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MID-TERM ACTIVITY REPORT

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Executive summary

Bireme project has only started after the holidays period. We did agree on a common methodology during the first workshop and we are now in Phase I: conducting the interviews to describe the different use cases by country/EU legislation. These parallel and independent activities should be finished by end March 2018.

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Introduction

The project is on track but it is difficult to give quantitative measures of the progress before the end of Phase I. The reader would get a precise idea of the status on the OSF website of the project: <https://osf.io/ae4nq/>.

The project and its objectives



This project aims to describe EU reporting processes and data flows in several EU countries, investigate how GBIF could facilitate EU reporting and recommend changes to GBIF tools/procedures, if needed.

Best practices will be identified, summarized and spread to all EU countries.

Our objectives are:

1. At national level, this project will improve our understanding of EU reporting:

- Stakeholders (scientific and decision making bodies)
- Data gathering and filtering, data flows
- Decisions made during the process
- Timeline of the process

2. At broader scale, best practises and recommendations to further improve GBIF use in European reporting process.

Project articulates in two phases, a workshop being held before each phase.

Project activities completed by mid-term

An informal kickoff meeting has been held in Helsinki during the Governing Board week.

The first workshop has been held in Brussels, on October 20th where we did agreed on a common methodology for describing the various country/EU legislation use cases. The Workshop minutes are available [here](#)

Phase I has started and the different GBIF nodes are gathering their use cases at their own paces.

Project communications

We decided to manage and expose our project through the Open Science Framework and to use OSF as repository for all our working and final documents.

Mid-term evaluation findings and recommendations for the remaining project implementation period

Project really started after the holidays period. We expect that all use cases will be documented by April 2018. We greatly appreciate OSF flexibility in terms of documents repository and wiki. We therefore recommend other CESP projects to adopt it, or any similar platform.