

SUNRAISE SG Meeting Online 31 August 2020 MINUTES



Title:	SUNRAISE: Sustainable Natural Resource Use in Arctic and High Mountainous Areas		
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Coordinator:	University of Bremen		
Partners:	unihb, Plus, Euls, Rshu, Sfu, Gasu, Asmp, Jnu, Ku, Chea		

NOTE: All below-mentioned items are decisions by consensus. For further items and decisions made on earlier meetings please check SUNRAISE website http://sunraise.sfu-kras.ru/ or, for full versions, the Platform for Project Management. Every partner can access the platform with their individual account. Partners who still don't have an account, please contact I. Novopashenny (novopashenny@zmml.uni-bremen.de).

Objectives of the meeting:

- Review of project costs reported by April 14, 2020
- Review of budget and workplan proposals by project partners for the period of October 15, 2020 – October 14, 2021

Attendees:

- Eduard Podgaiskii, Russian State Hydrometeorological University (RSHU)
- Nina Pakharkova, Siberian Federal University (SFU)
- Natalia Iurkova, Gorno-Altaisk State University (GASU)
- Jürgen Breuste, Paris Lodron University Salzburg (PLUS)
- Kalev Sepp, Estonian University of Life Sciences (EMU)
- Anton Shkaruba, Erda RTE (external expert)
- Om N. Katel, Royal University of Bhutan (RUB)
- Prakash C. Tiwari, Kumaun University (KU)
- Pawan Kumar Joshi, Jawarharlal Nehru University (JNU)
- Jun Zhao, University of Bremen (UNIHB)
- Igor Novopashenny*, University of Bremen (UNIHB)

Review of project costs reported by April 14, 2020

Reported: Igor Novopashenny made an overview of project costs incurred by partners and reported by October 15, 2020 (Annex 1).

Noted: The overall conclusion expressed by partner representatives was that all the partner institutions have gross underspending of their stay and travel budgets: while this issue started to emerge during 2019-early 2020 due to a series of *force majeure* situations such as flight irregularities and visa difficulties, it became a major issue after the global outbreak of the novel coronavirus, with two schools and a conference being indefinitely postponed. While the full travel package planned in the project is unlikely to be realised as envisioned, the partners reaffirmed their earlier suggestions to increase staff costs at the expense of stay& travel costs, aas well as to transfer the emerging surpluses of staff & travel costs from partners with larger surpluses to partners in need to cover extra-work of their staff.

Review of budget and workplan proposals by project partners for the period of October 15, 2020 – October 14, 2021

Reported: Igor Novopashenny made an overview of budget and workplan proposals by project partners for the period of October 15, 2020 – October 14, 2021 (Annex 2). The proposals have



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been prepared by partners of the basis of guidelines and thresholds suggested by the SUNRAISE Coordination unit. The proposals have been developed as an outcome of joint elaboration between partners as well as discussions moderated by the SUNRAISE Coordination Unit. The final versions of proposals as well as a summary overview have been circulated to the Steering Committee before the meeting.

Noted: budget and workplan proposals (in a form presented to the Steering Committee) are coherent and consistent, and demonstrate substantial added value as well as significant effort to secure project sustainability and better dissemination of project outcomes in the new COVID-related context.

Decided: to accept budget and workplan proposals in a form presented to the Steering Committee and to mandate the Coordinator to submit the proposals to EACEA for the approval.

Decisions taken and intended activities

Nº	Description	Deadline	Responsible
1	Request EACEA to approve revised budget and workplan for the extended project eligibility period (till 14th October 2021)	03.11.20	P1 UNIHB