Assemble + (A+) – Kick Off meeting

Introduction

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Assemble + : Association of European Marine Biological Research Laboratories Expanded

- Call Identifier: H2020-INFRAIA-1-2016-2017 - Integrating Activities for Advanced Communities
- Type of Action: RIA Research and Innovation action
- Coordination: UPMC
- Scientific Coordinator (Ilaria Nardello, EMBRC Executive Director)
- Duration: 48 months from October 1st 2017
Budget Allocation

- Budget : 10 M€
  - Management 10% : 1 M€
  - Networking activities 15% : 1.5 M€
  - Joint Research Activities 25% : 2.5 M€
  - Trans-national Access system 50% : 5 M€
Partners

• 32 marine stations in 16 countries
• 14 EU member states and 2 associated countries
Impact of A+ on the marine biological RI landscape

- A+ consolidates and expands EMBRC
EXPECTED IMPACTS

• ULTIMATE GOAL:

IMPROVE THE LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY of marine stations
EXPECTED IMPACTS

- Increasing number of excellent-science publications citing A+ & RIs
- Potentiating RI services with new enabling technologies for various applications
- Innovative public-private partnerships and products
- Stimulating new investments with new users
IMPLEMENTATION

• Management and communication
• Improving access provision - NA1
• Focus on enhanced access to data - NA2
• Interconnection of research and industry - NA3
• Foresight studies and Sustainability Plans NA3 and NA4
• Joint development of new services
  – A+ Genomic Observatories JRA1
  – Cryobanking of marine organisms JRA2
  – Functional genomics of marine organisms JRA3
  – Instrumentation for experimental marine biology and ecology JRA4
  – Emerging technologies to improve diving-based science delivery JRA5
• Trans-national Access TA1-20
• Virtual Access
A+ activities and interrelationship
Governance

Advisory board
10 external members

Access User selection Panel
12 members

General Assembly
Representatives of all partners
Decisions and control

Project Implementation Committee
Scientific Coordinator
JRA and NA WP leaders
Project execution

Management Team
Scientific coordination
Project management
communication
Day-to-day management

European Commission
Thank you for your attention!