



User Engagement Panel

Call for Expression of Interest Terms of Reference

Scope of the User Engagement Panel

JERICO-NEXT is a Horizon 2020 project aiming to extend the EU network of coastal observations developed in JERICO (FP7) by adding new innovative infrastructures while integrating biogeochemical and biological observations. The main target of JERICO-NEXT is to provide continuous and more valuable coastal data coupling physical and biological information by further developing, harmonising and integrating nationally funded marine observing systems collecting physical, chemical and biological parameters from different platforms. It aims at providing researchers and other stakeholders with data that can sustain both innovative high-quality research, new knowledge supporting European directives, and business opportunities.

A User Engagement Panel is being set up as part of Work Package 8, and is intended to be a dynamic communication channel with different societal groups, ensuring that project deliverables fit the needs of a range of stakeholders and that uptake of related infrastructure and products is promoted. Panel members are expected to represent environmental managers/authorities and policy makers, the marine-related industry sector as well as research, education and the operational communities. The main target is to establish an effective and pro-active mechanism linking the project to beneficiaries in the design, planning and implementation phases of project deliverables.

The Panel members are expected to individually and collectively participate in providing expert feedback and assessments to enhance the relevance of the project scopes. In particular, they are expected to have an interactive and participatory role in the derivation of knowledge congruent to applications and service provision from the JERICO-NEXT deliverables. The Panel will support the project partnership to implement effective marine science communication strategies and achieve societal impact.

Members on the Panel will express their influence on this high profile pan-European project including testing of data and/or new technologies in their field of interest on top of other benefits. JERICO-NEXT offers technology providers direct interaction with the research market segment to better identify and meet target expectations such as with new sensors and marine equipment. For environmental managers and responsible authorities, the project offers the access to new datasets with value evaluations relevant to their monitoring programmes. Service providers (including SMEs) can benefit from direct information on the available data resources, value, access and sustainability for improved development of services. Large marine industries will avail of first hand impacts of new and emerging technologies. Furthermore, JERICO-NEXT provides a window on European technological developments especially in connection with the EC endeavour for a better assessment of the water quality in coastal waters.

Panel Members

The JERICO-NEXT User Engagement Panel will consist of selected project representatives together with non-partner members selected from the applicants to this call for expression of interest. All submissions will be evaluated by the project Steering Committee and will be notified accordingly. A member from the Panel could be invited to chair the sessions.

Any member of the Panel can be involved in any specific activity of interest according to his/her expertise, or in the whole project according to his/her willingness. Wishes and interest should be expressed by any candidate applying to the Panel membership, within the dedicated application form.

The selected Panel members are expected to specifically come from and to represent the public authorities, policy, research, education and industry communities. They should occupy pertinent and influential positions in their respective categories, with proven knowledge of the requirements of the user groups they represent. Engagements and direct involvements in relevant networks are an asset to ensure a multiplier effect and a broad representation of viewpoints.

Members on the Panel would be expected to seek direct consultations and feedback from users and to promote the uptake of JERICO-NEXT products and services. The selected Panel members are foreseen to be at management/leadership level in their organisation, and to have the full support of the director or governing body of their respective institutional affiliation. A member can opt to participate in the Panel on the basis of personal capacity depending on his/her profile and potential contributions in the Panel.

Modus Operandi and Expected Outputs

The Panel will meet at least once a year for the duration of the JERICO-NEXT project, which run until August 2019. Each meeting will be over two to three days and will be organised in a Panel member country. Travel expenses for the selected non-project members will be covered by JERICO-NEXT against receipts and a cost of EUR 280 per day will be given as payment for the provided expert services. Air, land and sea travel itineraries will be subject to an upper cost limit.

Selected members are expected to attend key project workshops (as indicated in the Application Form), and actively participate in the discussions. In interim periods, communication between the project partners and the User Engagement Panel members will be done by phone, video meetings or emails, especially in concomitance to the major project targets.

The aim is not to create a conventional advisory group, but to secure a number of people to engage in continuous exchange and communication. Panel members are expected to have wide engagements in their category and to bring on board the range of viewpoints of the representative stakeholders. Your expression of interest to form part of this Panel can be submitted by filling in the online form [here](#). For a better evaluation of your application, please indicate details about your academic and employment backgrounds in the relevant sections. Make sure to describe how your experience, availability, position and existing professional networks will benefit JERICO-NEXT project.

The closing date for applications is the 20th March 2016.

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Events and Activities

The following lists include some of the important project meetings that are relevant to the User Engagement Panel.

15 - 16 March 2016	<p>Oceanology International London</p> <p>Presentation of the infrastructure and its access modality, services, technology development. Targeted groups include: providers, end users with interest to take benefit of the infrastructure or its products and services.</p>
9 - 11 March 2016	<p>HF Radar Workshop (Spain)</p> <p>To share methodologies in HF radar data analysis in marine environment. Targeted groups: researchers, users with interest in methodologies and best practices, as well data management in the field.</p>
June 2016	<p>Workshop on sensors dedicated to status of sensors for nutrients, biological parameters (optical) and carbonate systems</p> <p>Share practices in sensors usages, best practices discussions, before field experiment. Targeted groups: researchers, and sensors providers.</p>
June 2016	<p>Benthic Compartment (Boulogne, France)</p> <p>Meeting on developing a new mobile carrier for image acquisition, and achieving new technological developments regarding the monitoring of a key benthic biogeochemical process.</p>
September 2016	<p>Benthic Compartment (Brest, France)</p> <p>First test at sea of the equipment.</p>
September 2016	<p>Plankton Workshop #1 (Sweden)</p> <p>Comparison of sensor and methodologies to assess the algal content in water. Targeted groups: academic researchers, and providers.</p>
September 2016	<p>Calibration experiment for Temperature, Salinity and Oxygen (Brest)</p> <p>Comparison of calibration methods. Targeted groups: sensors Providers and researcher.</p>
February 2017	<p>Project General Assembly #1 and Specific Workshop</p> <p>Overview of the project achievement WP4 workshop: presentation of the results after the experiments led in the Joint research project. Targeted groups: all.</p>
August 2018	<p>Project General Assembly #2 and Specific Workshop</p> <p>Overview of the project achievement. WP4 workshop: presentation of the results after the experiments led in the Joint research project. Targeted groups: all.</p>

August 2019	Project General Assembly #3 and Specific Workshops Overview of the project achievement. WP4 final workshop: presentation of the results after the experiments led in the Joint research project. Presentations of activities and their results after access to the infrastructure. Targeted groups: all.
August 2019	Trans National Access (TNA) activities Presentations of outcomes of TNA activities (WP7) within the final General Assembly 2019.