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D5.4 - Communication infrastructure

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1. Executive Summary

P-TRAP is an international EU Horizon2020 project, with 16 participating organisations involved. An effective and efficient communication strategy within P-TRAP, i.e. sustainable and reliable access to and distribution of all relevant project information and documents is next to the scientific part an important requirement of the project, and close collaboration between all participants is essential for the success. To ensure such a successful collaboration a well-established communication infrastructure is required. As P-TRAP is an international EU funded project, the official project language is English (UK). Due to the project structure and objectives, several communication channels will be used in the course of P-TRAP.

The contractual documents, i.e. the GA and the CA including their annexes, provide the framework herein. This deliverable, D5.4, reports briefly on the implementation of the communication infrastructure.

2. Communication language

As P-TRAP is an international EU funded project, the official project language is English (UK). This means that project meetings, reports, or directly project related dissemination activities such as newsletters and fact sheets have to be held or submitted in English. Besides this, all participants can disseminate in any language to ensure that also a broader audience outside academia will be reached.

3. Communication channels

According to the spatial distribution of the consortium, the day-by-day communication within the consortium is assured mainly remote. Within the consortium all communication channels are available for any participant, the communication lines are short and direct with dedicated responsibilities but no formal restrictions. The direct communication with the Project Officer as a representative of the EU as funding agency is restricted to the coordinator.

Communication channels are

I) Email, telephone: The main communication channel according to the spatial distribution of the consortium is email. A dedicated project email has been created (management@h2020-P-TRAP.eu) as contact for external requests. Individual exchange of information will use the institutional email addresses of the participants. Email is also the preferred channel for official project communication to ensure traceability of information and decisions. Beside emailing, phone calls can also be used as communication channel.

II) Web-based board meetings and tele-conferences: Direct and regular exchange between participating groups and boards increases collaboration and reduce the risk of failing of the project. High-frequent face-to-face meetings are not manageable, costly and also causing unnecessary environmental pollution, thus participants are invited to participate in regular remote board meetings. The technical communication tools will be selected by feasibility and costs.

III) Face-to-face meetings: For the consortium the mandatory face-to-face moments are the annual meetings. The meetings are organized by dedicated beneficiaries and communicated via email and the project website. At the annual meetings ESRs will present the progress of their work, meet with (co-) supervisors and mentors, and the consortium will discuss project related issues. Besides this the ESRs will meet on a regular basis during dedicated network training events.

IV) Funding & tender opportunities portal (<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home>): The *Funding & tender opportunities Portal*, the former *Participant Portal*, is the web portal of DG Research & Innovation and the entry point for electronic administration of EU-funded projects. The *Funding & tender opportunities Portal* hosts the services for managing projects throughout their lifecycle. The coordinator will use the *Funding & tender opportunities Portal* for general project managing. The beneficiaries have to use the *EU Funding & tender opportunities Portal* for individual beneficiary related reporting or documentation issues, e.g. financial reporting or submission of researcher declarations.



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V) P-TRAP website: The project website of P-TRAP (Fig. 1, <https://h2020-p-trap.eu>) serves as a central communication platform within and outside the consortium, and will be used for dissemination of project relevant information, including documents (e.g. GA, CA, deliverables, minutes), templates, and results. Sensible information is password protected and only available for project participants via SURFdrive, a personal cloud service for the Dutch education and research. All participants are encouraged to use the website for information exchange. The website was launched one month before the official start of the project and is maintained by the coordinator, with input from all participants.

Visitors of the website will find general information about the project and its objectives, overviews of relevant scientific results and short report summaries, later also dissemination activities such as blogs, newsletters and fact sheets.

VI) Social media, newsletters, fact-sheet:

Social media such as LinkedIn, Twitter (Fig.2), or ResearchGate (Fig.3) will be used as a general communication channel towards the scientific community as well as the broader public. This had been started in month 1 of the project and was also used for advertising the project vacancies. Social media are also a channel to advertise network activities open to the public, e.g. conference sessions, and disseminate project related news. The coordinator is responsible for the maintenance of the accounts and updating, and all participants are encouraged to contribute by sending information or links to the coordinator. Newsletters and factsheets will address the broader public, generated by the coordinator supported by input from the participants.



Fig. 1: screenshot of the vacancies of the P-TRAP project website



Fig. 2: P-TRAP advertisement on LinkedIn

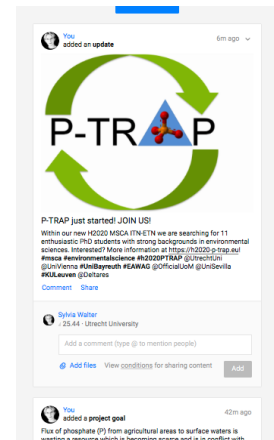


Fig. 3: Announcements on ResearchGate

4. History

4.1 Deliverable history

Action	Responsible	Date	Comments
Setting up website	Coordinator (SW)	December 2018	
Launching website	Coordinator (SW)	February 2019	
Setting up social media accounts (LinkedIn, ResearchGate)	Coordinator (SW)	February 2019	
Updating	Coordinator (SW), supported by the consortium		On-going