

Agenda for PLURELs General assembly in Manchester

Venue: Chancellors University Conference Centre in South Manchester

Time: Wednesday, May 26th, 14:00-16:00

1) Revised description of Work and Implementation Plan.

A revised Detailed Implementation Plan was submitted to the EC as basis for the annual review in March. EC and reviewers requested that this NIP be inserted into the DOW with enhancement of documentation on connections between activities, resources and integrated end-products, as well as overview of deliverables and their final designation (for publication with end-products or not?).

A draft DOW will be distributed Thursday the 20th before the Manchester meeting – together with the accompanying note responding to the results of the review. The GA needs to decide upon the contents of this DOW as basis for revised contract with the EC (for Integrated Projects like PLUREL – this is done every year).

Inputs to corrections and revision must be precise and quick as Friday the 28th will be the last day of editing before handing in to the EC before the 1st of June.

2) Project extension and budget sanctions.

The European Commission is minded to extend the duration of the PLUREL project to allow the completion of integrated end-products. This extension could cover all partners or a subgroup of project partners.

The European Commission is also minded to cut the budget of the PLUREL project in case the remaining budget is not required and channelled into the production of the anticipated end-products. The review report further suggest that the project coordinator should be allowed to authorise payments to partners according for payment for delivery, thus moving money away from ineffective partners and to change budget allocations generally as the project evolves.

Budget sanctions, i.e. allocation of money from partners who are not delivering, will be used before payment of last years budget.

Regarding the issue of project extension - the GA needs to decide upon the proposal of extending the PLUREL project for 3 months into 2011.

3) Acknowledgement of authorship and source of funding

All publications based on work or data from the PLUREL project must acknowledge the PLUREL project as source of these efforts. PLUREL project, funded by the European Commissions Sixth Framework Programme for Research (EC FP6 036921).

All publications based on work or data from the PLUREL project must acknowledge co-authorship and author contributions following the Vancouver guidelines. Generally significant contribution to content warrants co-authorship while a smaller contribution requires that the source is acknowledged.

4) Intellectual Property Rights and conditions of use for PLURELs end-products

The progress towards end-products requires that IPR and user access is considered and agreed upon.

PLURELs contract with the EC, Annex II says:

Knowledge is owned by the contractor producing the knowledge (and must be disseminated according to a dissemination plan)

Access to knowledge must be granted without payment to other contractors in the project if needed for them to use their own knowledge.

Contractors can request access up till 2 years after the project.

Consortium agreement says:

If there are multiple producers/contributors they will all have rights to the products - they can use the joint results for non-profit research without financial compensation - and any protective measure cannot restrict their access.

Pre-existing knowledge is generally excluded from the 'sharing' obligations under the contract with the EC.

XPLORER outline:

The XPlorer is a common development of ZALF and AIT featuring data and knowledge provided by PLUREL partners. The XPlorer is open access to everyone. After PLUREL lifetime we also aim at open access.

The source code for the XPlorer is currently held by AIT (Jan Peters Anders). The design and content is jointly elaborated by ZALF (Katharina Fricke, Martin Hecker, Katharina Helming) and AIT (Jan Peters Anders, Wolfgang Loibl).

Hosting of the XPLORER will probably be done together with the iIAT by AIT.

These points will be subject to a discussion to be held in Manchester, as the coordinators would appreciate to have a written / signed agreement on it.

iIAT outline:

The iIAT is a common development of all data and knowledge providers along the modelling chain. During project lifetime we want to give access also to all other partners who need this access for their research tasks in PLUREL.

After PLUREL lifetime we aim at open access.

The source code for the iIAT is currently held by ZALF (Dirk Pohle).

We aim at giving open source access after the project lifetime, based on a contractual agreement.

Hosting of the iIAT will probably be done together with the XPLORER by AIT.

The access rights only refer to the database of normalised values behind the iIAT.

All original databases, and all models and source codes behind (including the response functions regression models) remain in ownership and restricted access of the partners who have brought them in/ developed it.

MOLAND Light outline:

MOLAND Light is developed based on Metronamica / MOLAND software owned by RIKS and EC DG JRC and rely on various databases (publicly available as well as restricted). Hedwig van Delden from RIKS will present an outline of rights and access issues for MOLAND Light at the GA meeting.

QOL Sim outline:

The QoLSim is a development using the data for the quality of life work and conjoint study carried out by ECA. During project lifetime we want to give access also to all other partners who need this access for their research tasks in PLUREL, especially the case study regions where data has been collected for their application.

After PLUREL lifetime we aim at limited access of the generic European level version, probably via the OPENspace website, owing to technical difficulties with the tool being loaded into the Xplorer.

The source code for QoLSim is currently held by ECA.

We aim at giving open source access after the project lifetime, based on a contractual agreement with interested parties.

Hosting of the QoLSim will probably be at ECA.

The access rights only refer to the database created through the Plurel project.

All original databases, and all models and source codes will remain in the ownership of the ECA who will control access.

The PLUREL website www.plure.net

The PLUREL website is based on the design developed by Scandinavian Branding for the PLUREL project and coded in opens source CMS OX by Advice A/S. The rights to the code belong to Advice A/S but the web-page can run as PLUREL webpage unlimited. The University of Copenhagen will take the responsibility of keeping the PLUREL webpage running – at a minimum level of maintenance – up till 5 years after the project.

The PLUREL website will then be expanded to link to all PLUREL tools in their respective locations.

5) Business plan

A draft business plan was delivered for the annual review (attached). Reviewers requested some modification of the business plan to incorporate the possibility of consultancy services.

The latest draft will be distributed to all partners Thursday the 20th.
Armin Werner will present status at the GA meeting.

6) Dissemination strategy

A draft dissemination strategy was delivered for the annual review (attached). Reviewers requested some modifications to incorporate a more forward looking/strategic dimension, as well as a plan for communication and publication in connection with the conference in Copenhagen.

The latest draft will be distributed to all partners Thursday the 20th.
Dagmar Haase will present status at the GA meeting.

7) AOB