COMPARED project
1st Meeting Steering group
07 June 2018

Minutes

Participants
NKFIH; FECYT; Science Europe; ERCEA; DG RTD; DG JRC

Aim of the meeting: review project objectives and discuss governance, planning and deliverables.

Main outcomes
Scope of the project
"Providing more evidence for the decision-making process in evaluation of R&I grant proposals. The project should also seek to facilitate the attribution of evaluators to proposals".

Pilot Platform
- Recommendation to start with data that are available open access.
- Multiple proposals submission should be possible.
- At least one feedback iteration with the core group.
- Testing should be done on real cases (which implies pilot ready end 2018).
- Meeting with stakeholders when platform ready to be demonstrated.
- Data should be collected from funding agencies after demonstrating the pilot system.
- Assessment has to be done regarding including sc. publications data and patents.
- Central VS local deployment of the semantic platform should be discussed.

Data issues
- Data protection, retention, and confidentiality issues to be considered.
- EU grants data: raw data from Cordis should be taken, not the OPOCE modified data.
- No harmonisation of data formats but recommendation for format to submit data + metadata fields to consider (affiliation, year, title, abstract, author).
- Submission language issue to tackle.

Data repository
- Next to the semantic platform, create a repository of grant data + script describing structure. Full data index could be installed locally by users to improve performance and keep confidentiality.
- Full index of Wikipedia pages could also be inserted to spot plagiarism.
- Existing systems and initiatives should be taken into consideration (RTD IRIS, Crossref, Wikidat, OpenAire).

Synergies
- JRC to explore synergies with each compared partner + DG Budg and DG Regio.

Planning and timing
- Preliminary user requirements meeting not necessary: JRC will develop the first prototype which will then be tested.
- Timeline requirement: the prototype should be ready by the end of this year to test it on real calls.

<u>Governance</u>

- Next steering group meeting will be organised by JRC (and hosted by Science Europe) once the first prototype will be ready.

Actions

1. Each partner to send to JRC an email with bullet points of needs from the user perspective.

2. JRC to consider having separate meetings with each partner to explore local systems in place and reuse/synergies.

3. JRC to check other similar projects ongoing within the Commission (DG BUDG, DG REGIO ,DG RTD-eCORDA).

4. JRC to start development of the platform.