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WG2: Accessibility Instruments Meeting

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14.30 – 15:15: WG2 Meeting

1. Introductions

The Chair of WG2, Angela Hull, welcomed two new members to WG2: Professor Günter Emberger (Technical University Vienna) and Albert Steiner (Zurich University of Applied Sciences).

2. Discussion of WG2 First Phase Work

Angela Hull congratulated everyone involved in the preparation and publication of COST TU1002 Report 1: Accessibility Instruments for Planning Practice. This comprehensive review of accessibility in this Action has been a team effort, but specific thanks are due to Cecilia Silva and Luca Bertolini for their editorial role and Tiago Patatas for the final formatting of the document.

The meeting discussed additional work which needed to be carried out. Enrica Papa would like to lead further discussion on the COST TU1002 glossary and agreed to suggest a new approach which she will circulate for comment before the next meeting in Munich.

The wide dissemination of Report 1 was discussed and WG2 members were encouraged to bring the report to the attention of their colleagues and wider contacts. Angela Hull suggested that each section of the report should be filed separately on the Action website with an index so that sections could be separately downloaded. It was also agreed that the chapter 3 reviews of individual instruments should also be available as separate downloadable files linked to a metadata file giving a brief summary of the instrument.

Günter Emberger and Albert Steiner both would like to provide a written report on the accessibility instruments they have developed, which could also be disseminated through the website. It was agreed that the Swedish Action members should also be encouraged to do the same.

3. Publication opportunities from WG2 First Phase Work

A short discussion followed on the potential publication opportunities from the research carried out for Report 1. It was agreed that WG2 members should be encouraged to jointly prepare journal articles, provided that the work is cited correctly.

4. Discussion of Next Steps

The meeting explored the contribution that WG2 could have in the next phase of the Action when the focus will be on the interaction with practitioners in the local workshops carried out by each of the national units. WG2 were mindful that WG3 has the main responsibility for supporting the pedagogical approach to the local workshops and capturing practitioners' experience and learning on accessibility. It was, therefore, considered that WG2 could be most usefully occupied with facilitating the collection of tool developers' reflections following the local workshops. Enrica Papa and Angela Hull agreed to submit a proposal on how to facilitate tool developers' learning from the local workshops to the Munich meeting.

5. Discussion on the Methodology for the Local Workshops

WG2 meeting followed a presentation from WG3 on the preferred methodology for running the local workshops with practitioners. WG2, therefore, took the opportunity to discuss the proposed methodology. Petter Naess, Luca Bertolini and Angela Hull agreed to raise questions with WG3 to help with the clarification of some of the procedures.

6. Closing Remarks

Angela Hull thanked everyone for attending and for all their efforts to complete the first phase work of WG2 so successfully.