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1 Introduction

In parallel with the CASAGRAS final conference held at Central Hall Westminster, London on October 7th, 2009, RACE networkRFID took the opportunity that most of its members were attending the conference to organise its own set of events:

- RACE networkRFID management Board meeting (Oct 7th)
- RACE networkRFID intermediary EC review (Oct 7th)
- RACE networkRFID General Assembly meeting (Oct 8th)

This review was intended to be informal and to serve as a checkpoint between the consortium and the European Commission, following the many changes that had occurred in the first half year of the project.

During this review, each work package leader presented a brief status of activities, achievements and future work for his/her WP. The related presentations are available on the project shared work space at URL <https://bscw.ercim.org/bscw/bscw.cgi/726332>

B - Management Board meeting, London, October 7th 2009 10 entries

Central Hall Westminster, London
in preparation of the intermediary project review on same day

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Minutes & Actions MB meeting on October 7th, 2009 - London. Preparation of the GA meeting (Oct 8) and of the EC intermediary review (Oct 7) | 88.5 K | prohou | 2009-11-12 | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WP1 - The EC RFID Recommendation on Privacy and Data Protection | 1.0 M | prohou | 2010-02-24 17:34 | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WP2 - Technology Roadmap & Market Analysis | 2.2 M | prohou | 2010-02-24 17:34 | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WP3 - Applications and project deployment | 852 K | prohou | 2010-02-24 17:38 | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> WP7 - Website Tour | 28.5 M | prohou | 2010-02-24 17:41 | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WP8 - Project Management | 1.2 M | prohou | 2009-11-06 | | |

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Together with this short deliverable, those presentations make the intermediary six-monthly report for year 1 (D8.1.1).

List of Participants

The following consortium partners and EC personnel participated to the intermediary review on October 7th, 2009:

MB members:

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| Ian Smith | (AIDC) | WP7 leader - Chair of the MB |
| Andrea Huber | (Informationsforum RFID) | WP5 leader - Chair of the GA |
| Marisa Jimenez | (GS1) | WP1 leader |
| Niko Hossain | (FhG) | WP2 leader |
| Laurent Gonzales | (fiIRFID/CNRFID) | WP3 leader |
| Patrick Guillemin | (ETSI) | WP4 leader |
| Trevor Peirce | (ETSI) | WP4 co-leader |
| Nuño Manas | (IBERLOG) | WP6 leader |
| Philippe Rohou | (ERCIM) | WP8 leader – Project coordinator |

Invited

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| Ove Canemyr | (RFID Nordic) |
| Gunnar Ivansson | (RFID Nordic) |

European Commission

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| Peter Friess | (European Commission) | Project Officer |
| Florent Frederix | (European Commission) | Project evaluator, head of sector |

Agenda of the intermediary review

The intermediary focused on the following presentation and discussion points:

RACE EVALUATION AGENDA

Central Hall Westminster

7th October 2009, 18.00h – 19.30h

1. RACE-networkRFID overview report and Dissemination Plan - Ian Smith, Chair, Management Board
2. Current membership and short term prospects -Philippe Rohou, Co-ordinator
3. Work Package Leaders report on progress to date and short, middle and long term objectives (7-8 minutes each).
4. General Discussion
5. Agree conclusion and action points.

2 Progress report by work package

This intermediary EC review was kept informal and took the shape of a discussion during which each WP leader gave a quick overview of their WP progress and achievements. The conclusion of the review from Peter was that there was still significant work to do to put the network back on track but that he was confident that the current team would take up this challenge and succeed.

Key points from WP leaders

Please refer to the presentations mentioned above for details of WP status.

WP1 discussion focused on:

- Privacy and Security issues of RFID: the EC Recommendation
- Our role as a Race Network RFID
- Towards implementation
- EC Roadmap

Status: change in WP leader, work on-going, deliverables late, no major concern.

WP2 discussion focused on:

- Market analysis deliverable (D2.1)
- EU ICT conference
- AIM EREG presentation

Status: work on-going, late deliverable D2.1 due at M6, no major concern.

WP3 discussion focused on:

- Apart from a status of the WP3 database, the main message from this WP was that
- ‘Applications and project deployment’ needs a more important participation:
 - A greater number of participants
 - A greater involvement of participants
 - And a more important dissemination of the work package:
 - Publicity for the WP required outside the Thematic Network website

Status: work on-going, database development in progress, no deliverable due before M12, no major concern.

WP4 discussion focused on:

- Harmonisation of European Thematic Network requirements in relation with current and future research projects
 - links with RFID Projects inside Europe and liaise with international organisations
- Creation of the environment for progress in relation to European standardisation and critical infrastructure governance issues
 - Harmonisation and standardisation related activities will be addressed, which also addresses the requirement to support the European Commission
 - WP4 also support the European Commission with regard to the Lighthouse Project
 - WP4 define common terminologies

Status: work on-going, no deliverable due before M12, no major concern.

WP5 discussion focused on:

- Workshop “Harmonised Sign”
- Awareness initiatives
- Promoting public awareness

Status: work on-going, late deliverable D5.1.1 due at M6, no major concern.

WP6 discussion focused on:

- Report of Relevant SME Organizations by State and Sector (D6.1)

Status: only Spain and Portugal have been covered so far in the Iberlog draft report. WP is late on delivering D6.1 (M6) and has no plan to reach out to the rest of Europe. WP leader has expressed desire to withdraw from his leadership role.

This is a key activity for the network and a serious concern for its success.

WP7 discussion focused on:

- Dissemination plan
- Industrial web site and associated dissemination content and material
- Recruiting plans for associate members
- National contacts
- 5-minute diagnostic

Status: work on-going, but deliverables are overdue, EC asking for dissemination plan and looking forward to see industrial web site on-line soon..

WP8 discussion focused on:

- Actions to address current issues and to get the network on track before end of year 1
- Consortium agreement
- Membership development and admission procedure
- Overall status of deliverables
- Budget proposals to move forward with WP3 database and industrial web site

Status: work on-going, many internal issues to be addressed and many changes to be implemented, WP8 takes a commitment that the Management Board will make the network fully operative before the end of its first year (e.g. by end of February 2010).

3 Main internal issues to resolve

The main factors preventing the network to move forward were identified and discussed with a view to find solutions and put the project back on track. A number of critical issues that the consortium had to face in its first six month of operations were identified as follows:

- Slow start of the Thematic Network due to internal conflicts between partners
- Little funding available to carry out the work plan
- Departure and replacement of the project coordinator
- Possible departure of Management Board chairman and WP7 leader
- Departure and replacement of the WP1 leader
- Resignation request from WP6 leader
- Very restrictive operating rules described in the DoW meaning that the network is very heavy to steer
- Blockage on WP3 database due to lack of funding
- Blockage on WP7 Industrial web site due to lack of funding
- No deliverable submitted after 7 months in the project while 13 were due by M6

4 Conclusions

The main action items that the consortium undertook to address during the coming months and before the end of period 1 were the following:

- Change by-laws to allow faster integration of new associate members
- Finalise the Consortium Agreement
- Find a replacement to the WP6 leader
- Bring replacement of the WP7 leader up to speed
- Progress on industrial web site: identify developer, deliver version 1 for end of year
- Write and submit all due deliverables before the end of the period
- File an amendment to the DoW to reflect consortium evolution and operational changes

This action plan aims at bringing back the network on track with regards to its initial work plan by the end of its first year of activity.