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# General Assembly WP 1 Project Coordination

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- Project management
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- Regular Steering Board

- Monitoring



- Financial



- Technical Progress

Deliverables - Milestones

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**MINUTES**

BrightnESS<sup>2</sup> Steering Board - Monthly Meeting  
Meeting Date: October 28th, 2019  
Location: Lund

**ARMSTRONG**

Attendees: Margaret Armstrong (WP1), Ma Zambelli (WP3), Sharon Cogrove (WP4), Ji (WP5)  
Phone-in: Lambert Van Elck (WP2), Eugeni  
Absentees: Christiane Alba-Simionesco (WP2)

**Introduction**  
In line with the requirements signed up with (...) will convene regularly to discuss technical and (WPs) and bring forward any risks and concern upcoming events will also be provided. As the (...) as Steering Board Meeting (SMB Meeting).

1. Approvals of minutes from Steering Board Approved

2. Margaret Armstrong presented on project  
i. Regarding the second amendment rescheduling milestone M506 ("I", adjusting the timing of milestone Board") from M10 to M12. To (...) to be raised and signed by ESS to (...)  
ii. The BrightnESS<sup>2</sup> General Assembly to highlight the meeting content further agreed that a date will be of Margaret Armstrong will check with (...) in the meeting.  
iii. Folders for the various Work Packages been subject to some minor bugs an invitation to cover (...) over (...)  
iv. Upcoming Deliverable 3.1 ("D3.1") 2019 must be approved by the (...) followed discussion re an extension Officer.

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Newsletter no. 61 21 May 2019

**Dear BrightnESS<sup>2</sup> Partners**  
Extended information can be found by pressing the "read more" button below the article. If you have news on, for example, technical progress, participation in events or published articles, please let us know.

**BrightnESS<sup>2</sup> Activity Plan**  
Thank you for sharing suggestions on outreach and dissemination activities. Your input was carefully evaluated and the list of selected activities can be downloaded here. These activities are supplementing and further expanding what has already been planned within each Work Package.

**Let us help you showcase your work**  
Have you organised a BrightnESS<sup>2</sup> activity or presented our project to an external audience? Let us know so we can spread the word about your hard work! All you need to do is to write down a few facts about the event, attach a picture and send it to us. The BrightnESS<sup>2</sup> team at ESS in Lund will write the story for you!

**Horizon Europe and changes in DG RTD**

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Status: 07.01.2019  
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WP1: international outreach & dissemination for impact									
TOTAL	Direct Personnel costs		Travel costs		Travel costs justification		Other direct costs		Other direct costs justification
ACTUAL COSTS W10-M12									
WP1 Project Coordination									
WP1 Activities to deliver outputs for Europe and Beyond									
WP1 in-kind Contribution Management									
WP1 Innovation & Industry									
WP1 international outreach & dissemination for impact									
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.41</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

**First 12 months, we will show that BrightnESS<sup>2</sup> ;**

- *had 2 Amendments*
  - ...changing delivery times*
  - ...added TU Delft to the consortium*
- *Submitted*
  - ...6 deliverables*
  - ...7 milestones*
- *...no disputes related to CA (yet ;>)*

## Activities

- *...on technical schedule*
- *...catching up to deliverables target*
- *...on milestones target*
- *...below spending target*

GA decision point  
before lunch!



**For year 2, BrightnESS<sup>2</sup> will:**

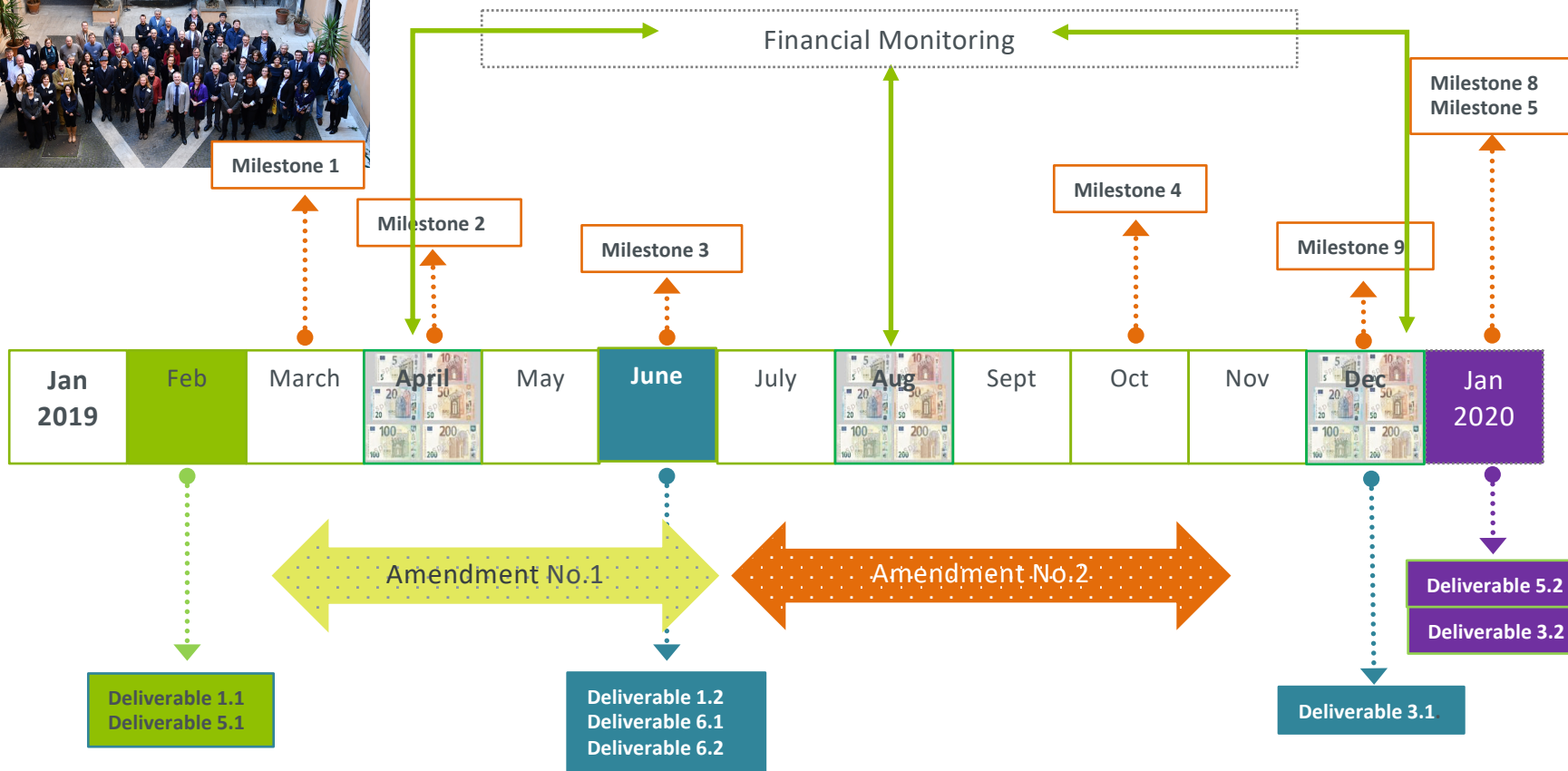
- *...have its 1<sup>st</sup> periodic report*  
*July 2020*
- *...have its mid-term review.*  
*Oct 2020*





# Timeline

January 2019 – January 2020



7 Milestones

8 Deliverables

- 6 Submitted
- 2 Approved
- 2 Delayed



# Amendment No.1

**Why?** Inclusion of date for mid term review.

**When?** June 2019

**How?** Single amendment, incorporating all desired changes in the project in consultation with the Project Officer

## **What was added to the amendment?**

- Transfer of task and funds between partners (example: STFC moving 3 PM to ILL for task 2.3)
- Change in some Deliverable and Milestone dates (M4, D2.1, D2.6, D3.1)
- Adjustment of PM for Wigner RCP against personnel costs (budget neutral)
- Correction of typo in Gantt chart (example: D2.10 to Task 2.1)
- Increase in budget for subcontracting for ESS from personnel costs (budget neutral)



## Amendment No.2

**Why?** Addition of new beneficiary - TU Delft, to support execution of tasks in WP2 with ENSA in task 2.2

**When?** October 2019

**How?** Single amendment, incorporating all desired changes in the project in consultation with the Project Officer

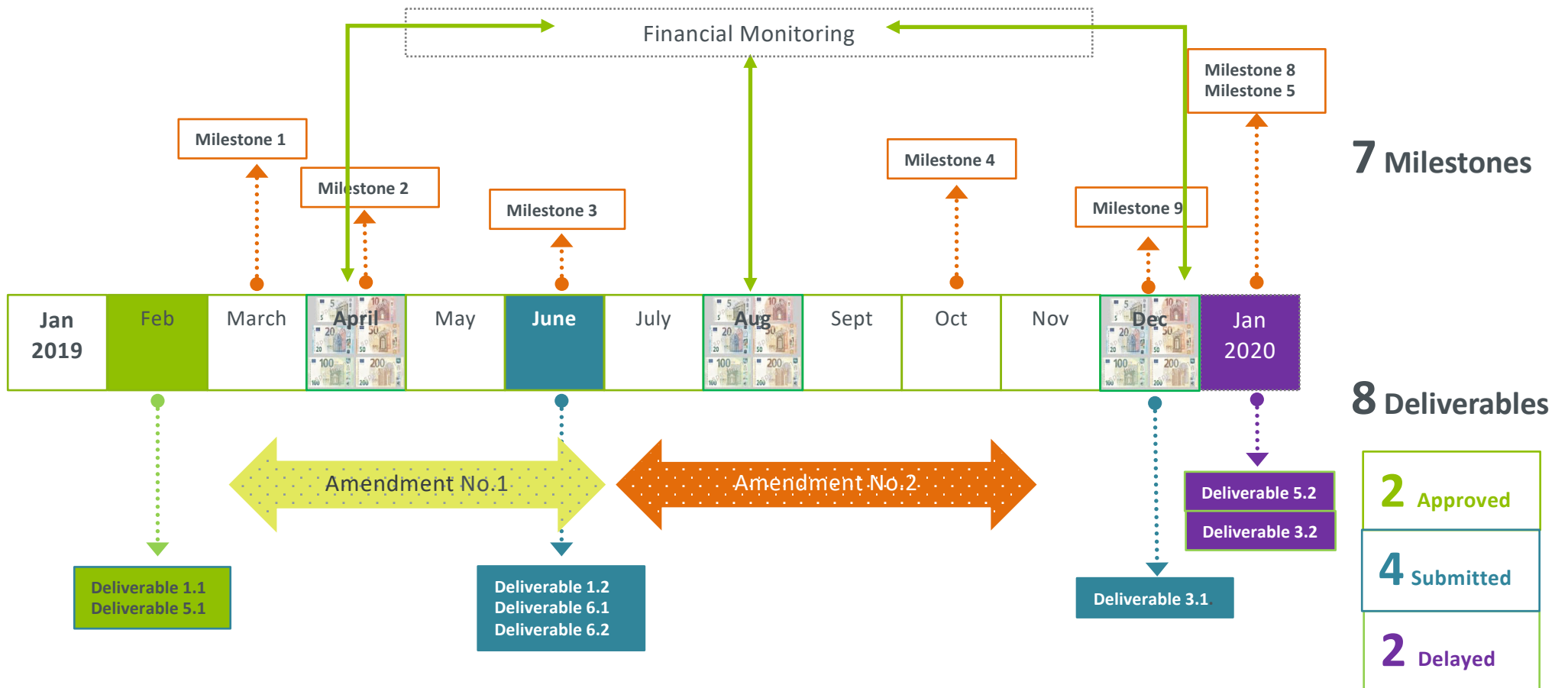
### **What was added to the amendment?**

- Transfer of task and funds between partners (example: STFC moving 3 PM to ILL for task 2.3)
- Change in some Deliverable and Milestone dates (M5,M6,M7,M10, D1.3, D2.2, D4.1)
- Updating Gantt chart
- Change of WP 5 Title to reflect community engagement



# Timeline

January 2019 – January 2020



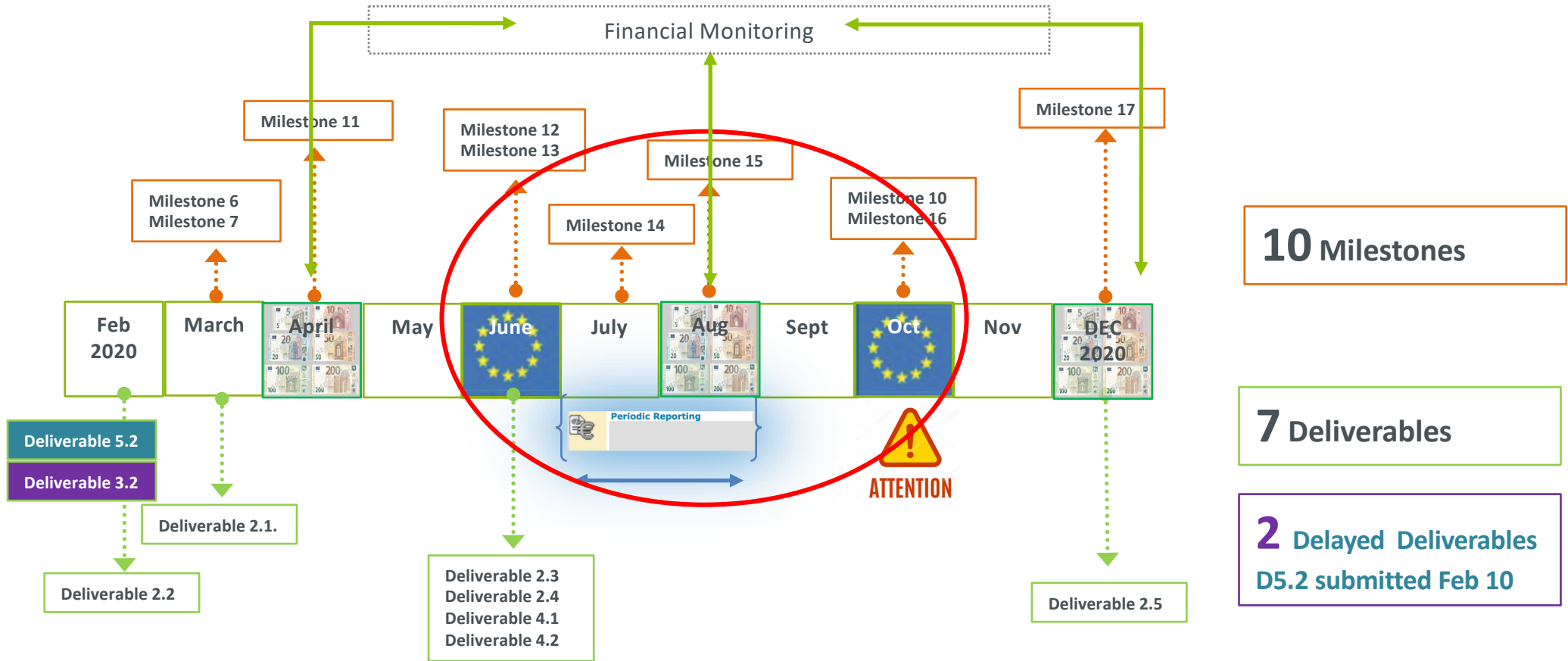
## Milestones

## Deliverables

M1	First Activity Plan for outreach and enlargement (March 2019)	D1.1	Agenda and minutes of the General Assembly / Kick-off meeting (Feb.2019)
M2	First IKC Field Coordinators Workshop (April 2019)	D1.2	Data management plan (June 2019)
M3	First interactive ILO workshop (June 2019)	D5.1	BrightnESS2 Website (Feb.2019)
M4	First workshop in South Africa (Oct 2019)	D6.1	H - Requirement No. 1 (June 2019)
M5	Establishment of the external Industry Advisory Board (Jan)	D6.2	POPD - Requirement No. 2 (June 2019)
M9	Meeting to collect international input (Dec 2019)	D3.1	Agreed joint working practices (Dec 2019)
M8	Second Activity Plan for outreach and enlargement (Jan 2020)	D5.2	Stakeholder engagement and enlargement activities (Feb 2020)



# Timeline Feb.2020 – Dec.2020





# Deliverables

- D3.2 1st Annual IKC Progress Report (Jan 2020)
- D2.2 Definition of common goals (Feb 2020)
- D2.1 Calibration protocol for all strain scanning instruments and definition of criteria for the Neutron Quality Label (March 2020)
- D1.3 Minutes of the Second General Assembly (April 2020)
- D2.3 Report on user needs (June 2020)
- D2.4 Report on user needs in South Africa (June 2020)
- D4.1 Evolvement Potential of the ESS ILO Network (June 2020)
- D4.2 Strategic Roadmap for Technological Upgrades of ESS (June 2020)
- D2.5 Intermediate report on methodological needs (Dec 2020)

# Milestones

- M6 Follow-up interactive ILO workshop WP4 (March 2020)
- M7 Establishment of an internal Innovation Board at ESS WP4 (March 2020)
- M11 Second IKC Field Coordinators Workshop WP3 (April 2020)
- M12 Presentation of the ESS SEI assessment approach & first results in international for a WP5 (June 2020)
- M13 Specifications and requirements ready WP2 (June 2020)
- M14 Presentation of D2.3 by ENSA in preparation of D2.5 WP2 (July 2020)
- M15 First Periodic Report (Aug 2020)
- M16 Mid-term Review (Oct 2020)
- M10 Second workshop in South Africa WP2 (Oct 2020)
- M17 Presentation of the ESS Access Policy to the Council (Dec 2020)



# FINANCIAL MONITORING



## Cost Information per Partner and per Work Package, including Budget Categories

- Covers 16 Partners
- Sent on a quarterly basis
- Estimated costs based on flat calculation (Partner total budget/36\*12)
- Data is related back to the master budget

Keeping track of the project: running on schedule and within budget  
Identifying deliverables requiring timely attention and action



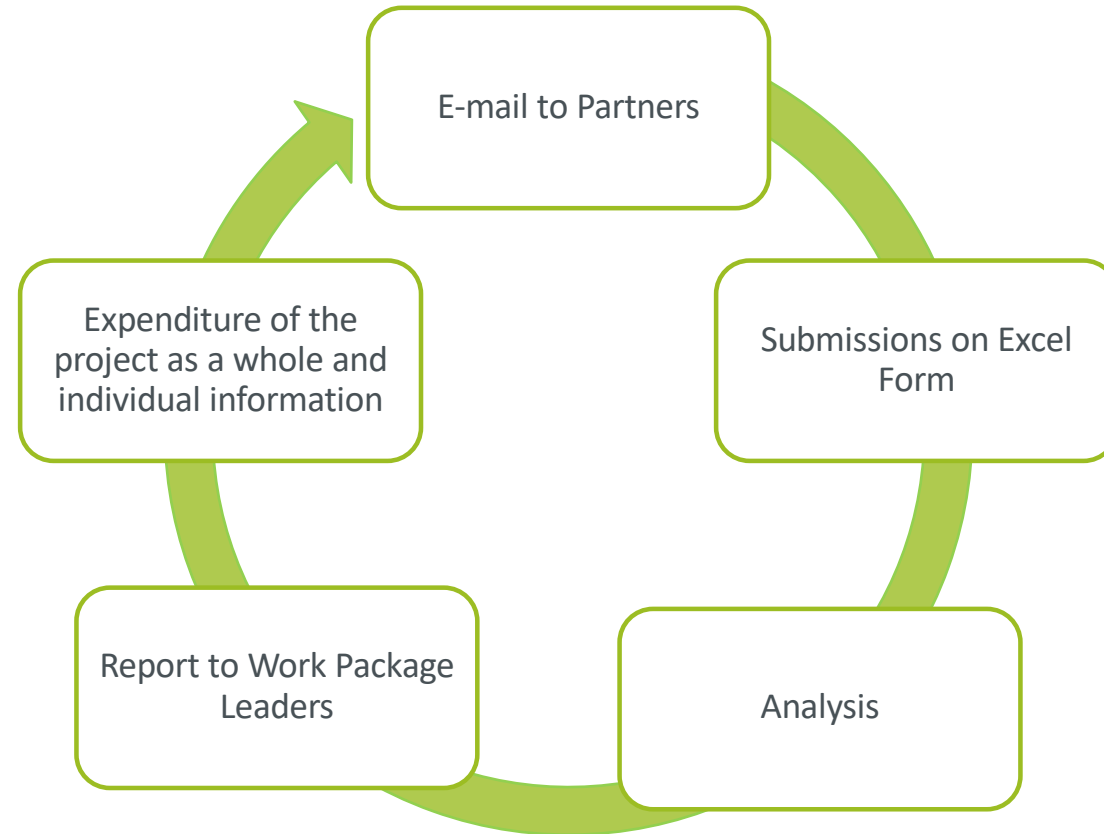
# CMT FORM

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**4th QUARTERLY REPORTING & BEST ESTIMATES FOR Q1 2020 EXPENDITURE**

PARTNER NAME			Number of Personnel on BrightNESS <sup>2</sup>	M	F			
REPORTING PERIOD	1 October 2019 - 31 December 2019 (Q4)							
Deviation from Work Plan GA	Please fill in the sections indicated in green							
PMs per Quarter	Q4	Estimate for Q1 2020						
WP1 Project Coordination								
WP2 A strategy to deliver neutrons for Europe and Beyond								
WP3 In-kind Contribution Management								
WP4 Innovation & Industry								
WPS International outreach & dissemination for impact								
TOTAL	0	0						
<b>ACTUAL COSTS M10-M12</b>								
	Direct Personnel costs	Travel costs	Travel costs justification	Other direct costs	Other Direct costs justification	Total direct costs	Overhead 25%	Requested EC contribution
WP1 Project Coordination			<a href="#">Click here</a>		<a href="#">Click here</a>	0	0	0
WP2 A strategy to deliver neutrons for Europe and Beyond			<a href="#">Click here</a>		<a href="#">Click here</a>	0	0	0
WP3 In-kind Contribution Management			<a href="#">Click here</a>		<a href="#">Click here</a>	0	0	0
WP4 Innovation & Industry			<a href="#">Click here</a>		<a href="#">Click here</a>	0	0	0
WPS International outreach & dissemination for impact			<a href="#">Click here</a>		<a href="#">Click here</a>	0	0	0
TOTAL	0 €	0 €		0 €		0 €	0 €	0 €

Instructions | Q4 | Travel Cost Justification | Direct Cost Justification | +



<p><b>Personnel Costs</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of PM</li> <li>• Amount</li> <li>• Personnel Costs Justification</li> </ul>
<p><b>Direct Costs</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amount</li> <li>• Travel Costs Justification (<i>name of people travelled, the purpose of the meeting, place and date of the meeting / cost claim</i>)</li> <li>• Other Direct Costs Justification</li> </ul>
<p><b>Subcontracting</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amount</li> <li>• Is the subcontracting expense part of the pre-defined subcontracting costs in your budget?             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If yes, describe the subcontracting activity and task</li> <li>• If not, please explain</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Deviations</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Was there any deviation from the work plan? If yes, please explain.</li> </ul>





# brightness<sup>2</sup> WP1 Expenditures and Overall Spending

PARTNER	USE OF BUDGET (%)
ESS	66%

WP1 Overall Spending  
(M1-M12)



WP 1  
EXPENDITURE PER COST CATEGORY

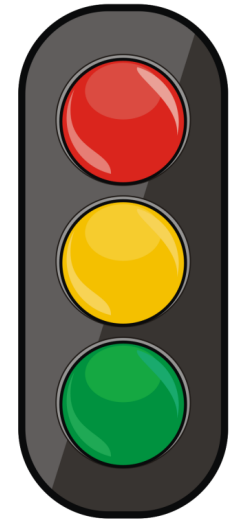


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**Timeline:** Month 1 – Month 12

# Periodic report

- Covers the period (January 2019 - June 2020)
- Partners report July 2020
- Description of technical progress in Technical report
- Detailed financial expenditure per partner for the first period



## Mid-term review

- Month 22 – October 2020
- External review of technical progress and deliverables
- Financial expenditure and control



**ATTENTION**



Commission

### **Mid-Term Review:**

- **A contractual obligation**
- **Objectives**
  - **Meet** with the project team
  - **Update** on the project progress
  - **Discuss** any questions, concerns, difficulties
  - **Find** solutions
- **Not just a scientific evaluation, but a unique opportunity to exchange views**





## Mid-Term Review:

### ▪ Distribution of roles:

- **Project Coordinator** = presentation of mid-term report
- **Beneficiaries** (project partners) = activities carried out, role in the network
- **Researchers** = scientific work & exchange of knowledge performed
- **External reviewer** = assessment of scientific progress
- **REA** = ask questions/details, give guidance and recommendations

### ▪ Final outcome:

- Interactive participation of each of us to make the meeting useful, open discussion, **constructive dialogue** between all network and REA
- Detect and correct **deviations** to allow a smooth and successful project implementation (according to the original plan i.e. Annex I)



# BrightnESS<sup>2</sup> status

## Technical

- 6 deliverables submitted (Year 1)
- Planning is on target
  - 2 Amendments completed

### ACTIONS:

- Prepare for periodic report
- Prepare for mid-term review

## Financial

- New Cost Monitoring Tool in place and checked with partners
- Underspend against linear (all partners)

### ACTIONS:

- Improve monitoring tool continue with Q Forecast
- Track Partners costs by Q
- Verify partner entries in periodic reporting

## Risks

- Slippage in progress, missing deliverable deadlines
- Continued underspend

### ACTIONS:

- Close contact with WP-leaders (re. delivery)
- Revision of budgets after approved periodic report





# Main items for focus

1. **Spending:** checking cost allocations with partners – against activities for year 2
2. **Reporting:** planning and justification. Data to be used by mid-term reviewers.
3. **Delivering results:** Keeping the deliverables on time and relevant
4. **Own Cloud:**  
<https://project.esss.dk/owncloud/index.php/s/UxybYjqphBzPI7S>

**Password:** BrightnESS2





The General Assembly of the H2020 BrightnESS<sup>2</sup> project, in its annual meeting, has taken note of the presentations by the BrightnESS<sup>2</sup> Steering Board and approves the technical and financial progress presented for its first year of operation

