

Agenda:

- Welcome and presence
- Approval of the agenda
- NeIC announcements
- Report by project manager
- Planning the extension for spring 2021
- Project synergies and extra PMs for autumn 2020
- DP checklist
- Next meeting
- AOB

Welcome and Presence

Invited:

[Anette Lauen Borg](#), NO, Project leader, Observer

[Dan Still](#), FI, CSC

[Jørn Kristiansen](#), NO, MET Norway

[Michaela Barth](#), SE, Chair

[Sami Niemelä](#), FI, FMI

[Heiner Körnich](#), SE, SMHI

Presence: Anette, Dan, Michaela, Sami, Jørn, Heiner

Quorum: see § 3.6 in Collaboration Agreement

Decision: We have quorum.

Approval of the agenda

Agenda and material was sent out in time on April 24th.

Decision: The agenda is approved.

NeIC announcements

- Status Open Call
- Covid-19 extra call
- Article on neic.no about iOBS: <https://neic.no/news/2020/03/18/iOBS/>
- Future long-term funding expressions of Interest
- Interest in SG course on Tieto PPS?

- Yes, interest from Heiner, Sami and Jørn

Report by project manager

Report:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1VlxsDsn16s5pnUhMaTWsv8T55ykgT1o2LV5AvcghuCs>

Discussion:

Tools used in WP2 for machine learning: 3 different approaches, amongst others Gaussian process regression is used.

WP1: Pathways to communicate with ECMWF? Feedback is channeled via email, ECMWF confluence webpages and there is also a user forum on the ECMWF webpage.

Decision: The report is approved by the Steering Group

Planning the extension

Last SG's decision: The project manager was asked to prepare updated list of deliverables, milestones and Gantt chart referred from the project plan to include prolongation planning.

The updated list of deliverables with the Gantt chart (two tabs) is found here:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1YedbWXcOuZk5gip8hftDa0oIYbMIICZv6e-qulydJL8>

Discussion:

Added benefit of extension? Transfer of knowledge and testing in an operational environment are helped by extra time. Extension is in time not in volume and should increase the usability and quality.

Exact distribution depends on who can provide the time. Staff contracts for 2021 should be decided by October.

Decision: The Steering Group approves the updated list of deliverables, milestones and Gantt chart. The exact final distribution between the partners depends on staff availability and will be decided in autumn.

Project synergies and extra PMs for autumn 2020

Originally we planned to put two of the reserved PMs already into autumn 2020. That was before the covid-19 outbreak of 2020. Deciding on whether it is still realistic to do this, it is important to discuss the Steering Groups viewpoint on synergies with HIRLAM/Harmonie work.

Discussion: Alternative is to move the two extra months to the extension in 2021.

WPs affected are WP4, but also WP3. Those are the WPs that would benefit most of more resources. Covid-19 could also influence our planning. If not possible these two PMs would have to be taken as part of the extension anyway.

Synergies are vital.

On average people will probably work less in 2020 than in other years.

Use the PMs as soon as possible, but this might still be spring next year, might be too challenging on the people level otherwise.

Which partners would get the two PMs? A pragmatic share as decided in previous steering group meetings would be applied. Mostly SMHI would profit.

Decision: The two PMs should be handled as part of the extension during 2021.

DP checklist

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1uXT15ai2-0PBS-Duhs-Civ_Hwh6m86OJBGpfnURosk/edit

AP Michaela and Anette to prepare suggestions for DP6-DP8 until next meeting

Next meeting

Decision: Reserve 25th of September at 11:00-12:30

AOB