

Minutes from the WaterCAP Task Force meeting in Oldenburg, 11 December 2013

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1. Evaluation on the workshop in Oldenburg

Very good preparation by Silke, Frank and Ilke.

The workshop has made everyone focus on the taskforce meetings.

Canvas – can be used by the problem owners in advance, and then experts can add different perspectives. The canvas can also be used for reporting the single MTTF meetings to InterReg.

An alternative/supplement is to use Survey Monkey for the inclusion of experts' points of view (Alistair will send it to us).

The length of the workshop has been good – nice to have had extra time.

2. WP status

Wp1 Evaluation

– perhaps in SurveyMonkey.

Wp2 Communication

Ben thinks we are on the track.

We expect that everybody will follow the overall communication plan and follow up on their own local communication plan.

Important that everybody will fill in the excel sheet as to when they will have news and stories for the web + make sure they will send news which is almost ready for the web to Trine (tbs@vfl.dk)

Ben is doing a good job with the videos.

Problem – OOWV cannot join drop box – so they have to send all dissemination material to Rolf.

Wp 3

Silke will finalise the report from workshop by end of January.

Wp 4

KCA are happy that we now have a detailed plan for the MTTF meetings and a responsible person for each individual meeting.

Please remember to finalise the sheets we have been working on during the workshop so we have a clear picture of how to prepare and how to implement the MTTF activities. The sheets should be ready by 17 December, 2013. Please upload in the dropbox and mail to relevant partners.

KCA will contact responsible persons approx. one month in advance of the events to hear how they are progressing.

3. Report from Brussels, Riga and further to Horizon 2020

Meeting in Brussels

Irene reported from the Annual Meeting for EIP water. It seems a good idea to join some of the Action Groups. We should inform each other if we are in contact with relevant Action Groups, which might be relevant for some of the WaterCAP TaskForce partners.

Meeting in Riga – a good meeting

Enno is the driver in the process. He will send a proposal early January 2014, including a possible application for an AG on groundwater and upcoming projects in relation to Horizon 2020.

Drenthe are in good contact with the national contact point in Horizon 2020 – other partners should consider getting to know their national contact point.

Other activities in relation to Horizon 2020

Rivers Trust is working on getting rivers basin networks included as part of Horizon 2020.

4. Aberdeen

Can we use RT's stream simulator for "poster session" at the annual meeting – a way to discuss the catchment process? Rolf will contact the secretariat in order to secure that we are being considered at the event, and then we will consider if the Stream Simulator could be a part of our performance.

What material to bring?

We will work on a brochure, including the historical background (our partnerships) and how it can support the challenges in the North Sea Region for the next 7 years? Include ideas for new projects. Ben makes a proposal – suggestion will be sent out before telephone/Skype meeting in January.

We will consider having a Steering Group meeting perhaps a day in advance of the annual meeting.

5. Final meeting in UK

At this meeting we will look at the future water challenges for the NSR, including discussion of the applications – the 7 challenges (from the MTTF) - which we are working on.

We will invite a relatively small group – innovative (50 – 100 people). We will invite other relevant partners. Invitation also to Lise Johnsen from the secretariat. The meeting will take place on 11 – 12 November 2014 + 1 extra day for the Steering Group. Alistair will write a proposal/suggestion for an agenda. Responsible for the event: Alistair.

6. Spread the word about MTTF

Try to spread the word about the MTTF.

We discussed how to involve countries other than the partner countries? How do we communicate the knowledge to non-partner countries?

It was decided to invite other contacts to the Aberdeen Annual Meeting in June. Further, we will all focus on spreading the WaterCap TaskForce knowledge to other organisations in the EU via our different networks.

7. Any other business

Next meeting will take place on 22 January, 2014, 13.30 – 15.00 hrs.

Steering Group meeting in connection with the Water Governance MTTF meeting in April in the UK .