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Mara Nord News

Project status updates

Greetings dear stakeholders,

As autumn has started fast so has Mara Nord project activities picked up the pace. The project team is glad to greet you in the autumn of 2010 and would like to update you on the project status, update you on the project plans up until the end of this year and give some insights what is in Mara Nord plan for year 2011.

Wishing you all a successful and nice autumn,

Project Manager

Anita Narbro

1. Project Status updates:

WP 1 Education and Demonstration

Before the holiday started RAMK successfully managed to sign the contract between RAMK and Roadscanners Oy for providing services to develop the educational material and to provide the trainings. The experts have worked during the summer and the material for the Educational package 1 (procurement training) is almost ready. We have set the dates for implementing the trainings in each participating country. The trainings will take place in Bodø (Norway), Luleå (Sweden) and Rovaniemi (Finland). The training is organized in two day sessions and the indicative topics for those are:

Day 1

- Theory and equipments of the GPR
- Data collection and practical examples

Day 2

- Data processing and interpretation
- Practical examples

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WP4: Networks and cooperation

WP5: Research and testing of the method

WP6: Project management

3. Project calendar and upcoming events:

- Edu. 1 Trainings

- In Norway (week 5) 2011
- In Sweden (week 6) 2011
- In Finland (week 7) 2011

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WP2: Harmonization of recommendations

The experts have started the work on the recommendations along side developing the training material. Meanwhile the work is on the way, the project team feels it is crucial for the success of the project that stakeholders and the users of the end product get the chance to provide input, give feedback and comments on the draft of the recommendations. Therefore the project would like to invite you to seminar/ workshop happening during week 6, 2011 in Sweden. After the seminar a networking event will be organized for stakeholders of the project. The seminar and networking event will take place in Sweden, but more specific location will be communicated to you in the next newsletter.

WP3: State of the Art and foresight

The work package 3 has now closed the tendering process and the decision of the selected service provider will be communicated shortly by the contracting authority in this case being Statens Vegvesen (Norway).

WP4: Networks and cooperation

The networks and cooperation work has started with locating the appropriate networks and working groups. One of such is recognized to be NVF. Through the contribution of our Norwegian partners we have good access to one of the working groups in NVF and will disseminate the information about the project through those contacts.

WP5: Research and testing of the method

During summer of 2010 a student in RAMK was hired to carry out the GPR measurements from asphalt plates in laboratory environment. At the moment some of the asphalt plates (calibration plates) are being scanned by a laser. During this autumn RAMK still will carry out GPR measurement in cold and wet weather. At the same time the analysis process of the GPR measurement data has started and will continue throughout the winter of 2010-11. If there should appear any need for more measurements in laboratory environment those will be done through out the winter 2010.

WP6: Project Management

Dear partners and companies, the project is going to start invoicing you for the contributions that you have signed for. The invoices will be sent to you soon after this notice.

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Project calendar and activities

February 2011

week	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
5			1	2	3	4	5
			GPR procurement training in Bodø, Norway	GPR procurement training in Bodø, Norway			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		GPR procurement training in Luleå, Sweden	GPR procurement training in Luleå, Sweden	Seminar/ workshop on recommendations Sweden	Project STC meeting, Sweden		
7	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		GPR procurement training in Rovaniemi, Finland	GPR procurement training in Rovaniemi, Finland				
8	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9	28	1	2	3	4	5	6

Dear all,

Please make reservations in your calendars on time! We hope to see you in the trainings that are free of charge for those in the project. And most definitely in the seminar/workshop and networking event to follow it in Sweden on 10.02. The travel and accommodation costs are your own to cover, but the project will offer you the lunches and dinner during the networking event.

We very much hope you use your chance to influence the success of the project!

With kind regards,

Project team

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