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## WP3: Network Activity 1: Improving Access Provision

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<b>Work package title</b>	Improving Access Provision						
<b>Participant number</b>	1	8	9	12	14	17	22
<b>Short name of participant</b>	UPMC	UGOT	UPV/E HU	SZN	CCMA R	VLIZ	MSS
<b>Person/months per participant:</b>	5	24	5	27	1	9	4
<b>Start month</b>	1			<b>End month</b>	48		

- UPMC = Université Pierre et Marie Curie (SB-Roscoff, OO-Villefranche, OO-Banyuls)
- UGOT = Göteborgs Universitet
- UPV/EHU = Euskal Herriko Unibertsitatea
- SZN = Stazione Zoologica Anton Dohrn
- CCMAR = Centro de Ciências do Mar
- VLIZ = Vlaams Instituut voor de Zee
- MSS = Marine Scotland Science

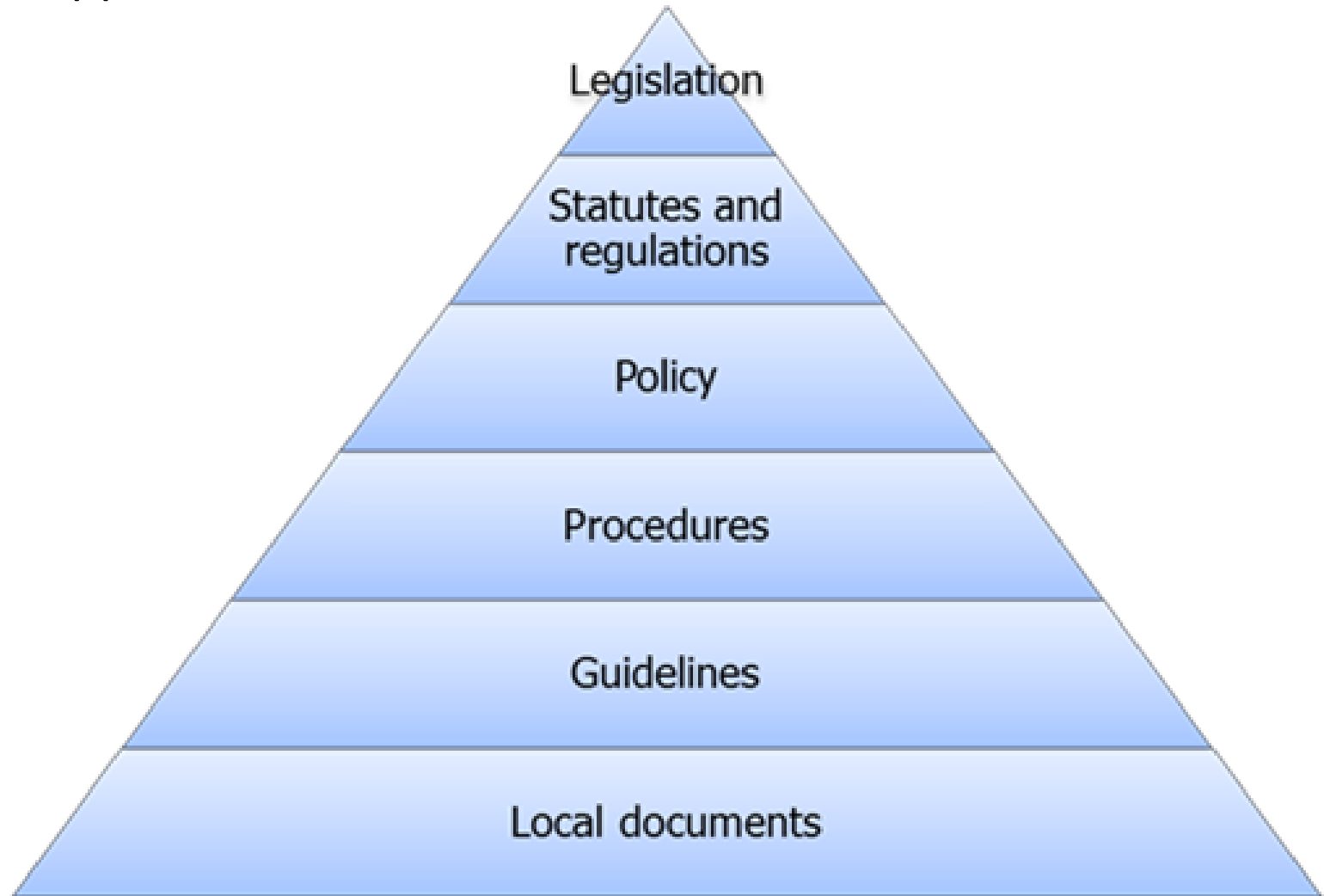
## **Objectives of NA1**

- Establish policy for regulating, granting and supporting TA in order to provide clear and fair procedures;
- Set up a single-access point to the offered research infrastructure at the various project partners;
- Test TA - research pipelines through ASSEMBLE PLUS and cognates to facilitate research flows between partners in different (ESFRI) Research Infrastructures in joint calls;
- Share best practices among platforms and services in order to improve TA provision to the Users;

**Improve the efficiency of service provision.**

## Task NA1.1: Grant, regulate and support TA

Lead: SZN, Support from UGOT & UPMC



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Describes the organisation of the TA;

- National Node appoints Liaison Officer who liaises between Access Officer (at UPMC) and Local Liaison Officers at stations providing TA. No National Node identified? Each station providing TA appoints Liaison Officer;
- SZN and UGOT detail all TA procedures in a TA policy document (DNA1.1, M3), together with templates for application forms, TA contracts and TA reports.

**Task NA1.2: Set up a single-access point to offered infrastructure**

Lead: VLIZ (9PM), Support from UPMC



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## **Task NA1.2: Set up a single-access point to offered infrastructure**

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- VLIZ sets up ASSEMBLE Plus single-access point for TA proposals, based on the EMBRC service access system.
- ASSEMBLE Plus service access system is upgrade of EMBRC system using info from EMBRC partners and requesting info from non-EMBRC partners. Non-EMBRC partners need to compile info in EMBRC access system template (EMBRC partners may need to review – update info).
- Access point launched at month 3 (internal deliverable).

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- ASSEMBLE plus and cognate consortia operate TA programs together.
- TA Users put research platforms at Access Providers in different consortia into “research infrastructure pipelines” through which they perform their Research workflows
- Cognate INFRAIA consortia and associated ESFRI RIs advertise joint calls for “pipeline” proposals. Shared procedures and workflows will be tested to smoothen interoperation between consortia.
- Experiences will be solicited from TA-users and Access providers and collated into a report (part of D NA1.2).

# Task NA1.4: Share best practices to enable delivery of top-quality scientific services

Lead: UGOT, Support from SZN & CCMAR



## **Task NA1.4: Share best practices to enable delivery of top-quality scientific services**

Lead: UGOT, Support from SZN & CCMAR

**UGOT and SZN (€80,000.-) organize training workshops for service staff on advances in service provision in thematic fields:**

1. Molecular and traditional tools for ecological monitoring (with JRA1, **M5 February 2018** and M15);
2. Cryopreservation (with JRA2, M20);
3. Omics technologies (with JRA3, **M6 March 2018** and M30);
4. Aquarium technology and ex-situ rearing of marine organisms (with JRA4, **M3 December 2017** and M24);
5. Scientific diving (with JRA5, M27); and
6. TA management (M4 **January 2018**).

**Nine Workshops** organized in conjunction with JRA workshops to implement JRA deliverables in services across the consortium.

## **Task NA1.4: Share best practices to enable delivery of top-quality scientific services**

Lead: UGOT, Support from SZN & CCMAR

**UGOT (€30,000.-) and SZN operate competitive grant-scheme to co-fund short sabbaticals of service staff across consortium to foster networking among service staff.**

## **Task NA1.4: Share best practices to enable delivery of top-quality scientific services**

Lead: UGOT, Support from SZN & CCMAR (1M)

SZN and UGOT edit report (with chapters on the six thematic fields) containing quality benchmarks, recommended policies, procedures practices, user feedback, technological advances.

Report includes Gaps and Redundancies analysis in service provision across consortium, and recommends what is to be provided internally and where, and what is provided faster, better and cheaper externally (D-NA1.2, M45).



## **Task NA1.5: Improving the efficiency of service provision**

Lead: UPV/EHU (5PM), Support from UPMC, MSS (4PM), UGOT & SZN

UPV/EHU:

- Maps existing quality management systems, accreditations and certifications across ASSEMBLE Plus, taking into account OECD Best Practice Guidelines for Biological Resource Centres, and quality benchmarks, recommended policies, and guidelines for best practices from NA1.4.
- Gathers info about service provision management systems.

## **Task NA1.5: Improving the efficiency of service provision**

Lead: UPV/EHU, Support from UPMC, MSS, UGOT & SZN

UPV/EHU writes report D-NA1.2 (M45) including:

- Guidelines for shared good practices across partners
- Issues in need of quality management.
- Criteria for European draft certification standard for service provision at marine stations,
- Program for implementing the standards.

Standards to be beta tested in a few stations. Lessons learned to be included in a final report on European certification standards for service provision at marine stations to be recommended for implementation across ASSEMBLE Plus partners and beyond.



