

Minutes of the online MC meeting of 9 October 2023

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Slides

The slides of the chair and working group leaders are available on <https://europroofnet.github.io/mc-meetings/>.

Countries and members

The chair recalls the current composition of the core group.

The chair gives statistics on countries, members and working groups (a member can be in various WGs): +100 members in one year!

Ukraine joined the action.

Some COST countries are still not present: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cyprus, Latvia, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro.

Malta is expected to join in the coming months.

Communication

Publications: currently 40 but more are going to be added in the coming days.

Talks in meetings and schools: we should consider recording more of them.

Alicia asks whether we can add on the EPN web site results or publications that are interesting for a WG or the action objectives even if it corresponds to no deliverable. Frédéric answers yes and invite every WG leader to add this on their WG page.

Budget

Initial budget of 164,496 euros increased by COST to 196,546 euros in March.

Modified work and budget plan: more budget for STSMs and planned activities.

SONALF school transformed into meeting in Cambridge.

Reallocation of unspent money to other meetings, STSMs, a new school (VTSA) and a new meeting (Fontainebleau).

Almost all the budget spent but 4615 euros.

Reimbursements

Reimbursements done much faster than last year.

In 2023, 189 missions to reimburse (meetings + STSMs). All STSMs have been reimbursed (including those of September). All missions until July reimbursed except 5 ongoing. The reimbursement of missions of September are ongoing. It should be done within one month.

Goals and deliverables

See the slides of the chair.

Summary of WG activities

See the slides of the working group leaders.

Jesper Cockx presents WG1.

Pascal Fontaine presents WG2. Pascal Fontaine stepped down. Mathias is vice leader. The proceedings of PAAR 2022 are now online on <https://eur-ws.org/Vol-3201/>. It should be added on the EPN web site.

Alicia Villanueva presents WG3.

Claudio Sacerdoti presents WG4. Remark on proof package management: Frédéric will have an engineer to help with this and other matters.

Cezary Kaliszyk presents WG5. Good meeting activity, less STSMs.

Benedigt Ahrens presents WG6.

Ambrus Kaposi presents STSMs.

- Frédéric remarks that in 2023 only 15% of STSMs went to ITC for lack of proposals. We should have more proposals from ITC.
- Alicia asks whether whether action objectives and not just deliverables are taken into account in to the selection of STSMs. Frédéric and Ambrus answer yes.

- Ambrus and Silvia suggest to accept more STSMs at the beginning of the grant period. Frédéric agrees.

Victor suggests to move the WG2 and WG3 wikis on automated theorem provers and software verification tools to Wikipedia.

Lugia Petre presents training activities.

Work and budget plan for 2024

The chair presents a summary of the work and budget plan for the next period.

Ambrus asks why there is no WG6 meeting colocated with TYPES. Benedikt answers that it is difficult to have a 2 days meeting at TYPES because TYPES is already 4 or 5 days, and the topic of TYPES is much larger than the WG6 objectives. Frédéric adds that the daily allowance for Copenhagen is very high and limits the number of participants that can be funded.

Proposal for 2025

For 2025, the chair proposes to submit a proposal to the Institut Pascal on the Campus of the Université Paris-Saclay to have a programme of several weeks which could be made from various WG meetings. The Institut Pascal provides funds for accommodation but people should stay at least 2 weeks, and there should be between 15 and 60 participants each week. The deadline is November 10. A proposal will be shared for further discussion.