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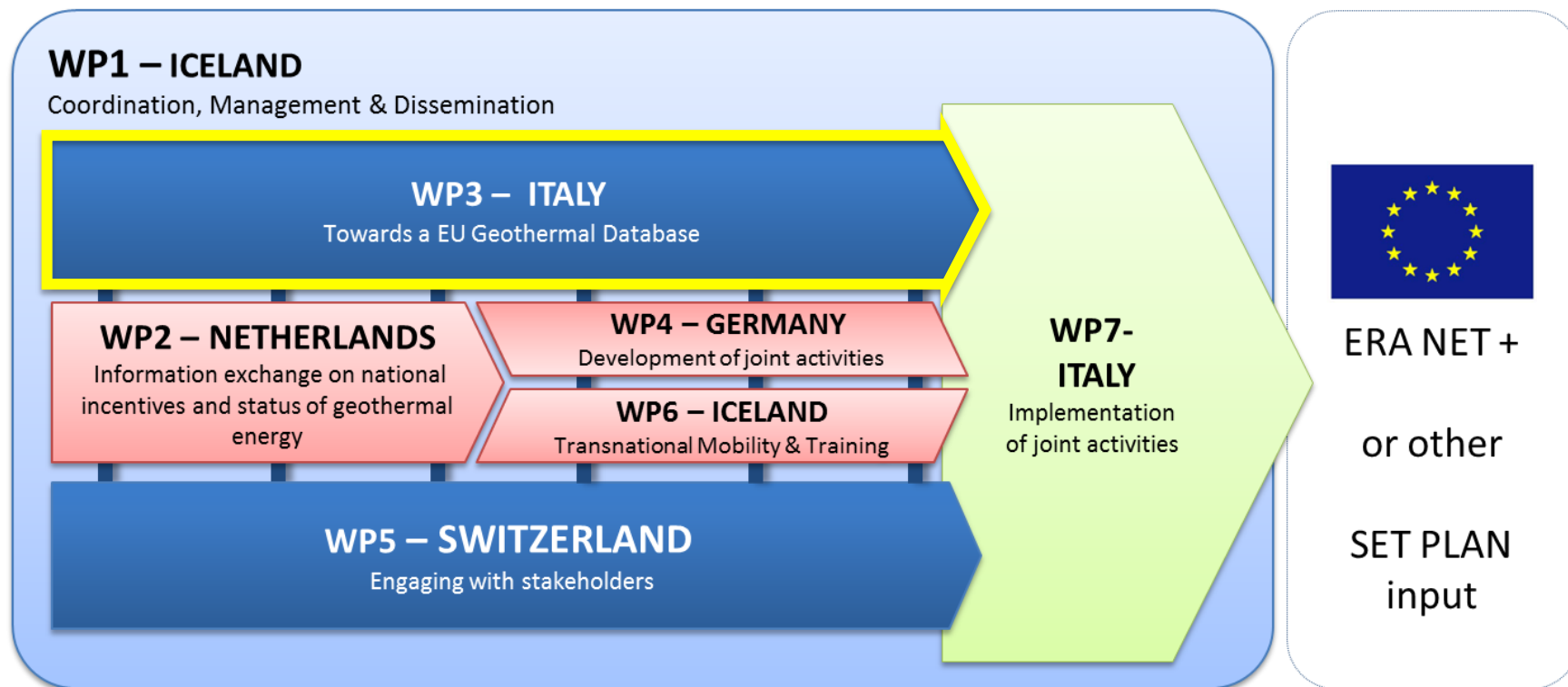
WP7 status

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Organisational structure / work packages

WP1 – ICELAND
Coordination, Management & Dissemination

WP3 – ITALY
Towards a EU Geothermal Database

WP2 – NETHERLANDS
Information exchange on national incentives and status of geothermal energy

WP4 – GERMANY
Development of joint activities

WP6 – ICELAND
Transnational Mobility & Training

WP7-ITALY
Implementation of joint activities

WP5 – SWITZERLAND
Engaging with stakeholders

ERA NET +

or other

SET PLAN input

Geothermal
ERA-NET

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Description of deliverables and milestones (from Annex I)

Task 7.1 Preparation of tools for joint activities (CNR, TUBITAK)

Common programme rules and procedures will be identified based on learning's from WP4. A task force will produce proposals for discussion in the project board where decisions will be made on the level of programme collaboration. The proposals will include possible thematic priorities based on the identification of research topics performed in WP4.

1) deliver a plan for national budget allocation for the calls and 2) design a system for transnational call, including:

- Templates for call
- Description of electronic application system to be used
- Description of evaluation criteria of proposals
- Procedure of peer review
- Description of criteria for monitoring the funded projects

D7.1   Report on developed tools for joint activities: [month 24] (CNR)

Task 7.2 Implementation of joint activities (CNR, SVK?, SED?, MFIG?)

D7.2   Proposals for transnational activities: [month 36] (CNR)

MS13   Joint transnational activity [month 36]

Task 7.3 Analysis of experiences from joint activities (CNR, OS, JÜLICH)

D7.3   Evaluation Report from transnational activities: [month 46]

Task 7.4 Proposals about future collaboration (CNR, OS)

D7.4   Analysis report with proposals on future programme collaboration (incl. stakeholder collaboration): [month 46]

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Steps to make

- **Consultation process** and **Preparatory phase of the Call**
- **Launch of the first call and Call management**
- **Review of main results**
- **Recommendations**

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Consultation process and Preparatory phase of the Call

- **Selection of topics**: recommendations, check with funding agencies for interest and possible budget and date of availability

- Preparation of the **terms of reference**

- Funding agency workshop with the following objectives:
  - ✓ Finalize the selection of topics taking into consideration the indications sent in advance of the workshop by the funding agencies.
  - ✓ Define the budget they are willing to allocate for the 1st joint call.
  - ✓ Discuss and finalize the Memorandum of Unterstanding (MoU) through which all funding parties will confirm that they fulfill the intentions expressed in the Joint Call as well as in the financial framework.
  - ✓ Discuss and finalize the Terms of Reference and the call documents. These are: Call announcement text, Guidelines for applicants, Guidelines for evaluators.

- Consortium establishment – MoU

- Preparing the launch of the call

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Terms of reference (proposal)

It should include (1):

- Call topics (selection process described in 2.1.2)

- Funding:
  - ➢ Minimum number of Funding Parties
  - ➢ Maximum number of projects intended to be funded
  - ➢ Type of funding: The implementation of the joint call will be realized using a "Virtual Common Pot" of funds, i.e. national funds will be assigned exclusively to participants of the respective countries. Any group of funding parties may decide to make exceptions to that rule depending on the nature of the joint activity.
  - ➢ Definition of eligible costs that can be funded (equipment, personnel, travelling, events etc.)
  - ➢ Funding agreement

- Eligibility and evaluation:
  - ➢ Eligibility criteria (formal criteria) and evaluation criteria (scientific excellence, impact and expected outcomes, scoring system etc.)
  - ➢ Evaluators: Each funding agency will nominate evaluators from their countries, who are independent, international experts in the field(s) or on the instruments represented in the first joint call.
  - ➢ Evaluation and decision making procedures / Peer Review Panel / Monitoring

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Terms of reference (proposal)

It should include (2):

- Application process (1-step or **2-step process**)

- Recipients of funding

- Submission Process

- Call secretariat: who will handle the proposal management and the evaluation process (building on a pool of independent, international peer reviewers). It will be supported in all stages by the consortium

- In addition to the call secretariat, each partner will nominate **national contact persons** that serve as interface at national level between the applicants and the answers / questions from the funding parties, especially on the application process, the eligibility and evaluation criteria and funding modalities.

- Key elements of the management of funds and reporting.

MoU for the consortium

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Call preparation

Documents to be prepared:

- **Joint Call Text**,
- **guide for applicants**,
- FAQ,
- **proposal form,**
- **national contact point list,**
- **national regulations (embedding the contact point list),**
- guideline for evaluators written for the experts who will evaluate the projects, but will be useful to researchers wishing to understand the evaluation criteria.

To be prepared

- **call webpage (usually on the project website) with a reference of contact person per country and link, budget (total, then each cuntry set its own budget),**
- web-based matchmaking facility to help researchers wishing to submit projects as a consortium to find partners.

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Launch of the call and management

- Call Launch
- Eligibility Check and Evaluation
- Funding Decision Meeting
- Start of Projects

Stage 1	Publication date – invitation for pre-proposals	0
	Deadline for submitting pre-proposals	2-3 months
	Selection of pre-proposals to be invited to submit full proposals	1-2 months
Stage 2	Deadline for submitting invited full proposals	1-2 months
	Deadline peer evaluation of full proposals, Selection ranking for funding proposals, Deadline national/regional funding decisions	2-5 months
	Project start	2 months
TOTAL		**8-12** months

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Review of main results

Example (minimum)

- 53 applications have been received
- the sum of the budgets requested is 9.44 M€
- the requested funding per project ranges between 7 and 817k€, with an average of 178k€
- the average consortium size is 2.4 partners (range between 1 and 5, of which 18 "single-organization" applications)
- applicant organizations are primarily from country1 (24), country2 (22), country3 (17), country4 (14) and country5 (12)
- 12 of the 53 proposals have been recommended for funding at the national/regional level