



FP7-NMI³ CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT

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WHY HAVE A CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT?

- Mandatory
- Addresses increased responsibility of Co-ordinator (FP7)
- Facilitates good project management
- Provides all with a clear account of how the project operates
- Provides a “security blanket” – demonstrates issues have been identified, addressed and communicated.



WHY ** THIS ** CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT?

- Based on the DESCAs model, drafted by experts accepted by leading institutions

www.DESCA-FP7.eu

(EARTO, Helmholtz Gemeinschaft, KOWI, ANRT, Euro Chambres, UNITE)

- Builds on FP5 & FP6
- Has broad support of research and industry

www.responsible-partnering.org



FP7-NMI³ ADAPTIONS

- DESCAs Extended to cover the combination of a collaborative project and a co-ordination and support action. Section 6 Governance Structure complete re-write
- Core text as DESCAs with options selected as appropriate to large scale projects
- Options selected in consideration of needs identified under FP6-NMI³



WHAT'S IN IT FOR THE ORGANISATIONS?

- Legal: The rules governing the operation of the project and the protection and use of IP stated
- Financial: The payment modalities specified



WHAT BITS APPLY TO ME?

- ALL OF IT! But especially:
- Sections 4&5:
 - Responsibilities and Liabilities
- Section 6 on Governance:
 - General Structure - memberships, decision making
 - Meetings - timing, preparation, minutes
 - Confidentiality, voting rules and veto rights
 - Operational procedures
- Sections 8&9:
 - IP and Access Rights



MEETINGS & INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

	Meeting type	Attendees	Non-signators to CA
Advisory Committee	Closed	Nominated by Board & appointed by Coordinator	Sign Confidentiality Agreement (V.Two)
Board	Closed	Project Co-ord + Co-ords of Networking and Access Activities + Externals by invite*	Sign Confidentiality Agreement (V.One)
General Assembly	Open	Board + JRA Co-ordinators + Externals by invite*	
JR Activity	Open	JRA Signatories to EC-GA + Externals by invite*	
	Closed	CA signatories only	N/A

* Externals = Observers and Users by invite of the Coordinator



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ACCESS RIGHTS

	Access rights to background	Access rights to foreground resulting from the project
For carrying out the project	Yes, if participant needs them for carrying out its own work under the project	
	Royalty-free unless agreed in CA Attachment 1 (excluded background)	Royalty free
For use purposes (exploitation & further research)	Yes, if a participant needs them for using its own knowledge	
	On fair and reasonable conditions to be agreed between parties	On fair and reasonable conditions to be agreed: internal research royalty-free.

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- THE CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT IS YOURS
- Please observe the terms and conditions agreed and signed for

Thank you