

TCS - NEAR FAULT OBSERVATORY

CB MEETING - MINUTES



CB Meeting

Date: 21 November 2022

Time: 9.35-12.00

Board members and Invited Observers

Present Members: Lauro Chiaraluce (INGV) | John Clinton (ETH) – left at 11.20 | Christos Evangelidis (NOA) | Gaetano Festa (UNINA) | George Kaviris (NKUA) – Left at 10.00 | Alexandru Marmureanu (INFP) | Efthimios Sokos (UPatras) |

Absent Members: Pascal Bernard (CNRS) | Semih Ergintav (KOERI)

Present Observer: Stanka Sebelo (ZRC-SAZU)

Agenda

- a. Report from the Service Committee on Community services toward the opening of the ICS-C portal (January 2023)
- b. Governance and Coordination contracts - Service contracts - Work Programmes for 2023
- c. Observer status - requirements and role within the community.
- d. Next NFO meeting in presence
- e. Miscellaneous

a. Report from the Service Committee on Community services toward the opening of the ICS-C portal (January 2023).

Alexandru Marmureanu presented the activities of the Service Committee (SeC) during the year. In particular, he illustrated the participation to the pitches for user testing, for evaluating the robustness of the services, for solving problems about NFO data and metadata, for making services interoperable with the ICS-C, and for designing the graphical interface to visualize time series.

The report is attached. The board discussed the limited participation of the IT representatives of the NFOs, with three NFOs participating to the pitches all along the year, and one NFO only contributing in the last month. The SeC requested a larger participation, since there are problems specific to single NFOs that cannot be solved by IT people external to those NFOs. Also, the board agreed to carefully revise the Quality Assurance document in 2023.

The incomplete participation results in services not exposing a not adequate quantity of DDSS or not updated data. For the last issue, all services that do not satisfy the requirements of the Implementation Level Matrix are going to be hidden.

b. Governance and Coordination contracts - Service contracts - Work programme for 2023

Lauro Chiaraluce reported the activities related to the Multi-Year-Collaboration Agreement (MYCA) for both Governance and Coordination (GOCO) and Data and Service Provision (DASE) for 2022.

As required by the 2022 GOCO agreement between ERIC and the TCS service provider (INGV), the activities planned for the current year were carried out by INGV in collaboration with UNINA and NIEP, following the Work Programme and consisting of management of the Agreements and Consortium, reporting activities, outreach, and management of the Pre-Operational Testing phase. These activities, together with the ones performed for the DASE, resulted in a total of more than 60 appointments.

Regarding to the GOCO budget for 2023, LC reported that there is going to be a cut related to the end of the Pre-Operational activity, thus the total budget (70k€ + 10k€ for dissemination activities that will be harmonized by the ERIC) has been proposed to be distributed with the following scheme:

- INGV 26 k€
- UNINA 24 k€
- NIEP 20k€ + 10k€

While regarding 2022 DASE activities, LC reported that for reasons internal to the NFOs, neither CNRS (for CRL) nor KOERI (for Marmara) have been able to sign the Service Agreement for 2022. Thus, the agreements are going to be signed at the beginning of 2023 and to this end, administrative activities between KOERI, CNRS and INGV departments are in progress.

DASE fundings for 2023 are going to be distributed following the Cost Book and eligibility criteria for the services; the same that occurred for 2022. In detail: INGV as coordinator will receive 160 k€ that will be redistributed via the internal agreements with CNRS (45 k€) and KOERI (35 k€).

In summary, for 2023 EPOS-ERIC will provide 70 k€ for Governance and Coordination and 160 k€ for Data and Service Provision. The Agreements for 2023 are expected to have a content consistent to the ones for 2022. Drafts of the contracts with the Work Programmes are attached.

At 11.20 J. Clinton left the meeting and after a while sent an email to all the community members resigning from the Board. The Executive Committee is expected to be informed by ETH about the new representative for Valais NFO. The services of Valais that have been proposed to be operational in 2023 (vp/vs, Seismic events) have been frozen, waiting for a definite answer from ETH.

c. Observer status - requirements and role within the community

G. Festa presented the document that describes how to become an observer and the pathway for an observer to become a Party. He illustrated the documents requested to candidate observers and the eligibility criteria that will guide the Board to grant the observer status. After becoming an observer, the legal entity must present formal request to become a Party within 36 months and not before 12 months. The document has been approved by the unanimity of the participants. The annex defining a Near Fault Observatory will be shared with the Board, carefully checked and finalized by the end of the year.

The documents are attached.

d. Next NFO meeting in presence

The Board agreed to have next Meeting in Italy to visit TABOO-NFO from 21 to 23 of March 2023. A preliminary version of the program will be shared by L. Chiaraluce within January.

Miscellaneous

G. Festa reported that the new INFRA calls, expected for 2023 have been published.