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SHARING ADVISORY BOARD – PROGRAMME OF WORK

Prepared by the MSIS Task Force on Software Sharing ¹

I. INTRODUCTION

1. This is the first year for the Sharing Advisory Board and the work will not start before June so the program of work will be a reduced one. This year will be devoted to setting up the administrative procedures and making other beginnings. For this year the ESSnet on architecture is defined and well under way.
2. We fully recognize the size of the program and propose a prioritization using the MoSCoW system (Must, Should, Could, Wont) to make sure that even if completing the whole program might not be feasible, the most important work gets done.

II. ACTIVITIES 2009

Set up administration of SAB

- Choose and implement collaboration tools for SAB operations; (*Must*)
- Choose and implement physical administration location and facilities (who has the data directories, website etc. and who will be responsible); (*Must*)
- Define subjects the SAB will be the responsible administrative body for; (*Must*)
- Define a workflow for decision making; how are proposals made by SAB to be executed. This is closely related to the mandate. (*Should*)

Set rules for resourcing projects

- Create a proposal for funding of the SAB activities in the future (administration, travel etc.). Funding for projects can come in the form of cash, resources or infrastructure from participating agencies; (*Should*)
- Consider a default proposal for funding (small) collaboration projects to be agreed on by all NSIs taking part in MSIS. (*Should*)

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Architecture

- Participate in activities related to the common business architecture and related standards with the purpose of unification and collaboration focused on identifying areas of difference and commonality. (*Must*)

Collaboration

- Develop proposal to make the SAB act like an information broker on activities suitable for collaboration; (*Could*)
- Work in collaboration with the ESSnet to produce documentation about prerequisites for sharing of software on a technical level (location will be OSOR like as proposed in final report of the taskforce); (*Should*)
- Work in collaboration with the ESSnet to develop information on licencing and judicial issues related to sharing of software in and outside EU; (*Must*)
- Research possible cooperation models and identify succesfull models, develop guidelines for this type of collaboration. (*Should*)

Outreach

- Develop a half-yearly newsletter for NSIs with relevant issues like new collaborations, meetings and URLs with interesting knowledge (all pointing to non commercial sites, preferable OSOR or other NSIs); (*Must*)
- Create an initial inventory of existing initiatives and collaborations (including persons to contact) and make them available to all MSIS member countries to maintain; (*Must*)
- Assure presence of members of the SAB on related meetings of NSIs and institutes; (*Should*)
- Prepare a more ambitious work program for the following year(s). (*Must*)