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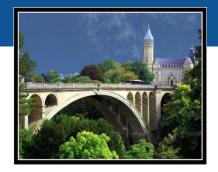# Kick-off meeting

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Overview

- Project background

- Project management issues

- Links to other EC activities in the area of Open Data

DVC Unit

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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The Communication Networks, Content & Technology Directorate General (DG CONNECT)

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Directorate Media and Data

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**G1: Converging Media and Content
G2: Creativity**

G3: Data Value Chain (DVC)

**G4: Inclusion, Skills and Youth
G5: Administration and Finance**

DVC Mission: Foster commercial and social added value based on the intelligent use, management and re-use of data sources in Europe

Benefits of opening up Public Sector Information

- Open Data as a raw material for innovative value-added services and products → new jobs

- Increase of government accountability and transparency

ICT-PSP Call 7, Objective 2.2.b: Standards for Open Data

The aim is to bring together a range of stakeholders in the re-use of public sector information, including policy-makers, public sector content-holders, commercial re-users, standards bodies, academics and civil society to agree on standards enabling interoperability and integration of public sector information across Europe and beyond.

Project Management: First Steps

- Distribute grant agreement, pre-financing to partners
- Establish project management teams
  - get key staff and contact details in place
- Establish detailed work plans
- Establish internal teams and responsibilities
- Establish project internal rules and procedures, communication channels, documentation standards → **Consortium Agreement**
- Start dissemination activities
  - project web-site
  - make contact with other projects which are relevant

Coordinator's Duties

Carry out specific co-ordination tasks

- Intermediary for communication between the consortium and the EC
- Inform EC of designated contact person(s) per beneficiary and update
- Inform EC of any event which might affect implementation
- Appropriate internal arrangements to ensure the efficient implementation of the project
- Administer the financial contribution

Commission's Duties

- **Monitor** the execution of the project
- **Ensure** that the Community financial contribution is provided when and where necessary under the conditions established by the grant agreement
- **Carry out** review, analysis and approval of project deliverables within the periods indicated in the grant agreement
- **Maintain** the confidentiality of any information, data, reports or other deliverables or knowledge communicated as confidential

Useful Information

- Reporting
- Reviews
- Payment modalities
- Amendments
- Grant Agreement

Reporting

- **Progress reports** to be submitted **<u>via NEF</u>** by the coordinator within 60 days after end of period

- **Final reports** to be submitted by the coordinator within 60 days after end of project:

Review Process

- Review after receipt of periodic reports (tentatively in M10, M20, M30)
- Review will examine work done in the reporting period
- Review team: Project officer + independent experts
- Possibility to co-locate some distinct reviews with workshops
- Review is a contractual requirement - successful outcome required for payment

Payment Modalities

- One pre-financing
- Interim payments after approval of deliverables and periodic reports (retention of 10%)
- Final payment

Specifics of Thematic Networks with lump sum funding
- The CO is requested to
  - submit a simplified financial statement
  - sign the summary financial report and confirm that the beneficiaries for whom financing is requested have actively participated in the project
  - sign a declaration on the accuracy of the reports submitted

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Amendments

- Obligation to inform the Commission of any major event
- Amendments have to be motivated by written
- Coordinator requests amendments on behalf of the consortium

Grant Agreement (GA)

- The GA and applicable legislation are the sole and exhaustive account of the rights and obligations of the contracting parties

- Order of precedence from strongest to weakest:

  - Special Clauses

  - Main GA

  - Annex II (General Conditions)

  - Annex I (Description of Work)

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Further Information on Project Management

- ICT Policy Support Programme: http://ec.europa.eu/digital-agenda/en/participate-ict-policy-support-programme#psp-project-management

- PSP Project Management (for ex. Guide to Financial Issues) https://ec.europa.eu/digital-agenda/node/60814

What is expected from you

- Presence & active participation

- Active contribution to the project outcomes

- Dissemination

- Networking

Relationship to other Activities on Open Data

- G8 Open Data Charter
- Revised Directive on the re-use of public sector information
- Guidelines accompanying the Revised Directive (under preparation)

Directive on the Re-use of Public Sector Information (Directive 2003/98/EC)

- Entered into force in 2003
- Encourages the Member States to make as much information held by public sector bodies available for re-use as possible

Further information:

http://ec.europa.eu/digital-agenda/en/european-legislation-reuse-public-sector-information

European Commission

Revision of the PSI Directive

- Creation of a genuine **right to re-use public information**: all generally accessible information will become re-usable

- New default charging rule based on the **marginal cost** for reproduction, provision and dissemination of the information

- **Cultural institutions** brought within the scope

- **Increased transparency** requirements with regard to charges and conditions applied by public sector bodies

- New rules on **digitisation agreements** which protect the cultural sector and interests of the general public

Revision of the PSI Directive: Current Status

- Legislative process started in December 2011
- EU co-legislators agreed on the final text in April
- Formally adopted by EP and Council in June 2013
- Published in the Official Journal as Directive 2013/37/EU
- To be transposed into national laws – by July 2015

More information: http://ec.europa.eu/digital-agenda/en/news/revision-psi-directive

Guidelines

The Revised PSI Directive (recital 36) calls on the European Commission to issue guidelines in order to assist the Member States in the implementation of the new rules in 3 areas:

- Licensing conditions
- Charging
- Datasets to be made available for re-use as a priority

Public Sector Information Group

- Expert group on PSI set up in 2002 by the EC to
  - Exchange good practices and initiatives supporting public sector information re-use
  - Discuss and recommend solutions to challenges such as charging, exclusive agreements, development indicators for measuring public sector information and technology

Further information:

http://ec.europa.eu/digital-agenda/en/news/public-sector-information-group-main-page

Objectives of Share-PSI 2.0

In the context of the above described EC activities, Share-PSI 2.0 has the goals to:

- Identify best practices
- Harmonise the implementation of the Revised PSI Directive

Further Project-Related Activities I

LAPSI 2.0: The European Thematic Network on Legal Aspects of Public Sector Information

- published License Interoperability Report

http://lapsi-project.eu/

ePSI platform: EC initiative promoting a dynamic PSI and Open Data re-use market across the EU
http://www.epsiplatform.eu/

Further Project-Related Activities II

EU Open Data Portal:

https://open-data.europa.eu/en/data/

Pan-European Open Data Portal:

http://publicdata.eu/

Outlook: First Steps

Workshop 1 on Uses of Open Data within government for innovation and efficiency

- July 2014
- hosted by the University of Aegean, Greece

→ Identify success stories

Mid 2014: Envisioned publication of guidelines and discussion in the PSI Group

→ Opportunity to report on WS results in PSI Group

Further Information on the Data Value Chain Unit

- http://cordis.europa.eu/info-management/
- http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/ict/language-technologies/
- https://ec.europa.eu/digital-agenda/en/content-and-media/data

- Follow us on Twitter: @EUDataEcosystem

- Join the LinkedIn group EU Data Ecosystem: http://www.linkedin.com/groups/EU-Data-Ecosystem-4925185

- European Data Forum 2014 19.-20.03.2014 in Athens: http://2014.data-forum.eu/