

2021 SPRING ACTRIS IMP MEETING

March 29-30, virtual meeting

Action Items

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March 29th

Introduction

Monday March 29th, 09:00-09:30 CEST

The session was attended by 130 (09:25 CEST) participants.

- ACTRIS ERIC establishment (foreseen in winter 21/22) depends also on the development in the European Commission.
- Hack the Arctic (12.-14.3.2021) was a very good example of how to cooperate with other RIs and get visibility for the ACTRIS work.
- All of the deliverables due M18 and the ones that have been delayed need to be submitted to the Coordinator at the latest in late May due to the review process. No review process for the milestones; they, therefore, can be submitted in mid-June.

National Progress Reports

Monday March 29th, 10:30-12:00 CEST

The session was attended by 150 (11:13 CEST) participants.

- Estonia, the Netherlands and Portugal updated their status after the main slide set.
- The Netherlands: NFs: 3 operational + 2 in preparation, mobile platform, hosting units in CCRES, CREGARS, ministry discussions ongoing (update in June IAC meeting), national roadmap status (ACTRIS +ICOS combined), to be updated in 2021, new proposals to be submitted.
- Portugal: 3 NFs (2 observatory & 1 exploratory), plans for a new ACTRIS observatory site (Azores, Pico Islands), national funding organizations endorse ACTRIS and ACTRIS community

in Portugal, but no concrete plans yet, in May there will be a ministerial meeting to discuss the infrastructures.

- Eija: HO ready to support the national processes if needed, great to hear that there are plans for new ACTRIS sites and platforms.

CF Progress Reports

Monday March 29th, 13:00-14:30 CEST

The session was attended by 139 (13:37 CEST) participants.

- BEERi (Board of European environmental research infrastructures) meets regularly (once or twice a year) for the communication and sharing of experiences among RIs
- It is perhaps worth mentioning that ACTRIS HO is also often and regularly asked to act as a science organisation, representing a community of atmospheric scientists. It is also a voice for the EU commission.
- There aren't any details yet on the DG recruitment process. Overall process development ongoing & practises for the recruitment process itself (concrete plan) to be presented to IAC in June and hopefully approved in the autumn.
- The link of the DC search portal with the Catalogue of Service (under development) should be addressed. We need a framework agreement with WMO on operations of the Data Centre and the calibration centres.

NF Labelling Plan

Monday March 29th, 15:00-16:30 CEST

The session was attended by 133 (15:23 CEST) participants.

- Labelling concerns the labelling of the official NFs in the ACTRIS countries only. JRC station will receive an ACTRIS label, but the process for its inclusion is different from the NFs in the ACTRIS member and observer countries, and is foreseen to be similar to ICOS process.
- NF contact list is needed for the CFs.
- There was a call last autumn for volunteers for the NF labelling pilot project. Done by e-mail. In case there are other NFs that would like to volunteer, Ulla Wandinger can be contacted directly.
- Duplicate work should be avoided for those NFs that are signing up with several components.
- There is a need to look closer at the mobile platforms, as they are not so mature and haven't been considered much in ACTRIS up to now. Working Group on ACTRIS NF Exploratory

Platforms was established in 2020 to support the work. Some are already included in the ATMO-ACCESS project.

- There is a need to establish the dialogue with the RPOs and PIs of the mobile platforms. In the first years of ERIC there will be a need for the TCs to handle an increasing number of NFs and components in a controlled way.
- It is important to identify possible bottlenecks in the NF Labelling Process.
- Clear timelines for NFs should be avoided as at some point there will be a quick increase in the number of NFs.
- Timelines for different NFs and NF types will be different.

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User Access to ACTRIS

Tuesday March 30th, 09:00-11:30 CEST

The session was attended by 127 (09:58 CEST) participants.

- Answers to polls and questions from the IMP audience in Slido were handled directly by the user access team.
- In the future many small surveys focusing on one issue/topic at one time will be utilised, as they are easier for users to answer.
- Tutorials and other relevant documents should be available as part of access knowledge interface.
- There has been excellent collaboration between WP6 & WP9; related to user needs.

Use of the New ACTRIS Website

Tuesday March 30th, 11:30-12:00 CEST

The session was attended by 123 (11:45 CEST) participants.

- Materials and previous presentations
 - deliverables of IMP and PPP available at the moment
 - meeting documents following up soon
- Community mailing list includes both external & internal people. In the future there will be an e-mail list for the internal community.
- Community meeting documentation can be put on the intranet and a link can be shared with the workshop/meeting participants.
- Acronyms should be used as little as possible on the website.

- Rules of using the Intranet should be discussed at the ACTRIS HO.
- Currently the intranet cannot be synchronised with the outlook/google calendars. Work in progress.
- Not everybody will be able to log in to the new website. Public presentations will be placed directly on the website (not in the intranet).

ACTRIS in the European and International landscapes and Innovation

Tuesday March 30th, 13:00-14:00 CEST

The session was attended by 121 (14:50 CEST) participants.

- It is important to have cooperation with the Private Sector but also to provide services to them. This will be evaluated. It is important to measure the impact of the services and develop suitable Key Performance Indicators (KPIs). Financial tools and the pricing should be evaluated as well. There a task about this in the ATMO-ACCESS project.

Progress in the ICT Development

Tuesday March 30th, 14:30-15:15 CEST

The session was attended by 114 (15:56 CEST) participants.

- Automatization and integration are needed between the different HO ICT systems, as well as between different TC's ICT systems (APIs).
- There are no WP/tasks or resources for setting up administrative tools and workflows in ACTRIS IMP -> this needs to be done with HO's/other organizations' resources.
- Setting up of the ICT tools is a high priority task at the HO.
- Budget for ICT is significantly less than is needed for a comprehensive system. Resources for the ACTRIS community/RPOs need to be used if feasible. HO (ERIC) is allocating resources for the implementation of the ICT systems. However, the step-wise implementation of the ICT tools is necessary.
- HO tasks could possibly be performed with tools and not fully automated workflow processes (some human interaction needed), similar to the DC. This could be applied also for other TCs/NFs. Workflows can also be separated from the actual tool used (the tool can be different). Next steps include monitoring aspect and the provision of tools and training.

Concluding Remarks and Feedback

Tuesday March 30th, 15:15-16:00 CEST

The session was attended by 114 (15:36 CEST) participants.

- Link to the acronyms used in ACTRIS vocabulary is needed. Glossary is updated currently and will be published on the website, but it covers only “ACTRIS acronyms” and not those that are used in normal RI jargon.
- IMP is a tool to serve ACTRIS implementation, and as such it should be managed in a flexible manner to follow the general decisions and plans in ACTRIS.
- Communication needs (internal/external and engagement):
 - ACTRIS calendar needs to be put in place asap in order to find events and follow up the information. The work is on-going, and the calendar will be published on the intranet. The calendar needs to be also *used* by all to work properly.
 - TCs need information on the technical work that is ongoing in DC. DC has had workshops open to all. They could be organized more often and communicated better to the community. There may be also smaller workshops.
 - Informal discussions are lacking currently due to COVID. This needs to be kept in mind.
 - Access to information is crucial for ACTRIS community building. The new intranet should help with that. It is important to think about what information different actors (TC, NF, RPO, etc.) are needing.
- There is a proposition to have a forum for the ACTRIS community.
 - Scientific and Technical Forum will be established this year, and it is a high priority task.
 - Discussion Forum for access users will be put in place by SAMU. It is not meant for scientific/technical discussions, but for covering the entire ACTRIS services user perspective.
 - There is a need for a general online Forum for all the community, to be able to ask and discuss everything, find information, etc.
- It is also important not to overload ACTRIS calendar/community with too many meetings/working groups as many things can be solved e.g. bilaterally and, if needed, be brought to the larger community.