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Project acronym: DEMMEA

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Deliverable 1.2: Annual assessment of management and proposal improvement.

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ADVENT made sure that the management system operated well and according to the plan described in Deliverable 1.1. The project coordinator consolidated the project planning, progress reports, cost statements, budgetary overviews etc, using the inputs from the other partners. The communication between partners was also established and overseen.

The Consortium Agreement including arrangements (representation, delegation and quorum) was agreed and signed by all contractors before the project start.

The DEMMEA project created a common database (demmea.iceht.forth.gr) for all the project documentation (deliverables, publications, research experimental data, regular reports and minutes, etc.) as a common tool for communication. The content of the database was regularly updated and restricted by secure access control to consortium members and EC representatives.

One meeting every 6 months was organized for the decision making and/or when special issues arose. These half-yearly meetings played an important role in the communication strategy between the partners, the coherency between the work packages, the progress monitoring and the refinement of the objectives and the proper evolution of the work. All information (progress reports, minutes of meetings, relevant publications etc.) were transmitted to the project coordinator who adequately forwarded the content to the other partners.

The following project meetings have taken place:

- Kick off meeting in Strasbourg, February 3rd 2010,
- 6 month meeting in Patras, July 12th 2010,
- 12 month meeting in Oldenburg, January 28th 2011,
- 18 month meeting in Prague, July 4th 2011,
- Review meeting in Brussels, September 30th 2011,
- 24 month meeting in Villigen PSI, February 13th 2012,
- 30 month meeting in Cesky Krumlov, Czech Republic, August 27th 2012,
- 36 month meeting in St. Ingbert, December 21st 2012

No conflicts between partners arose during the whole duration of the project. Any disagreements were solved amicably at the lowest level. Therefore, the Steering Committee did not have to interfere.

Intellectual Property Committee (IPC) ensured that the capacity of Intellectual Property and potential for the project were properly assessed and managed. Knowledge was the property of the contractor(s) generating it. The contractors agreed amongst themselves the allocation and terms of exercising ownership of that knowledge.

A Mid-Term Assessment report on the progress of the research and the partners' plans was submitted before at the end of the 20th month from the date of commencement. The project coordinator and the FCH-JTI organized a Mid-Term assessment meeting with all partners and the Commission's representative. The purpose of this meeting was to report on the progress and to redefine the Project Program for the remaining part of the contract. The comments of the reviewers on the management activities of the project were very positive; therefore no correction actions were necessary. Moreover, some very interesting comments on the technical part of the project were provided. The Consortium tried to implement these advices and improve the scientific work for the last 18 months of the project.