

Common guidance for BEOBAL methodological and coordination workshop

We expect a free informal discussion between BEOBAL partners, a special kind of “brain storm” directed to make BEOBAL project schedule and work programme more detail, pragmatic and coordinated. We rely on experience and methodological level of top scientists from the leading European institutes, organizations and High mountain observatories, to improve and optimize the BEOBAL programme and joint activities execution.

The main topics and the structure of presentations and discussion are in accordance with the specificity of BEOBAL project and respective call – it is first of all **Not research project** but **Specific support action project**. Therefore, the main goal of the the BEOBAL project and respective the basic objectives have to be reached by use of prescribed (eligible) 7 types of actions (measures):

The main questions to be addressed are:

- What are the main methodological challenges of BEO Centre of Excellence Research Capacity Improvement?
- What are the BEOBAL first results and developments?
- What have to be strengthened in the context of upcoming 7th Framework programme?
- What is the agenda of BEO Centre of Excellence and BEO Moussala development for the next 10 years?

The presentations and discussions have to follow the BEOBAL project objectives and operational goals (according to the requirements of the present call of FP6):

A. The Networking, International Collaboration & Integration and Reinforced Research Infrastructure:

1. Diversification, broadening and enhancement of international collaboration and cooperation

Main topics and questions to be answered:

- **What kind of cooperative activities and/or joint RTD proposals (bilateral, multilateral, in the framework of national funded projects, FP6 and FP7 programmes, ect.) we are going to develop or have been developed?**
- **What kind of innovation transfer we are going to realize?**

Here is applicable Specific support action (SSA) **measure 5** “Study visits of the researchers from the Centre to other institutions in MS or ACCs in order to prepare cooperative activities and/or joint RTD proposals;” (7 days visits)

2. Reinforcement of S&T equipment and systems of BEO CoE directed to **enhancement of the research infrastructure** of European importance

Main topics and questions to be answered:

- **What are the problems of implementation of SSA **measure 7 - Upgrading and/or renewal of S&T equipment** in the case of BEO Centre of Excellence and BEO Moussala?**
- **What are the possible ways to solve them in the framework of ERA?**

Here is applicable Specific support action **measure 7** “Upgrading and/or renewal of S&T equipment”

3. The **implementation and development of advanced methodology, technology, methods and advanced metrology, monitoring and observing system and innovations transfer**, in the field of Global change and ecosystems and their regional and European projections and components.

Main topics and questions to be answered:

- How to realize the exchange of personnel and of results and joint experiments?
- What kind of visits, with what topics are you intend to realize?
- What are your ideas and propositions about BEOBAL project conference events (topics, organization, schedule, form of presentation, place)?

Here are applicable:

Specific support action (SSA) measure 1 “Networking with other research centres in Member States (MS) or ACCs: organising exchange of personnel and of results and joint experiments” (1 months stays)

Specific support action measure 2.2 “Hosting scientists from abroad for research activities” (7 days visits) and

Specific support action measure 4 “Workshops, conferences: in order to diffuse and to exploit research results”

B. Improvement of Human Resources including advanced Human Resources long-term management

Main topics and questions to be answered:

- Defined topics, content and organization of 7 training seminars
- Main subjects, defined work programmes and schedules for short stays and 3 month stays of mainly young scientists for specialised training or to carry out joint specific research experiments

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Specific support action measure 2.1 “Hosting scientists from abroad for teaching, training” (up to 7 days visits)

Specific support action measure 3: “Training in MS or ACCs for Ph.D. students and/or post-doctoral researchers: sending scientists from the centre for short stays, to laboratories abroad, either for specialised training or to carry out a specific research experiment” (14 days and 3 month stays);

Specific support action measure 6: “Hiring of new young researchers to reinforce human potential” (3 month stays).

C. Advanced Science – Society Interaction policy

- Presentations, discussions and exchange of experience in the field of science communication

D. Application and development of advanced Management system

- Presentation and discussions on BEOBAL project quality management system, review of experience of current progress measurement and management feedback generation