

Uppsala, June 29, 2010

EFORWOOD IP Board meeting (48) – Minutes

Time: May 27, 2010, 13:00-14:30 (CET)

Place: Teleconference.

Invited

IP Board members:

Gero Becker (GB), M3	Present
Jean-Michel Carnus (JMC), M2	Present
Denis Mc Gowan (DMG), M6	Present
Carl Olsmats (CO), M5	Present
Piotr Paschalis (PP), M0	-
Risto Päivinen (RP), M1	Present
Kaj Rosén (KR), M0	Present, Chairman
Helena Wessman (HW), M4	Present

Others:

Franka Brüchert (FB), M3	Present
Diana Vötter (DV), M1	Present
Marcus Lindner (ML), M1	Present
Gunilla Rodfors (GR), M0	Present, Secretary

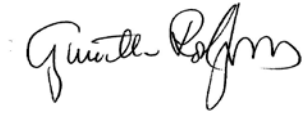
1.	<p>Opening</p> <p>KR welcomed the participants to the 48th EFORWOOD IP Board meeting.</p>	
2.	<p>Minutes from IP Board meeting (47)</p> <p>KR had no comments to the minutes of IP Board meeting (47).</p> <p>The items of interest had either already been attended to or will be taken up during the current meeting.</p>	
3.	<p>Final reporting</p> <p>GR and KR reported that the main part of the Final Reporting had been delivered to the Commission on April 29, as agreed. Some crucial elements were still missing, e.g. completed financial reports from some partners, an explanation of all major changes to the original budget to individual partners, some deliverables not yet delivered in final shape, questionnaires not filled in on-line by some partners and the complete version of the Final Publishable report.</p> <p>Partners have been contacted and the situation is under control. The draft text of the Final Publishable report has been sent for layout and the first draft is due for delivery soon. The Iberian Case-study text has been used but was shortened drastically. The report will contain statements by stakeholders from Sweden, Scotland and Karelia who are partners in the Northern ToSIA follow-up project. A final draft version will be distributed to all section coordinators within the next few weeks; only minor or very serious faults could be changed.</p> <p>- ML asked about the publication of the EFORWOOD Deliverables in</p>	<p>GR, KR</p> <p>Partners concerned</p>

	<p>the EFI publication series. KR said that the feedback from authors was incomplete. A problem had been the different levels of openness among partners. The matter is on Kaj's "to do" list. ML underlined that EFI needs to be advertised in advance when the reports are planned to be delivered for publishing.</p> <p>Decisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regarding deliverables to be published in the EFI Series, KR to start reminding authors who had not yet replied. This was accepted by the IP Board. 	<p>KR</p> <p>KR, ML</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Final version of ToSIA for independent use by partners EFORWOOD partners should have access to a version of ToSIA, including the data client and the evaluation modules, which enables them to work with ToSIA without inevitable help from M1-partners.</p> <p>ML had distributed an e-mail on April 10, summarizing results of a workshop with IFER, that a new release of the client was planned for the end of May and that further plans included e.g. to facilitate the entering of new data. DV said that a final cleaning up has been done and that the Case-studies and the EU clients are now in one database; the work is on schedule. Partner needs regarding presentations for the IUFRO conference in Seoul will be dealt with by EFI as Martina Roubalova, IFER, will not be available from now on.</p> <p>FB commented that the priorities mentioned were OK and that she would send a list of requirements for Seoul (to be ready for August) to EFI the following day. FB further said that if new chains would be created there could be problems as there are lots of blanks for products in the database. DV replied that EFI is currently looking at the future use of the database and that the Contact Points of the Case-studies should let EFI know where the problems are.</p> <p>KR commented that there is currently an obvious lack of resources as the project time is actually over: will the chain designers be available during the summer? ML said this also creates a problem in Northern ToSIA. KR said he missed Jörg Schweinle's last version of the data conversion protocol and asked when the complete toolbox of the ToSIA would be ready – including the client and evaluation tools. DV said by the end of August and ML meant that most of this works already now.</p> <p>FB listed a number of problems with the database, with new scenarios, to re-import data and meant that Martina Roubalova is still needed. ML referred the matter to a discussion after the IP Board meeting.</p> <p>Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The complete ToSIA tool box to be ready for use by EFORWOOD partners before the end of August 2010 	<p>ML, DV</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Launching of TMUG and internal ToSIA training session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Date: September 6-7, 2010. - Place: VTT, Helsinki, Finland. - The local organizer of the whole event is HW. Some 50 participants can be expected to take part. <p><u>Launching of TMUG</u></p>	

	<p>KR said there is already a ready version of the programme for the launching of the TMUG event. KR will announce it on the EFORWOOD Portal and also distribute an invitation letter including the MoU and a mentioning of the ToSIA Training Session to partners, including a request to distribute the invitation to potential interested third parties.</p> <p>GB asked if we expect new, external, partners, e.g. from the Northern ToSIA project. ML suggested that the Northern ToSIA partners should be invited. There could also be possible future TMUG partners among the participants of the EFORWOOD Final Conference.</p> <p>Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - KR to send the invitation, including the training session and to announce it on the EFORWOOD Portal. <p><u>EFORWOOD-internal ToSIA Training Session</u></p> <p>GB asked if also external persons should be invited to the training session and if there should be different training levels to choose among.</p> <p>Decisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DMG to initiate the organization of the ToSIA training session and cooperate with KR, ML, DV and Tommy Suominen. - The training programme to contain an introductory session and other sessions to choose from. 	<p>KR</p> <p>DMG/KR</p> <p>DMG/KR</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Update of new EFORWOOD follow-up initiatives</p> <p>KR said that a pre-proposal for a COST Action is likely to be delivered by September 24.</p> <p>No specified Marie Curie Network, Wood Wisdom proposals or other initiatives were currently mentioned.</p>	<p>KR</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Green Paper on Forest Protection and Information in the EU: Preparing forests for climate change</p> <p><u>Public consultation. Contribution from EFORWOOD for the next step?</u></p> <p>See the following link: http://ec.europa.eu/environment/consultations/forests_en.htm</p> <p>As decided by the last IP Board meeting, KR should draft a contribution from EFORWOOD, which is however not an organisation and this could complicate things. GB heavily supported the initiative of having a common EFORWOOD standpoint, saying that the comments are counted and that we could each use the common standpoint for providing our opinion as individual citizens and thus achieve a greater impact, in the end helping the socio-economic committee to make a wise decision. JMC recommended that we concentrate on one or two matters; sustainability and ToSIA as a tool could be the message to deliver.</p> <p>Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - KR to wait for the EFI comment before drafting a contribution. Then to distribute the draft to the IP Board for its reactions. 	<p>KR</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Next IPB meetings</p> <p>Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New preliminary date: September 1 at 13.00 CET (telephone conference). 	<p>KR</p>

8.	Any other business GB and Janine Fischbach were heartily thanked for their nice words and thanks to the EFORWOOD partners (e-mail dated May 12, 2010).	

Date as above.



Gunilla Rodfors



Kaj Rosén