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KITFEM mid-term review meeting with the European Commission's Research Executive Agency



The MidTerm Review (MTR) meeting was held at CUNEF in Madrid, Spain on the 18th of May 2018. The MTR is a contractual obligation with the objective of meeting the project team, updating on the project progress, discussing any questions and finding improvements. It is therefore a unique opportunity to exchange views via a constructive dialogue between the project consortium and the Research Executive Agency.

List of MTR attendees: Desislava Kolarova (REA Project Adviser), Rumen Gechev (external expert), Sylvia Rohlfer (Project Coordinator, WP 3 leader), Claudio Petti (WP 1 leader – UNISAL), Veronica Rosendo WP2 leader- CUNEF, Adoración Álvaro (WP5 leader- CUNEF), Jesús Rojo (WP6





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leader –FMDI), Fabian Froese (WP4 leader- UGOE), Esther Cadiñanos (CUNEF), Simon Fietze (SDU), Lorenzo Quarta (EKA) , Marco Esposito (UNISAL) and Francisco Javier Valderrey (ITESM)

The KITFEM project consists of a consortium of 14 academic and non-academic partners who work together in 8 work packages of which 7 are running at present. Since the beginning of the project 25 seconded staff have been trained and improved their professional and research curricular. More than 18 formal sharing and training seminars have been organized in addition to individual ad-hoc research project meetings and attendance to research seminars, workshops and lectures at hosting institutions.

A total of 41 secondment months were carried out to implement tasks and to achieve the projected research output. The KITFEM webpage, the KITFEM new bulletin, brokerage events, press releases and social media such as Research Gate are some elements of KITFEM's communication and dissemination strategy to reach out to the academic community, industry and society at large.

The implementation of KITFEM project actions was found to be in general of a high level although further implementation of secondments was recommended to achieve the desired level of training and development as well as research opportunities for seconded researchers.

Research Exchanges - KITFEM Project



New research exchanges facilitated via the KITFEM project are being carried out. CUNEF is currently hosting Prof. Francisco Valderrey, from Instituto Tecnológico de Monterrey (México), who is collaborating actively in the project's work package No 2 "Collaborative Innovation among Stakeholders ", led by Prof. Verónica Rosendo.

Seminar KITFEM Project



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On the 31st of May visiting researchers at CUNEF held a seminar as part of the secondments activities of the KITFEM project. Contributing to work package 1 activities Lorenzo Quarta (EKA) and Marco Esposito (Core Lab, University of Salento) offered information about “Core Lab - EKA, a case of synergy between university and companies in order to improve research and territory”, an illustrative example of industrial ecosystem made possible by a virtuous synergy that links university, institutions and industrial environment. The event was attended by several researchers from CUNEF.



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KITFEM Members at EURAM 2018



Several members of the KITFEM project participated in this year's European Academy of Management Conference (EURAM). Papers from work packages 3 and 4 were presented at the competitive sessions reaching out to academics in the fields of leadership and expatriate management and their impact on innovation and knowledge management. In addition, an early stage researcher participated at the doctoral colloquium, which offered a great opportunity to receive feedback on research, to participate in training on how to get published as well as to foster networking.

Profs Rohlfer and Rosendo took also the opportunity to communicate the objectives of the KITFEM project to the academic community of the Strategic Interest Groups "Entrepreneurship" and "Business for Society".





Deliverables

During this period, we have reported the following deliverable through the EU Sygma Portal:

D7.4 Mid Term Meeting deliverable (delivered on time and approved)

D7.3 Interim Progress Report deliverable (delivered on time and awaiting evaluation)

Update on Exchanges

In May to June 2018, the following secondments were carried out:

- Mark David Okraku (UGOE) did carry out a 2.23 month stay at ITSM (February to May 2018).
- Mu Tian (CUNEF) is carrying out a 12 month stay at PKU (October 2017 to October 2018).
- Anh Tuan Nguyen (UEB) is carrying out a 7 month stay at UGOE (March to October 2018).
- Marco Lucio Sarcinella (UNISAL) carried out a 1 month stay at JINAN (April to May 2018).
- Marco Esposito (UNISAL) carried out a 2 month stay at FMID (April to June 2018).
- Lorenzo Quarta (EKA) carried out a 2 month stay at CUNEF (April to June 2018).
- Juan Manuel Brückner (MINCYT) carried out a 1 month stay at UNISAL (April to May 2018).
- Francisco Valderrey (ITESM) is carrying out a 1.5 month stay at CUNEF (May to June 2018).
- M^a Roser Álvarez (CUNEF) is carrying out a 6 month stay at JNU (May to November 2018).
- Chengcheng Li (CUNEF) is carrying out a 3 month stay at PKU (June to September 2018).
- Tien Minh Nguyen (UGOE) is carrying out a 2 month stay at UEB (June to August 2018).
- Thi Hai Ha Nguyen (UEB) is carrying out a 2 month stay at UGOE (June to August 2018).

