

Minutes

Daily Management Group Meeting

22 November 2023

Attendees: Elmer Topp-Jørgensen, Morten Rasch, Kirsi Latola, Hannele Savela, Luisella Bianco, Terry Callaghan, Margareta Johansson, Katharina Beckmann.

INTERACT 3 Prolongation

INTERACT3 has got a one-year prolongation of the project approved, the end date is now 31 December 2024. A TA call for summer season 2024 is open and planning of the rest of the activities for the final year is ongoing.

To ensure that all DMG members can contribute until the end of the project (i.e. December 2024), the DMG has investigated how much funding remains in the partners respective budget. These numbers were presented in a power point where it was decided on some redistribution of funding among partners in the DMG to ensure that all can continue to work in 2024. At present there was an overall minus of 115000 Euro among the DMG partners. This deficit could be adjusted by financing some of the person months through other sources. An even better estimate can be made when we have the numbers from the whole project (after the cumulative expenditure report that should be submitted before New Year). Most likely there will be unspent money that can be used to cover the slight minus among the DMG partners.

The WPs that finish now will be requested to submit their reports in the end of January 2024 (instead of waiting until the very end of the whole project).

INTERACT3 second periodic report

The second periodic report hasn't been approved yet, but when it is, we will receive/pay out money to the partners ASAP.

INTERACT Final Meeting

It would be nice to have the final meeting in November 2024 (as the project will end in December). September and October are usually very busy for people anyway, so November could be a good option. Abisko would be a suitable location for the meeting.

- Katharina sends out a save the date for 5-7 November (with travel dates 4th and 8th) to the whole consortium
- Margareta will talk to the Abisko station about the possibilities to host the meeting

Next DMG meeting

The next DMG meeting will be held on the 12th December 13-15 CET.

- Katharina sends out invitations

INTERACT Future Possibilities

We have discussed writing a letter to EU national points of contact regarding the continuation of INTERACT. The letter could be sent either from the secretariat or from the national contacts depending on each country's situation. It would be good to wait until we have published the paper on the importance of including Russia in environmental monitoring of the Arctic (Efren et al. to be published most likely in the end of December). We should also go through the EU calls and refer to them.

Apart from lobbying for INTERACT we should not forget that we also have INPA. Elmer kindly volunteered to be a champion for future applications that are of interest for INTERACT/INPA.

- Katharina will add the points "Letter to national contact points" and "Increased collaboration with UArctic" to the next agenda to continue the discussions then.
- Luisella will check what is in the pipeline regarding the available calls in the EU.