

Mara Nord News

Mara Nord company visits was a success

The **project tender 1** has been closed on 31.05.2010 at 16.00. There has been a successful proposal and Project Lead Partner has made a decision for subcontracting the services. The evaluation of the tenders happened 02.06.2010 and the evaluation team has selected project consultant for implementation of WP1 and WP2. Currently the project is revising the agreement with the consultant and if there appears no serious issues the consultant can start the implementation in August after the official appeal period.

The **company representative** in the PSC has been finally selected. During the company visits the situation has changed and it has become clear that there is someone who is very motivated and interested to take this role. **Martin Karlsson** (Ramböll RST) has expressed his interest to take this role during the company visits. His name has been proposed to companies. Since project manager has got only confirmative decisions from companies and no comments where expressed against his persona in PSC, the proposal is seen to be accepted. From now on Martik Karlsson (Ramböll RST) will be the company voice in the PSC.

Bullet points

- **Project tender 1** (WP1 and WP2) deadline has been closed (page 1)
- The proposal for the **company representative**—Martin Karlsson (Ramböll RST) (page 1)
- Mara Nord project was on the tour **meeting the project companies** in Sweden and Norway. These company visits was a success (page 2)
- Proposal for an **open platform workshop** at the beginning of 2011 has been recognized as very beneficiary to all network members (page 2)
- **Project tender 2** (for WP3) will be published by 30.06.2010 in Norway (page 3)
- Summer holidays and break time (page 3)

Please note, there will be no newsletter in July due to the holiday season

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In the last two weeks (17.05—28.05) Mara Nord project was on the tour **meeting the project companies** in Sweden and Norway. The aim of these meetings was to establish personal connection to all project stakeholders, introduce the project and give an opportunity to companies to introduce their activities and also clarify and update the work packages. As a whole the tour was a success and all of the aims were achieved. Several good ideas have come from these meetings and the Nordic Recommendations even have gained more context and focus after input from all the network members.

Already during the first project meeting an idea came about that it would be very beneficiary for all network members to meet and at the same time give an input to the Nordic Recommendations (WP2) in the manner of **open platform workshop**. The idea of such a meeting has been proposed to all of the companies during the meetings and also to all of the project partners. The importance of this platform has been recognized, so we are currently working on updating our next half year work plan and including such an activity in the project plan. This event would take place in Lulea (Sweden) at the beginning of 2011. More precise date and time of this event yet is very hard to give before the consultant for WP2 has started the work. Further information will be given as plans start to shape in more concrete fashion. Indeed it is also a subject of financier approval as in the original project application such an event was not included.

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Project Manager Anita and Project Substance Manager Janne would like to thank all of the companies and their representatives for hospitality and positive attitude. Anita wants to thank irreplaceable support of Johan and Leif for helping in organizing all these visits. We do see it very important for the success of the project to keep open minded attitude and positive spirit.

Thanks to everyone for the input!

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As the work proceeds the project is opening more assignments publishing the **project tender 2** to work on the tasks in WP3 State of the art and Foresight. As already announced before, the second tender will be published in Norway. The tender is under preparation and is aimed to be published by 30.06.2010 in Norwegian system. All the project stakeholders will be notified once tender is published. During the meetings the WP3 got more focus and some new and fresh ideas to include in the substance of this expert work. More specific information will be published in the tender announcement, but we feel very excited now also about this WP and we are convinced that it will be very effective producing interesting information that then can be integrated back in WP1 and WP2. It is important that the two hired experts work in cooperation including and noticing also other stakeholder interests.

The **summer season** has started with very busy time, but soon it will slow down as people leave for their summer holidays. We would like to inform you that

Project Manager Anita Narbro will be out of office

05.07.2010—02.08.2010

Substance expert Janne Poikajärvi is out of the office

14.06.2010—20.08.2010

We look forward to the intensive but exciting work in autumn!

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- **Summer season** is here and project personnel is taking a break

We wish also you all nice and enjoyable summer!

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