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Summary

This deliverable provides information about coordination with sister projects funded under the topic RUR03. In particular, it lists actions taken during the first 6 months to encourage coordination and the main points agreed with the other projects.

1 Introduction

This deliverable provides information about coordination with sister projects funded under the topic RUR03.

Activities aimed at this coordination are described as Task 7.1 in the DoA of the project:

“Task 7.1 Management of collaboration with other projects funded under the same topic (M1-M36)

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Clustering with other projects funded under the same topic will involve the following activities: a) early contacts among project coordinators and facilitation of connections among partners working in the same country; b) update about deliverables and planned activities; c) reciprocal participation of coordinators in ABs of the other projects; d) joint dissemination activities, including 1 lunch seminar at the EU Commission, at least 1 organised sessions at a major academic event, consideration of one joint special issue for a journal; e) connection and diffusion of information through website and social networks.”

In particular, this document lists actions taken during the first 6 months of the project activities to establish contacts and encourage coordination with the project EFFECT and CONTRACTS2.0, as well as the main points agreed up to month 6 with the other projects.

2 Activities carried out in period M1-M6 to support coordination among projects

In order to boost coordination among the three projects, the following activities have been carried out:

- physical meeting at the Coordinators’ day organised on the 6 June 2019 in Brussels, among the 3 project coordinators and with the policy officer;
- a skype meeting on 23 September 2019 to fine tune reciprocal initiatives and prepare the following meeting in Brussels;
- physical meeting in the morning of 16 October 2019 in Brussels, among the 3 project coordinators;
- physical meeting in the afternoon of 16 October 2019 in Brussels, in the occasion of presentation of the 3 projects to DG AGRi staff; the participants includes the coordinators, the two project officers and the policy officer, three staff from DG Agri.

In addition, the coordination strategy has been discussed at the two subsequent project meetings in Seville and Amsterdam, with a dedicated session.

3 Main envisaged coordination activities and strategies

3.1 General coordination

In order to promote general coordination, the list of CONSOLE partners with main scientific contacts have been shared with the other projects. The dissemination WP leader in CONSOLE has been put in contacts with the others and invited to the meeting on the 16/10 morning (hosted by ELO). A log register of common activities and initiatives will be set up.

3.2 Fine tune of case studies

All projects work with case studies. In order to minimise overlapping and ensure a coverage of the EU as wide as possible, the list of case studies has been exchanged and fine tuning of case choice has been planned. In addition, the activities to be carried out at the case study level have been clarified, in such a way as to avoid duplications even when the same area/measure is concerned. In particular, the notion of case study in CONSOLE relates to a light diagnostics of cases of contracts implementation; this does not overlap with the more in-depth approach taken by the other projects.

At the moment of writing this report the only detected overlap relates to the UK case.

3.3 Common dissemination events

It has been agreed to consider common dissemination events. There will be two levels.

The first concerns common dissemination events at the project level. At this level the following activities have been considered:

- A common lunch seminar at the EU commission;
- A policy workshop at the time of the first review meeting;
- Common dissemination conferences at the end of the project (if timing allows);
- A jointly organised pre-conference event in the occasion of EAEE Congress in August 2020 in Prague.

Additional initiatives will be discussed in the next months of the project.

The second concerns common dissemination events at country level or bilateral initiatives. These have been encouraged by partners working in the same country. A joint organised conference has already been organised in Italy, on 14 June 2019, in occasion of the 8th AIEAA conference, with contributions by the projects CONSOLE, EFFECT and UNISECO.

3.4 Coordination at country level

Partners in the same country are encouraged to coordinate their activities, in particular in order to limit redundancy in stakeholder involvement and communication. Also with respect to policy dialogue, at least reciprocal information is sought.

3.5 Research activities

CONTRACTS2.0 and EFFECT are planning experiments. CONSOLE asked to be kept informed of these activities to consider potential synergies.

3.6 Invitation to project events and workshops

The projects agreed to invite a representative of the other projects at the planned stakeholder events and other open activities. It may be expected that each one will participate at their own cost.

3.7 Info about deliverables

Each project will inform the partners when a deliverable is released. Considering also the different timing, it is expected that this will reduce overlapping on preliminary activities (literature, etc.).

3.8 Interlinked social media strategy

As soon as social media are established, it is agreed that they will follow each other and disseminate relevant news and events.

3.9 Joint special issue for a scientific journal

The collaboration on a joint special issue for a scientific journal has been considered. It is agreed that there is potentially scope and synergies for such kind of initiative, but a more detailed discussion has been postponed to a later stage, when it will be clearer what kind of results will arise by the projects.

4 Synergies with other projects

In addition to the activities described in the previous paragraphs, CONSOLE is interested in creating synergies with the following projects:

- LIFE Land Is for Ever: <http://landisforever.eu>
- UNISECO: <https://uniseco-project.eu>

5 Conclusion and to do's

The implementation of the above actions will be monitored during the life of the project and modification/adaptation will be considered depending on opportunities and delivery of scientific results. Also timing of project activities will be monitored.

Activities will be discussed and closely coordinated with the support of the project officer and of the policy officer, as well as in every project meeting and with regular updates by e-mail.

Record will be taken of activities carried out during the life of the project.

A finale deliverable D7.3 Report on clustering with other projects – final, illustrating all actions taken, will be delivered by month 36.

