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Minutes of the Zoom Coordination Meeting

Date: April 09, 2020

Participants: Representatives of the project working groups from the Tallinn University of Technology (P1), Djillali Liabes University (P6), Université d'Oran Ahmed Ben Bella (P7), Ibn-Khaldoun University Tiaret (P8), Université de Mostaganem (P9), Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Agronomie (P10), Technische Universität Berlin (P2), EXOLAUNCH GmbH (P5).

The list of participants is attached.

Objectives: Discussion of the equipment procurement

Considered questions:

During the meeting, the participants discussed the changes in the equipment procurement procedure, which are related to the situation in the world due to the announcement of quarantine, associated with the spread of the virus COVID-19.

According to the work plan of the project, the tender procedure for the purchase of the equipment was conducted and a supplier was found. The delivery status of the equipment, in accordance with the shipping contract should not exceed 60 days, after the signature of the agreement. As the agreements began to be signed in February 2020, the equipment sets were planned to be delivered to HEIs in April 2020. However, the supplier informed EXO (P5) that according to the logistic situation in the world due to the announcement of quarantine, related to the spread of the virus COVID-19, the supplier cannot follow the deadlines of the agreement and cannot specify even the approximate date of the delivery. As the supplier cannot contribute his part, the existing agreement, due to the circumstances, loses its force and becomes not applicable.

Decisions:

Based on the opinions and suggestions of the participants of the project, the following decisions have been made:

1. Since the previous contract with the equipment supplier has lost its force (the supplier was not able to fulfil the terms of the contract), it was decided to process a new tender procedure of the equipment procurement;
2. Due to the quarantine, associated with the spread of the virus COVID-19, it was suggested by the Coordinator (P1) that Algerian universities organise the equipment purchase by themselves. However, Algerian partners reported that the procedure of the equipment purchase is an inexpedient and difficult task for them and indicated reasons such as greatly overpriced equipment prices and the lack of models on the market in Algeria. In this regard, Algerian partners asked that the purchase of equipment was made by European partners;
3. After considering all opinions, it was decided that the purchase should be organised centrally from the EU countries.