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Abstract

With the aim of ensuring an appropriate and continuous flow of information towards the Euro-BioImaging (EuBI) stakeholders, the EuBI Preparatory Phase II website has been launched in January 2016 and it has been embedded within the existing EuBI website. A Google Drive has also been set up with the aim of facilitating the sharing of documents amongst the project's beneficiaries.

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1. Introduction and framing of the deliverable within Task 1.2

Work Package 1 (WP1) is responsible for the communication activities both within the project partners and amongst the external stakeholders. To this end Task 1.2 (*Disseminate information within the consortium*) includes the set-up of a project website.

Given that the project constitutes a natural evolution of the activities previously carried out within Euro-Biolmaging, the EuBI PPII website has been created under the existing EuBI domain (www.eurobioimaging.eu) at the URL: <http://www.eurobioimaging.eu/prep-phase2016>.

The website has been launched directly at project start, in January 2016, with the aim of informing the external stakeholders on the developments and planned activities within Euro-Biolmaging.

Currently the main features of the EuBI PPII webpages include:

- information on the general content and objectives of the project as well as the description of its activities, structured in Work Packages (WPs);
- an overview of the project partners and an indication of the contact points;
- a *News & Media* section, providing short newsfeed articles on the main developments and key facts of the whole Euro-Biolmaging project.

It is planned that once the EuBI Web Access Portal - to be developed within WP5 (Technical Preparation for User Access) - will be launched, the EuBI PPII website will be integrated into it. This has the aim of centralising the information regarding Euro-Biolmaging with the functionalities of its online interface.

In addition to the website, a Google Drive has been set up with the aim of facilitating the sharing of documents amongst the project's beneficiaries. This system has been preferred to a password-protected internal area on the project website not only in view of the fact that it is free of charge but also because it is easy to access and offers the possibility to all projects partners to jointly work on documents without the need to circulate updated versions via email.

Annex I: Screenshot from the Euro-BioImaging Preparatory Phase II project website Homepage

Prep Phase II (2016-2017)

EC H2020 funds for Euro-BioImaging Preparatory Phase II: Full-speed towards operation (Start on Jan 1st, 2016)

In the scope of the EC call for scientific infrastructure development (INFRADEV-2), Euro-BioImaging (EuBI) was granted € 1.5 Mill for its Preparatory Phase-II, to take the final steps needed to start full operation for open user access by 2017. In the next 2 years, the legal documents and contracts that will establish EuBI as a new European Research Infrastructure Consortium called EuBI ERIC, will be finalized and signed by its European member countries and international organizations such as EMBL. By joining the EuBI ERIC, its members put EuBI commonly on the infrastructure map of Europe and open its doors for access and services in imaging technologies to all researchers.

The countries are now establishing the first generation of EuBI Nodes to be ready for operation. In this regard, the Preparatory Phase II grant also provides the means to prepare the procedures for including additional Nodes in the future and to identify exciting novel imaging technologies that were developed just recently and may be suitable for open user access as part of EuBI. In Preparatory Phase II, the comprehensive EuBI training program for researchers of all levels, as well as the advanced training for core facility staff will be put in place, and the training sites will be prepared for running first courses upon start of the EuBI ERIC. In parallel, the EuBI partners can now develop and test the concepts for future EuBI Image Data Repositories, which will host and offer access to large-scale, high-quality image data sets of common interest for the scientific community.

Gradually taking over tasks from the EuBI Interim Phase working groups and support staff, the future EuBI Hub will be put in place in the next 18-24 months, then coordinating all activities at the European level of the EuBI ERIC. In summary, the EC H2020 grant for Preparatory Phase-II paves the way for EuBI to go full speed into operation in 2017.



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