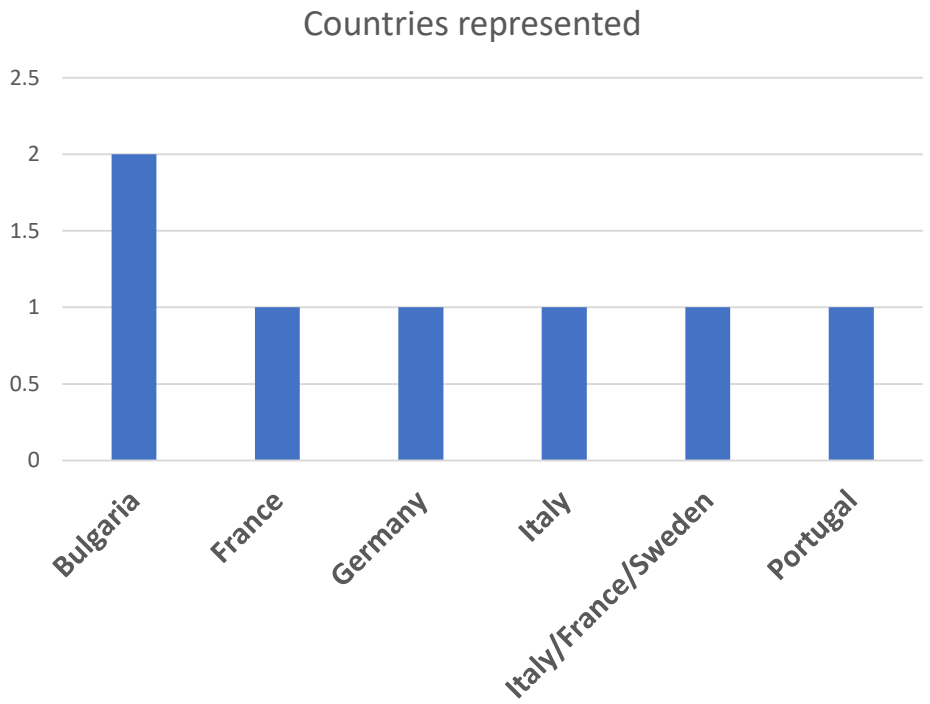
Task 4.1 - Training courses

1 call - 7 training courses were funded



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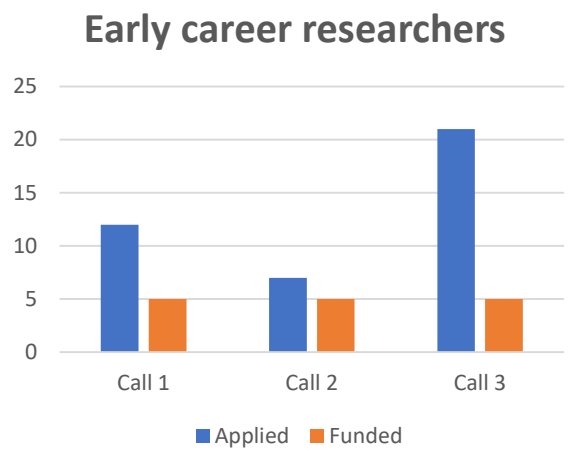
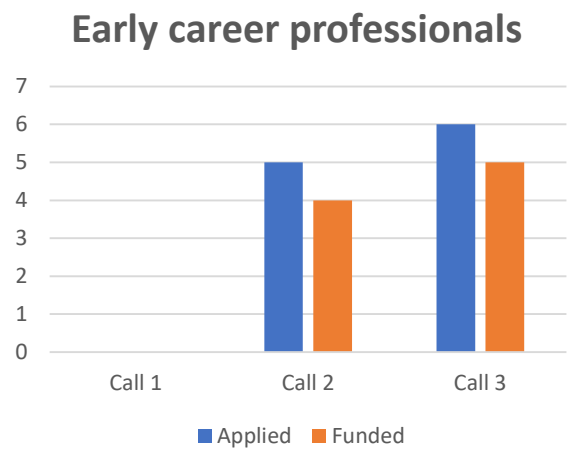
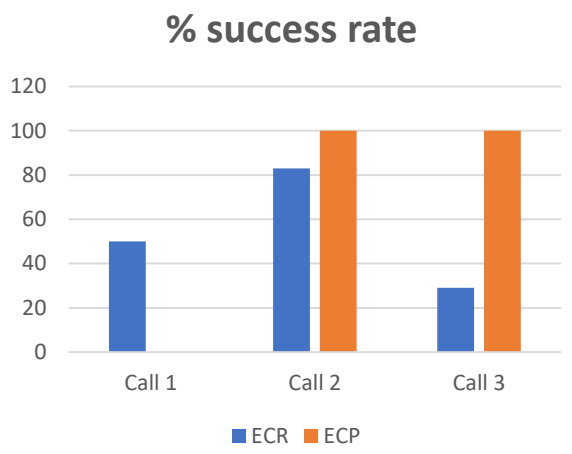
Tasks 4.2 and 4.3 - Travel grants







ECR	Call 1	Call 2	Call 3
Applied	12	7	21
Funded	5	5	5

ECP	Call 1	Call 2	Call 3
Applied	0	5	6
Funded	0	4	5

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Task 4.4: Development of sustainable early career researchers and professionals networking to facilitate training and career upgrades

- Deliverable 4.2 "Rules for financing annual meetings of the PIANOFORTE early career researchers and professionals (ECRP) group" was prepared by SCK-CEN in October 2022.
- The call is open since January 2023.
  - http://bit.ly/3CDSeVq
- No proposals have been submitted.
- A social media campaing via PIANOFORTE channels would be useful.

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Task 4.4: Development of sustainable early career researchers and professionals networking to facilitate training and career upgrades

- Contacting platforms and young researchers and professional potentially interested are on-going.
- Request to platforms: Encouraging young researchers and professionals in the platforms would be highly appreciated.
- Setting up a core group would be crucial.

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WP5: Infrastructures and data management for radiation protection research

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WP5 - Objectives

- To establish an oversight committee for infrastructures that will ensure that all infrastructure needs required for the implementation of the roadmap for radiation protection research (RPR) and PIANOFORTE projects are recognised and served, provide strategic direction for the WP, and evaluate applications for WP5-allocated funding
- To provide support for the radiation protection research community and PIANOFORTE partners/projects to access cross-national infrastructures
- To promote harmonization of quality standards, practices and protocols in all areas relevant to implementation of the research roadmap
- To develop a strategic work plan for utilisation, novel uses and inter-operability of key RPR infrastructures
- To develop a plan and vision for FAIR (findable, accessible, interoperable and reusable) data management and approaches to exploitation of archived data in radiation protection R&I.
- To establish close links with the project selected in NRT-01-12 in order to benefit from each other's expertise, to foster collaborations without duplication of activities, and we will endeavour to carry out joint actions favouring access to research infrastructures (potentially including co-sponsored calls)

WP5 - Partners (21)

- DH-UKHSA (PHE) - WP lead
- CEA
- ISS
- UTartu
- BfS
- All 5 RP platforms
- CNRS
- NCRSD
- IMROH
- SU
- IRSN
- JSI
- INFN
- EK
- UniPv
- UniCam
- CIEMAT

Task 5.1 - Establish an infrastructure oversight committee

Lead: DH-PHE, all Platforms, SU, IRSN, CEA, ISS, UTartu, BfS

- To provide coordination and oversight, and to ensure the Infrastructure needs of all Platforms are addressed

- To evaluate applications for funding for infrastructure access, inter-comparison exercises and any other funded activities related to WP 5 – we anticipate having some 'in-WP' funds for infrastructure-related activities

Task 5.2 - Providing support for cross-national access to infrastructure

Lead: CEA, UTartu, EK, INFN, CNRS, UNIPV, JSI, all Platforms

- To promote the use of key existing RPR infrastructures (links with WP6)
- To develop a fair and transparent system to allow researchers to access key RPR infrastructures - through open calls and dedicated WP4 budget (links with WP1)
- With WP3 to develop and promote training in the use of key RPR infrastructures (links with WP4)

Task 5.3 - Promoting harmonization of quality standards, practices and protocols

Lead: ISS, participants JSI, IMROH, CIEMAT, INFN, all Platforms

- Identification of protocols suitable for standardisation, including AI and high performance computing etc
- Develop a system for funding inter-comparisons
- Development of SOPs for key protocols

Task 5.4 – Challenges, best practices, and strategic plan for radiation protection research (RPR) infrastructures

Lead: UTartu, CEA, EK, ISS, DH-PHE, BfS, IRSN, all Platforms

- To draft the strategic plan in consultation with Platforms – identification of KEY infrastructures (incl. criteria to define a KEY infrastructure), importance of including medical applications (EURAMED)
- Identification of priority infrastructures – that have to remain available, and planning for continued access etc
- To promote implementation of plan, in partnership with Task 5.2
- Liaison with project funded under Topic 12

Task 5.5 - Developing a plan and vision for data management and approaches to exploitation of archived data

Lead: BfS, Contributors: DH-UKHSA, UCAMB, NCSRD

- Develop and publish a data management plan and ensure this is applied in the projects
- Training in data management and exploitation
- Promoting the use of data archiving/sharing including archiving of inter-comparison studies
- Developing and promoting novel approaches including AI, to exploit existing archived data (e.g. 'hackathon' on data from STORE with some from AI/data mining communities)

WP5 - Deliverables

D5.1 – Terms of reference for the WP5 Infrastructures oversight committee, including criteria for evaluation of applications for WP5 funds (Task 5.1 - M6)

D5.2 – Data Management Plan (Task 5.5 - M6)

D5.3 – Document describing the identified protocols and related qualification criteria on selected infrastructure classes (Task 5.3 – M24)

D5.4 – Document on identified key protocols and developed SOP, results of case studies (Task 5.3 – M48)

D5.5 – Final report on training activities related to infrastructures (Task 5.2 – M60)

D5.6 – Report on challenges, best practices, and strategic plan for RPR infrastructures (Task 5.4, M60)

WP5 - Progress

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D 5.1: Terms of reference for the WP5 Infrastructures oversight committee

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D 5.2: Data Management Plan

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WP5 – AWP Year 2

Aims:

- To further develop and establish the PIANOFORTE system for cross-national access to infrastructures (under Task 5.2)
- Key expected impact: establishment and classification of the key RP research infrastructures (under Task 5.3, D5.3, due M24)

Workplan:

- To continue to evaluate and identify key infrastructures
- To develop SOPs to promote standardisation within the wider radiation protection research community, including funding intercomparisons
- Further work on training programmes of relevance for the key infrastructures, organization of:
  - A dedicated call for access to infrastructures
  - Courses on facilities at selected key infrastructures
  - Training on Infrastructure for successful PIANOFORTE open call applicants and the wider community

WP5 – links with OFFERR

- CONCERT AIR2D2 Database listed as an OFFERR infrastructure
- Radiation Protection 'Cluster' of OFFERR call topics
- PIANOFORTE experts evaluating OFFERR calls
- OFFERR representative on WP 5 IOC
- Mutual sharing of information…

WP5 – links with OFFERR

- The objective of the OFFERR project is to support the SNETP Association in setting up **a system for R&D experts to facilitate access to key nuclear research infrastructures all over Europe**
- Its primary function is to serve as a conduit for financial support from the Euratom programme. This support is allocated by paying and granting access to user institutions that offer services to selected projects through OFFERR calls. Additionally, the project offers assistance to successful research teams who have applied through the calls and will engage in collaboration with the research institution
- The next **cut-off date for project proposals (fast track and complex project) is September 30, 2023**

Dear colleagues, it is a great pleasure to invite you to our OFFERR Webinar to be held on July 4th, 9:30 till 12

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/billets-offerr-2nd-webinar-652081933617

Webpage: https://snetp.eu/offerr/

All OFFERR team will very much appreciate your active participation to learn more details about present status of the OFFERR project as well as all future activities.

With best regards
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Thanks for your attention and contributions!

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Knowledge management, communication, dissemination and impact creation

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  https://www.linkedin.com/company/pianoforte-partnership
- Youtube channel

  https://www.youtube.com/@PianofortePartnership

Pianoforte website

- Website tree and graphics set
- Description of WPs
- Deliverables
- Training courses (calls, funded courses)
- Travel grants for early career researchers and radiation protection professionals and (conditions, funded travels, reports)

- Open Call for projects 2023

(Call text, Guidelines for applicants, Auxiliary Proposal Template, Auxiliary Financial Excel Sheet, CV template)

TIMELINE and DELIVERABLES (M1-M12)

- D6.1 Strategy and plan for communication, dissemination and exploitation of results (Lead: LZP) – Report
- D6.2 Internal communication plan (Lead: CIEMAT) – Report
- D6.3 External communication plan (Lead: LZP) – Report
- Pending (June 2023) – D6.7 Dissemination video (Lead: LZP) – Video

2nd year activities (M13-M24)

- D6.4 Information on projects selected for funding - call 1 (Lead: LZP) M17

Task 6.1: Knowledge management (Lead: RIVM; SURO, HZDR, UTartu, CIEMAT, EEAE, NCSRD, EK, NNK, DSA, NMBU, GIG, DH-PHE, ALLIANCE, EURADOS, EURAMED, MELODI, NERIS, SHARE, JRC)

- Comparing best practices developed in other European projects
- Implementation of knowledge management best approaches

Task 6.2: Communication and dissemination (Lead: VIAA; CEPN, NCRRP, SURO, CEA, DSA, GIG, IST, JSI, DH-PHE ALLIANCE, EURADOS, EURAMED, MELODI, NERIS, SHARE)

- Review of communication plan
- Involving the entire consortium in communication activities by providing input into regular Newsletter
- Publishing results of the first project call, statistics and details about funded projects

2nd year activities (M13-M24)

Task 6.3: On-line communication tools (Lead: SURO; IRSN, EIMV, ALLIANCE, EURADOS, EURAMED, MELODI, NERIS, SHARE)

- Regular update on news related to the partnership
- Communicating results of the first project call
- Attracting research community to information meetings and 2nd open call

Task 6.4: Impact creation (Lead: SU; IRSN, CEPN, SURO, BfS, CIEMAT, CEA, EK, NNK, RIVM, DSA, NMBU, EIMV, DH-PHE, ALLIANCE, EURADOS, EURAMED, MELODI, NERIS, SHARE)

- First estimations of project impact via stakeholders, international RP organisations, national RP offices and organisations
- Organization of the information meeting for EU researcher groups about projects funded within the first open call
- Organization of the information meetings for EU researcher groups about the second open call

Dissemination of information

- Website, Social media, Newsletter
- Need of regular input from Executive Board
- Need of regular and active input from POMs:
  - dissemination activities (seminars, lectures, workshops, meetings,
  - radiation protection (courses, webinars, new achievements, …)

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WP 7 - Organisation and management of PIANOFORTE R&I Open Calls

Coordinator:

National Centre for Research and Development (NCBR, Poland)

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Rules of the Call - where to find information?

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CALL TEXT!

- https://pianoforte-partnership.eu/calls/open-call-2023

- Call documents:
  - Call text
  - Guidelines for applicants
  - Auxiliary Proposal Template
  - Auxiliary Financial Excel Sheet
  - CV template

All information and updates regarding the Call can be found on the PIANOFORTE website.

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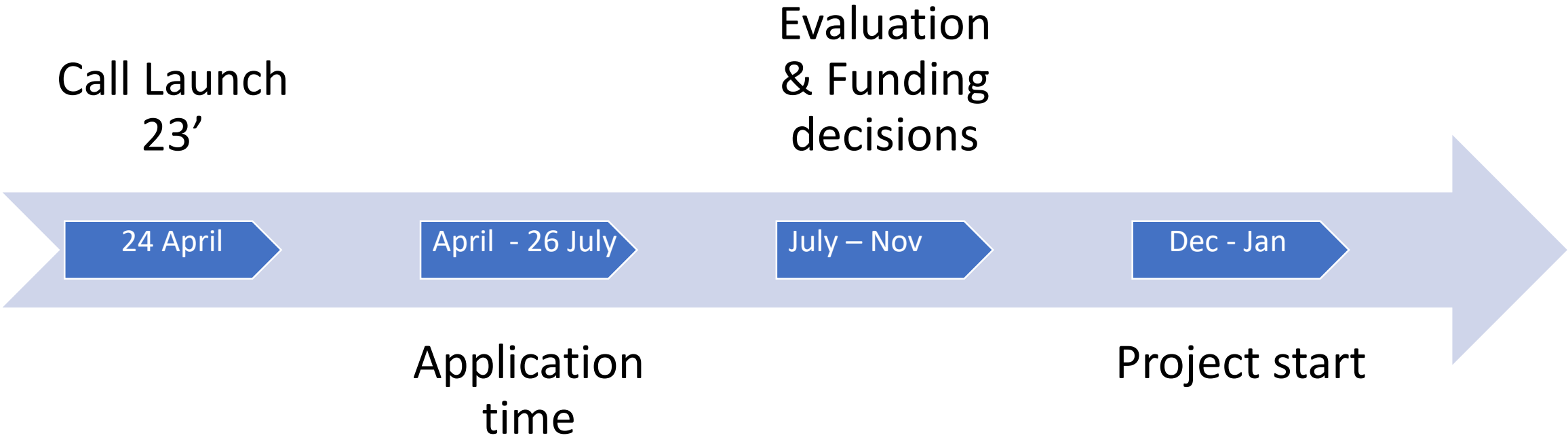
TIMELINE



- **6th of June** – submission system opens
- **26th of July, 15:00 CEST** – extended deadline for submission

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APPLICATION – General Criteria

- **Joint proposals in English** must be submitted **via the online submission system** (https://ptoutline.eu/app/pianoforte2023) no later than **26 July 2023 at 15:00 CEST** (Brussels local time). **The server will not accept proposals after this time**.
- The proposals should respect the **appropriate format and limits on length**.
- The **project consortium is composed out of at least three independent legal entities from at least three different EU Member States or Euratom Programme associated countries**. There shall be **at least one external entity** (non-PIANOFORTE Beneficiary or non-Affiliated Entity) to the current PIANOFORTE consortium, participating in a proposal.
- Projects are expected to start between December 2023 and January 2024 and **not to exceed 48 months of realisation or the duration of PIANOFORTE**.
- The call is open to research partners from all over the world (**persons, groups and entities that are subject to EU financial administrative sanctions or are in an exclusion situation are barred from participation**, cp. EURATOM Work Programme 2021 – 2022, p. 96-97, Exclusion).

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APPLICATION – Eligible organisations

- **Beneficiaries of PIANOFORTE** (list of Beneficiaries in Annex A.I);
- **Affiliated Entities** (list of Affiliated entities in Annex A.I);
- **Third parties**:
  - ♣ Higher education establishments and other academic research institutions, in particular:
    - Research oriented radiation protection institutions;
  - ♣ Clinical/public health sector organisations, in particular those employing research teams working in hospitals/public health and/or other health care settings. Participation of Medical Doctors in the research teams is encouraged;
  - ♣ Enterprises (all sizes of private companies). Participation of small and medium-size enterprises (SMEs) is encouraged.

GENDER EQUALITY PLAN

+ NEW PARTICIPANTS INTEGRATED TO PIANOFORTE THROUGH THE OPEN CALL

➢ The recipient of financial support to third party shall submit a letter stating that the costs not supported by PIANOFORTE are secured.

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APPLICATION – Consortium Composition

- **Only transnational projects will be funded.**
- Each proposal must involve **at least three legal entities. Each of the three must be established in a different EU Member State or Euratom Programme associated country. All three legal entities must be independent of each other.**
- There shall be **at least one external entity** (non-PIANOFORTE Beneficiary or non-Affiliated Entity) to the current PIANOFORTE consortium, participating in a proposal.

- The **number of participants** and their research contribution should be **appropriate for the aims of the transnational research project and reasonably balanced in terms of international participation**. Each transnational collaborative project should represent the critical mass to achieve ambitious scientific goals and should clearly demonstrate an added value from working together.

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APPLICATION – Consortium Composition

- **Each consortium must nominate a project coordinator** among the project's principal investigators. For practical administrative reasons **it is recommended that the coordinator belongs to a PIANOFORTE Beneficiary organisation or one of their Affiliated Entities**. However, **an associated partner can be coordinator of a project**.

The project coordinator will represent the consortium externally and towards the Call Secretariat of PIANOFORTE and PIANOFORTE coordination and will be responsible for its internal scientific management (such as controlling, reporting, intellectual property rights (IPR) issues and contact with the Call Secretariat or the PIANOFORTE coordination).

- **Each project partner will be represented by one principal investigator only**. Within a joint proposal, each project partner's principal investigator will be the contact person.
- **Each principal investigator can submit only one proposal as project coordinator**.

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APPLICATION – Budget

- The **total budget available** for this first PIANOFORTE Call for proposals **is 13 M€**.

- PIANOFORTE considers that **proposals** with **total budget from 1.0 M€ up to 1.5 M€** would allow the specific challenges of the first PIANOFORTE Call to be addressed appropriately. *Please note that all proposals below or above the budgetary cap of 1 - 1.5M EUR will be rejected.*

Costs of all the participants (including Associated Partners) shall be included in the total budget.

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EVALUATION & Selection of projects

- Eligibility check (general criteria)
- Evaluation on merit: Excellence / Impact / Quality and efficiency of the implementation
- Two steps in reviewing procedure: remote evaluation and Peer Review Panel (thresholds: 3 points per criterion / 10 points per project)
- An independent observer
- One merged ranking list will be established for all three topics. However, the first three places will be secured for the best proposals out of each call topic. The next ones will be selected according to a merged ranking list
- ca. 8 to 10 projects will be selected
- Redress procedure (covers the procedural aspects of the evaluation or eligibility checks; will not call into question the scientific or technical judgement of the PRP experts)

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SUMMARY & useful information

- ✓ Joint proposals (in English) via online submission system only / https://ptoutline.eu/app/pianoforte2023
- ✓ Submission deadline: 26 July 2023, 15:00 CEST (Brussels local time)
- ✓ Appropriate formats and limits for project descripton
- ✓ Appropriate consortium composition (min. 3 legal entities)
- ✓ Start of projects – Dez'23 / Jan'24
- ✓ Max. duration of projects – 48 months or PIANOFORTE duration
- ✓ Total budget from 1.0 M€ up to 1.5 M€
- ✓ Call Secretariat: CS.PIANOFORTE@ncbr.gov.pl
- ✓ Contact person: Mr. Tomasz Kalita
- ✓ Financial matters: irsn-sg_s2av-ventes@irsn.fr
- ✓ All information and updates: www.pianoforte-partnership.eu

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Up-coming events

- ERPW (Dublin, 9-13 October)
  - Pianoforte WP specific meetings on October 13 (WP2, WP3, WP5 and WP6)
  - One session should be dedicated to Pianoforte

- Pianoforte in-person event – (Budapest, 5-6 December 2023)
  - General assembly meeting dedicated on the feed-back from the first Call and to the presentation/discussion about the topics to be selected for the second Call
  - Presentation of the selected projects (following the first Call)

Questions/Answers

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