



EuroCC Kick-Off, 11th September 2020, virtual meeting

Participants: Representatives of all NCCs (see Annex)
Start/End: 11.09.2020 10:05h - 12:50h (MESZ)

*******Round Table, Welcome*******

- "Big Conference" at the end of October (28th/29th)
- All presentations are on the accessible BSCW-Server

*******Expectations from the JU, including the Scope definition. Interaction with CASTIEL*******

- JU: CASTIEL as a coordinated support action for EuroCC-project

- - Will enrich the HPC landscape in Europe
- - High expectations for the projects

- Interaction with CASTIEL: EuroCC will be on the national level, CASTIEL will be a Gate to Europe, the projects will interact.

- - From the management perspective, it's one big project
- - Most important point: The NCCs should benefit
- - Goal: NCCs keep their national identity, but embedded in a European framework
- - Next weeks: HLRS will collect key persons, to form working groups guided by CASTIEL
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-CAB: There is a Competence Centre Advisory (CAB) of CASTIEL with five elected representatives of the NCCs

- - Further instructions for the voting will follow soon
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- Scope: set up of a framework to run and train NCCs, identification and coordination of services and competences, ...

- - not in the scope: R&D, Administrative Tasks, Existing training etc.
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- Q&A

- - *Corporate Design on national levels?* - yes, but in a brand context. More information will follow soon.



- - Do countries in CASTIEL vote for the 5 representatives? - voting yes, being voted no
- - I saw that Existing education/training is non-eligible as per the scope. But the question is if the existing educational/trainings can be considered as National Competence? (including in those offered as services in private sector). - Yes
- - Do we do a joint action of linking to other related initiatives like FF4/EOSC et al. - Yes
- - Is any activity on country level 'related to HPC' eligible EuroCC activity or there should be a strict relation with EuroHPC? Do NCC promote HPC or EuroHPC? - Both, it's not strictly connected with EuroHPC, funding comes from the EU and the nations.

*****Deeper dive into the different tasks*****

- Task x.2: Training and Skills Development: Analysis, Creation, Target Groups
- Task x.3: Technology Transfer/Business Development: Consulting, Analysis, Transfer
- Task x.4: Collaboration with industry: Analysis of existing collaborations -> start relationships between SMEs & academia / finding financial support for industrial HPC projects
- Task x.6: Access to scientific & technical expertise/knowledge pools: Enable access for all stakeholders
- Task x.7: Awareness Creation and Collaboration: Marketing campaigns, success stories, information campaigns, networking and dissemination etc.
- Outlook: Emphasis on the Roadmap and Competence Map > basis for the interaction between EuroCC and CASTIEL

*****Roadmapping, towards Dx.1*****

- Goal: Closed network, so all information is reaching everybody
- Task x.1: Management: Activities, consistency, quality control
- Deliverable Dx.1: Roadmap, Due for each NCC in month 4 (12/202)
- - Starting Point - Content - Objectives
- - living Document: will develop and change after the milestone
- - will develop into updated versions, that are the bases for the reports due in month 12 and 24

- Q&A:

- - Will there be Roadmap templates to use in order to have a joint layout that will be sent to you in M4? - yes, can also be extended by NCCs
- - Will these deliverables be visible to all NCC? - Yes, we are acting within a contract here. So deliverables etc. will be open to all NCCs



*****Competence Maps - the approach*****

- Not only the competences matter, also the needs and gaps

- - The gap sizes naturally differ, every country has different stakeholders, users, priorities and competences already available etc.
- - The needs also differ, and countries will have different development paces and scopes
- - EuroCC's role: best possible support and guide you so your country can most benefit from it, so we have a strong European NCC network.

- Benefits are enhanced services for academia, industry demands and public administration.

- Task x.5: Mapping of HPC/Big Data/Ai Technical competences: Services, Infrastructure, Users & stakeholders

- CASTIEL will also help with the competence mapping, will give access to best practices, offer workshops etc. and organize networking possibilities

- **Q&A**

- - *Will you supply templates for the competence mapping in order to facilitate easier and more efficient lockup?* - We have sketched something which will be handed over to the WP in CASTIEL. We want the working group to discuss this at the end of the month to ensure that you know what is needed in terms of description
- - *Does this include a special training platform that will be offered?* - We will see if we reuse/integrate existing training registries. Then we will identify the delta between what is there and what is needed

*****Administrative issues, tools, mechanisms*****

- Consortium Agreement: Contains regulations etc. (Some signatures are missing)

- Amendment for Budget re-allocation needed only in some cases

- Eligible (e.g. personal costs) and ineligible costs (e.g. debt) are defined in the GA

- - personal costs: salaries plus social security charges and other statutory costs

- For countries with third parties: Third parties are only eligible under certain conditions(see slide on BSCW)

- There is reporting needed, e.g. financial (each NCC), internal (each NCC)

- Financing:

- - Grant amount covered by EU is shortly below 50% (due to in-kind), 50% is reimbursed by the home country.
- - Pre-financing: rates will be sent if certain requirements are met (see slides)

- **Q&A**



- - 3rd parties - they will present individual reports, but those reports will be sent to you and the money will be received via the main partner, correct? they will not deal directly with HLRS? - Yes, we (HLRS) will distribute the payment to the main beneficiaries of EuroCC and you will have to distribute it to your (linked) third parties
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*****Further Questions and Answers*****

- Further discussion about eligible costs

*****Wrap Up and Closing*****

Action Points:

- Bastian: Discuss with JU the question of the work of NCC with regard to eligible costs etc.--> funding discussion
- PMT to finalize the Management Handbook draft and to circulate it
- PMT to start collection of the direct contact persons (+ deputies) for the working groups
- PMT to provide a template for the roadmaps & competence maps to the NCCs
- PMT to check with the NCCs availability for the smaller group (4 NCCs each) meeting
- PMT to collect candidatures for the CASTIEL Advisory Board and to prepare the voting
- PMT to organize the extraordinary GA meeting
- PMT to set up a FAQ tool and a discussion Forum
- PMT to set up a schedule for EuroCC meetings (project governance)
- PMT to set up the Agenda for the Big Meeting end of October
- PMT to set up the general meetings (+Agenda)
- PMT to check BSCW access

*******Annex*******

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