

NCP task force report on H2020 performance monitoring

includes

- **Meetings minutes (Annexes 1 to 3)**
- **Updated list of “Missing data” (July 2017) (Annex 4)**

1. Introduction: Why this Task force?

This Task Force (TF) was launched following the NCP Academy Meet&Exchange Workshop of September 2016.

The TF was set up for two main purposes:

1. Exchange best practices between Member States on the exploitation of the eCorda database;
2. Identify eCorda lacks and errors (data quality, missing data, errors...) and provide these as inputs to the European Commission for improving eCorda.

2. Activities

The TF organised one physical meeting (22nd of March 2017) and one conf. call (26th of March 2017).

Building on the Vienna Meet&Exchange workshop, the physical meeting outcomes was in particular an update of the missing data and errors compilation. This update was presented to the first eCorda users group meeting.

Following the first eCorda users group meeting, a debriefing was organised through a conf. call. In particular, the group agreed that it is not possible to monitor the work of NCPs with eCorda, or more broadly speaking just on relying on databases.

In July 2017 an update of the “missing data” was performed by the TF following the June eCorda delivery.

3. Further activities

Since the launch of the TF, the European Commission finally established the eCorda users group. This group has met twice in 2017 and should meet biannually. As a subgroup of the Strategic configuration of the Horizon 2020 programme committee, it serves as an exchange platform between Member States and the European Commission operational unit responsible of eCorda. Theoretically, it should enable a smooth dialogue. Practically this has been the case throughout 2017. As Member States can take the opportunity of the eCorda users group meeting to gather and prepare common analysis and inputs on the evolution of the eCorda database, the H2020 monitoring TF continuation does not appear necessary. Moreover, the second objective of the TF was to ease best practices exchange between Member States. This can be addressed both during “pre-meeting” of the eCorda users group but also now directly in the framework of the eCorda users group meeting. Indeed, the European Commission eCorda service is very interested in getting a better understanding of Member States needs and therefore scheduled in meetings agenda presentation by Member States of their exploitations.

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15.03.2017

Preparatory meeting to the eCorda Users group meeting of the 23.03.2017

Occitanie Europe - 14 rond-point Schuman, Brussels

22.03.2017 – 16 :00-18 :00

Draft Agenda

- 1/. Presentation of FFG paper
- 2/. Review of Vienna workshop eCorda “Missing data” outcomes
- 3/. Exchange on eCorda improvements (latest release) and adjustments to be made to the FFG paper
(incl. continuation of the brainstorming)
- 4/. Definition of a process proposal for formalizing exchanges with EC in the eCorda Users group
- 5/. AOB
 - Improvements to eCorda (e.g. links with standardized databases on companies...)
 - Further steps (incl. next meetings)

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22.03.2017

Preparatory meeting to the eCorda Users group meeting of the 23.03.2017

Minutes

Participants: Elisa Alvarez-Bolado (CDTI), Sofia Azevedo (GPPQ), Daniel Franck (TC), Andrzej Galik (Polish academy of Science), Frédéric Laurent (MENESR), Joseph Saeckl (FFG), Rene Sifrin (DLR).

Agenda points 1, 2, 3 and 5.1 are treated altogether while preparing the slides that will be presented by Joseph Saeckl on behalf of the TF during the eCorda Users group meeting (cf slides attached). The TF agreed that the Personal contact and Payment tables introduced in the latest eCorda release were of little interest.

On the question of defining a process proposal for formalizing exchanges with EC in the eCorda Users group (agenda point 4), the TF decided at this stage that the idea was not necessary.

On the question of further activities for the TF, the TF decided to wait the outcome of the first eCorda Users group meeting and, if necessary, organized a conference call. One of the needs identified is the exchange of information on errors and changes in the eCorda released. Pending the first eCorda Users group meeting, the TF also agreed that *a priori* back-to-back TF meeting with the two eCorda Users group meetings per year should be enough.

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27.04.2017

Conderence call

26.03.2017 – 13 :00-14 :00

Minutes

Participants: Adrian Klein (DLR), Imelda Lambkin (Enterprise Ireland), Frédéric Laurent (MENESR), Joseph Saeckl (FFG), Rene Sifrin (DLR), Catriona Ward (Enterprise Ireland).

The goal of the meeting was to review the activities of the TF following the first eCorda User group meeting with the European Commission.

The group reviewed the work packages and tasks:

2. Missing data and quality of data: the group decided to refine by email the list of questions for the next meeting, make clear what is the issue, explain why it is important/useful for MS to have this information included, and classify the needs.

3. Shared add-ons (3.1. Discuss need and approach for better visualization of data and a more transparent access of users (f.e. NCPs, universities...))

EC is building such tool and should present it during the next eCorda meeting in September.

The group has decided that F. Laurent should approach EC and offer the TF support and feedback, in particular on the requirements from MS.

4. Data interpretation

4.1 Discuss link between data analysis and work of NCPs, identify good practices, share findings with entire NCP community.

The group agreed that it is not possible to monitor the work of NCPs with eCorda, or more broadly speaking just on relying on databases.

The group agreed that it would be interesting to exchange on the benchmarking indicators (i.e. eurostats) to be used. The group decided to have a session of presentation by volunteer Member States on their use of such indicators and the way they used it for analyzing eCorda data. The group agreed that such exchange should be enlarged to EC.

Some initial work has been done in preparation of the Vienna meeting. X. will share the 16 data collected.

4.2 Discuss different level s of access to data through NCPs in different MS

5. Impact - The provision of more/open data on the outcome/results/impact of funded projects is requested.

The group decided in exchanging on impact indicators in Member states during a dedicated session of the next meeting. After the meeting, the group shall decide whether it is necessary to continue this activity or not.

The group agreed to have a premeeting before next eCorda User group meeting in September.

Annex 4 – Updated list of “Missing data” (July 2017)

1/. « Core H2020 » data

- P2P data (Art. 185, JPI, ERANET, EJP): no info on proposals/projects initiated through the join calls
- JTI: SESAR + Cleansky Core projects and IMI in-kind contribution

2/. Table Proposals/Projects

- Cascading grants
- Prizes & Other actions
- KPI (incl. Sustainability goals)
- First stage of two-stage calls – YES but only coordinator appears, not partners nor the financial breakdown between partners
- More information on the Topic table (c.f. FP7 eCorda) – YES but there are some errors with some topics having numerous CD_DIVISION (e.g. SEC-21-GM-2016-2017)

3/. Table Participants

- Contact data (incl. departments and PIs) – YES, but only personal contact of coordinators
- Type of SME (e.g. consulting or not)
- Linked-third party payment (incl. mother/sister companies)

4/. Payments within the projects to each beneficiary

5/. Release notes ... and explanations (detailed information on what has been changed (corrections of “errors”))

Note: quality of NUTS data has been improved