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Summary

The first Annual General Meeting (AGM) for SYNTHESYS+ was due to be held at the ZFMK, Bonn on the 28-29 April 2020. However due to the COVID-19 pandemic leading to much of Europe being in lockdown (including closure of ZFMK and prohibition of international travel by many partner institutions) it was not possible to hold a physical meeting as planned. It was proposed by the NHM Management Team that the meeting go ahead anyway virtually, and therefore the meeting took place successfully via Zoom on a reduced agenda on 28-29 April 2020. The meeting brought together a total of 58 delegates representing 27 participating institutions. The aim was to communicate project progress across all work packages, consider strategic alignment with the wider European and global landscape, and facilitate discussion between project participants.

Themes for presentations and discussions were as follows:

- Day 1: Project Management: the project manager covered procedural issues & tasks relating to Networking Activity 1 (Management). These included a report on the project's finances at the 12-month stage, further reporting requirements, & risk management including those risks raised as a result of the current COVID-19 pandemic.
- Day 1: Networking Activities (work packages 2-5) & Joint Research Activities (work packages 6-8) updates: work package leaders/deputies individually summarised their objectives, progress on deliverables & milestones, key risks including new risks raised by the COVID-19 pandemic, & planned meetings & key stakeholders.
- Day 2: Access (work packages 9-10) updates: A report of the Transnational Access Calls 1 & 2 results was presented including statistics on applicant & home nationality, gender, researcher status & outputs to date. Progress on the Virtual Access work package was outlined, including how COVID-19 related risks to the VA timeframe have been mitigated.
- Day 2: Community and Synchronisation: strategic alignments, adjacencies & other linked projects were discussed, including DiSSCo PREPARE & a recent grant proposal (BiCIKL: INFRAIA-02-2020). The meeting concluded by discussing options for virtual publicity & dissemination in light of meeting cancellations due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Documents enclosed

- Agenda
- Copies of presentations



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