



## NUMERICANAL – Steering Group Meeting

Date: 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> September 2013

Venue: VNF - Direction interrégionale du Sud-Ouest2, port St Etienne, Toulouse

### Notes from the Meeting

Attendees were;

CANAL & RIVER TRUST (CRT)	UK	Chris Barnett
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CANAL & RIVER TRUST (CRT)	UK	Simon McGarraghy
VNF	FR	Pierre-Antoine Troubat
VNF	FR	Veronique Verges
GEMEENTE EIJSDEN-MARGRATEN (E-M)	NL	Luc van den Boorn
GEMEENTE EIJSDEN-MARGRATEN (E-M)	NL	Jos Ernenst
SRN	NL	Manon van Meer
SRN	NL	Hylke Steensma
CETIC	BE	Philippe Drugmand
CETIC	BE	Mohamed Boukhebouze
GEMEENTE EINDHOVEN	NL	Jos Westveer
GEMEENTE EINDHOVEN	NL	Martin Verschuren
<b>Others (Speakers/Observers)</b>		
BERENDS CONSULT	DE	Helmut Berends
EBA	FR	Guy Toye

### **Welcome and Introductions**

CBai explained the reason for this location and timing (to take advantage of the concurrent World Canals Conference taking place in Toulouse the same week) We aim to 'link up' with as many delegates from this as possible. Numericanal flyers were deposited at the Conference for delegates and we were pleased to welcome Helmut Berends (Germany) and Guy Toye (France) representing the EBA to our meeting. Their input was well received and we agreed to extend their inclusion in the project as Observers/Stakeholders as appropriate.

### **Partner updates**

- SM gave a presentation on WP1 – network coverage etc.
- CETIC WP1 A2 (A13) explained Questionnaire and Aims of this WP. Information was received from CRT, Eindhoven and SRN – other responses needed. HS made the point about a 30m radius around lock that causes issues in NL (also in VNF)

- MB explained the grouping of Questionnaires – it does cover all technology so is broken down into the 3 groups, AIS, RIS & Other.  
Next steps – Analyse information, technical support for questionnaire, redaction of the synthesis document and guidebook.
- HB gave a presentation outlining the situation in Germany – Partners agreed the German involvement very useful and will add to the transnational knowledge base. Agreed to take this further. Could find additional research or HB says they may be able to do this for free.
- SRN – Search for danger zones.  
Questionnaire being sent out asking about this. (Asked to send this out to HB for Germany and also to EBA). Need to involve other safety related organisations.
- HS Update – Facebook page set up (early progress)
- SM – CRT presentation 2 an Remote operation of structures
- PA presentation on VNF initial research and stakeholder involvement HB can their prospective App be adapted to other countries? (Yes) Discussion about which canal it is going on. Pilot takes place on a canal in France and if successful will roll it out elsewhere. HB suggested developing a “light” version that can be used easily, and adaptable in other countries.
- EM – Outlined the complex work in their area and the mix of Short term tasks e.g. safety, Wifi, App and the Long term tasks associated with the Big Lock construction. Issue of boats going from France via the River Meuse and the Albert Canal, north to Belgium. Partners discussed any similar issues facing their boaters and the way the conflicts/risks are managed. SRN added comments about their work. Further explanation about boaters going on to the Maas (creating safety issues) from a harbour. So they have the same issues of boaters leaving harbours in Eindhoven. i.e. about identifying the positions of big freight ships and smaller leisure boaters). So a shared problem with E-M and Eindhoven. E-M & Eindhoven had got together to discuss joint collaboration on work (on this and on ways that the App being developed can address both their needs as well as others across NWE).
- JW – Photos and presentation showed the issue on the Beatrix Canal with large craft. This presentation highlighted the similarities in issues faced by partners. CBai talked about CRT visit earlier in the year where we were able to start the collaboration and information exchange about the Control Centre development and investments.
  - Helmut – Made the point about the difference between AIS and RIS technologies. He gave examples of terrain affecting radar. He also talked about how Bremerhaven in Germany have adapted the open data for tourism promotion there. He offered to send partners the study carried out in Waterways for Growth (Interreg 4B North Sea Region) into open data (and why it’s better than Google maps).

### **CBar/CBai Report on Finance, Progress Reporting, and other Project management issues**

CBai stressed the transnational requirements and need to ensure joint working

#### **Budgets / Changes**

- Please use this claim to enter an accurate forecast for the next 6 months as required by the system
- CBar will then get a template out to you to start homing in on possible BLC’s
- JTS chasing for an update on this (mainly re the Irish partner and Comms switch)

#### **Claim 1 Progress (problems encountered?)**

- Staff cost calculations – be aware of possible ‘returns’ and requests to revise if the timesheets don’t tie up with salaries stated/proved.
- Procurement proof
- Evidence linking costs to Activities
- OLF issues? Meant to be used back and forth between partners/FLC’s and LP (CB to explain process)

### **Finance Issues general**

- Be prepared for invoices to be raised to recover CRT / Common Costs

### **Communications**

CBar outlined the Communications strategy for the project (Steven Hardy of CRT had prepared a presentation which was delivered)

CBar / CBai again stressed the need to ensure all logos are used and we highlight the European funding received by NWE. We have this logo, the Numerical logo would be produced shortly further to comments and discussions about the ‘branding’ we all want for the project.

### **Future Meetings**

September 2014	SRN
March 2015	Eindhoven

### **Next steps & agreement on actions from the meeting**

Done

### **Site Visit**

This took place along the Canal du Midi in Toulouse

### **Other Issues**

Some partners attended the Network of Inland Waterways Europe (NIWE) meeting that was held latter. At this meeting the topics covered included;

Legal status (not needed at the moment but will be useful in future for ‘formal’ funding reasons).

Implications of location e.g. Brussels

EBA – representing users, useful.

European Grouping for Territorial Co-operation (EGTC) Regs for benefits of being a ‘formal’ organisation.

EUKN (European Knowledge Network).

