# Newsletter 01

## 23 December 2016

**ANYWHERE**

**EnhANcing emergencY management and response to extreme WeatHER and climate**

Dear ANYWHERE partners,

The year 2016 is concluding, and we would like to take this opportunity to give a brief summary of the ANYWHERE development, and to advance the most important upcoming events for the new semester.

## MEETINGS

**Kick-off meeting 7th-10th June 2016**

Interaction among partners began with the ANYWHERE Kick-off meeting held in Sitges, Spain, where partners started to build up the team spirit necessary to achieve the objectives of this ambitious Innovation Action.

## 4th Community of Users (CoU) held in Brussels on 22-23 June 2016.

ANYWHERE Project participated in the 4th Community of Users Meeting on Natural Hazard. This event, held by Philippe Quevauviller, was live streamed (http://anywhere-h2020.eu/media/) and was an important dissemination action in synergy with other similar EU funded projects.

## 1st ANYWHERE Workshop held in Genoa 6-8 September 2016.

The main purpose of this meeting was to present the project to the external institutions that are members of the Stakeholders Board, the SMEs and Industries Collaborative Network of the project, as well as to the Advisory Board members with a two-fold objective:

*1-* To create a co-ownership framework between all of the actors in the project with the purpose of including the needs, vision and aims of the end-users and first responders in the design of the implementation of ANYWHERE from the very beginning.

*2-* Create an atmosphere to promote the feedback from the external participants about their perception of the project and guidance from the experts advisory board. The feedbacks received showed that the workshop was fruitful creating this co-ownership environment among RTD partners, developers, first-responders, stakeholders, and enterprises offering services to ensure the success of the collaborative approach needed in the project.

The interactions aiming to effectively integrate the real-time operation requirements in the design of the systems and services were very well received. We would like to thank the workshop organisers and collaborators (CIMA with the support of CDG) and all attendees for making all possible efforts to contribute in the workshop.

The current list of the external boards participating in the project is published in the web-page (http://anywhere-h2020.eu/partners/). New institutions are currently being contacted to complete these external boards.

## Internal meetings:

After the first workshop, it was the turn for individual project work package meetings. UNS organised a telco meeting about the A4DEMOS platform specifications on 26th September 2016. WP2 and WP3 had a meeting at ECMWF in Reading, during 7th-8th November. WP5 held a meeting in Paderborn on 21st-22nd November. A technical (IT) meeting of WP3 and a WP2-WP3 meeting took place on 20th December 2016.

Other internal meetings aiming to clarify and settle the work plan to be included in the Implementation Plans have been also organised.



The coordination team would like to thank the leaders and organizers of these meetings for making a more defined work

## External meetings and Dissemination:

**-27th September 2016, Oxford (UK):** We would like to thank WUR for participating in the International Symposia on Drought Science and Management that took place at Oxford University in joint collaboration with NERC and MaRIUS Drought Project, disseminating the ANYWHERE activities.

**- 10th-14th October 2016, Antalya, (Turkey):** The Coordinator also contributed to disseminate the ANYWHERE objectives during the "ERAD 2016 meeting (European Conference on Radar in Meteorology and Hydrology)".

**- 17th-21st October 2016, Lyon, (France):** UPC also disseminated the ANYWHERE challenge and objectives during the "Third European Conference on Flood Risk Management".

**- 27th-28th October, 2016, Ourense (Spain):** WUR also was in charge of disseminating the ANYWHERE objectives during the 2nd international Congress on Water: Floods and Droughts.

**- 8th Nov 2016, Madrid (Spain):** ACA, representing the state group of flooding, disseminated ANYWHERE in a general meeting of basin, civil protection and coastal management at MAPAMA (Ministry of Agriculture, fisheries, food and environment of Spain). We would like to thank ACA for the presentation done and for the dissemination done at country level.

**- 18th Nov 2016, Beijing (China):** DGPCE also disseminated ANYWHERE giving a presentation under the scope of the Meteorological Warning System in Spain and within the frame of EU-CHINA Disaster Risk

Management Project. Thanks to the presenters for transferring the objectives and the challenge of the ANYWHERE project beyond the European borders.

**- 16th to 18th November 2016, Dresden-Pillnitz (Germany):** We would like to thank WUR, for disseminating the activities of ANYWHERE in the collaboration workshop "Sort-out drought!" where Deutscher Wetterdienst (DWD), the Saxon State Office for Environment, Agriculture and Geology (LfULG), the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the European Commission (EC), the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) and other partners were brought together to present and develop best practices and climate services helpful to deal with droughts.

- **3rd -5th December 2016, Teheran (Iran):** The objectives of ANYWHERE were also disseminated by WUR during the International Conference on Water and Environment in the New Millennium: Education and Capacity building at the University of Teheran, and at a workshop at the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of Teheran, Iran.

- **12th to 16th December 2016, San Francisco (USA):** The ANYWHERE goals were also presented at the AGU-FALL MEETING, one of the largest earth and space science meetings in the world.

- **14th December 2016, Manresa (Spain):** Thanks to ACA and HYDS for participating in the Flood Risk Management Meeting where local administrations also attended the meeting.

**Other dissemination actions:** Thanks to UFZ for the nexus done between the German Committee for Risk Reduction (currently in our Stakeholder´s Board) for their interest in including ANYWHERE activities in their next newsletter.

In general, we would like to thank all partners that have already disseminated the scope of ANYWHERE in one way or another.

## CONCLUDED DELIVERABLES AND MILESTONES

Since the beginning of the project, the following milestones and deliverables has been concluded:

**M1.1:** Organization of team-building activity and brainstorming session on creating a co-ownership framework for innovation during the kick-off meeting.

**M1.2:** Organization of the activities of 1st Workshop: agreeing on a co-ownership framework for innovation.

**D1.1:** Report with the recommendations and feedback obtained from the Workshop 1.*

**M7.1:** Presentation of the Market development support and helpdesk development (for users and suppliers) during the 1st Workshop.

**D8.1:** Communication, Dissemination and Training Plan and material.

**M8.1:** ANYWHERE visual identity.

**M8.2:** First workshop to be held in Genoa.

**D8.2:** Project Web-site and project-site.

**M9.1:** Expert Advisory Board 1st Supervision report and guidance.

*\*The responsibles of D1.1 are now preparing a simplified version of the report that could be distributed among all participants (Consortium + External Boards).*

## NEW ANYWHERE WEB-PAGE

The initial ANYWHERE web-site presented during the kick-off meeting in Sitges has been redesigned to a more modern and dynamic webpage with direct link to our intranet (Basecamp). It is a matter of all of us to give maximum visibility to our project so we all would highly appreciate that you include a reference to the project and provide links to the project web-site on your own web-pages (http://anywhere-h2020.eu).

## CODE REPOSITORY

ANYWHERE has opened a GIT code repository so that partners can deliver and update algorithms. Access information (username and password) has been sent by HYDS to each partner.

We would like to thank HYDS for the cooperation.

## EXPERT ADVISORY BOARD (EAB)

During the first workshop held in Genoa, the EAB attended the meetings and interacted with the consortium partners and other external boards. After a session of discussion the last day, they produced the 1st External Advisory Board Report (Milestone 9.1), which should be considered by all partners as a guidance done by experienced leaders with high level of critical spirit to improve the development of the project.

## NEW MEMBER OF THE EXPERT ADVISORY BOARD

As approved in the first GA of the project we have invited *Prof. Matteo Bonfanti* to become a member of the EAB to start serving at the ANYWHERE EAB from January 2017 and he will be present on the meetings during the ANYWHERE second Workshop of Helsinki.

# WORK PACKAGE IMPLEMENTATION PLANS (WPIP)

Following the suggestions of the Expert Advisory board, the deadline to receive the Implementation plans was advanced to 16th December 2016. The purpose was to review them by the coordinator and to request improvement to the WP leaders during January 2017. An Executive Board Meeting is organised on 2nd February, 2017 at REA (Brussels) in which the WP leaders will present the Implementation Plans to the Project Officer. The revised WPIPs will be also distributed among the experts of the Advisory Board for their revision.

We would like to thank partners, that even working with hectic pace they have concluded their WPIP before deadline.

# NEW PROJECT OFFICER

A new project officer (Antonio Fernández-Ranada Shaw) has been assigned to ANYWHERE. First personal meeting between him and the coordinator will take place during the meeting of the Executive Board next 2nd February in Brussels.

# CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT

After discussing the most relevant aspects of the Consortium Agreement, all partners have already signed the final draft of the agreement that shall govern the internal rights and responsibilities of the ANYWHERE consortium. The final version has been uploaded to the ANYWHERE partner area (Basecamp).

# UPCOMING EVENTS

The most remarkable upcoming events are the following:

**1st-2nd February 2017, Brussels (Belgium):** All members of the Executive Board (EB) of ANYWHERE will work with the Project Officer and the responsible for the DRS projects at DG HOME in the EB Meeting, where the WPIP will be presented to the Project Officer.

**15th-17th March 2017, Reading (UK):** The 3rd ANYWHERE Meeting and General Assembly will be held at ECMWF. Virginia Murray and Jesus San Miguel (members of the EAB) have to evaluate the advancements of the project. The meeting will focus on the advancements of the project, as well as the preparation of the Helsinki Workshop. Please, safe the dates.

**21th-25th March 2017, Riederalp (Switzerland):** The University of Genoa (UNIGE), Polytechnic University of Catalunya (UPC) and the Imperial College of London organize a Workshop on Risks and Hazards in Natural and Urban Environments under Multiple Stress Factors, Including Climate Change . Deadline for registration and abstract submission is on 15th January 2017. Registration is available through http://anywhere-h2020.eu/riederalp-2017-workshop-on-risks/.

**19th-22nd September 2017, Helsinki (Finland):** The 2nd Workshop will be held in Helsinki, Sept 2017.

Thanks to the workshop organiser (FMI) for preparing the workshop with time in advance. Please, safe these dates.

## UPCOMING DELIVERABLES AND MILESTONES (M08-M14)

The next achievements of the project to be completed in the next months are:

**D2.1 (M09):** Compilation of the first version of the algorithms and products to forecast impacts of W&C induced hazards at adequate time-space resolution for different geo-climatic settings across Europe to be transferred to WP3. Leader: WUR

**D3.1 (M09):** Modules/tools requirements to be integrated into the MH-EWS. Internal to the consortium. Leader: ECWMF

**M3.1 (M09):** Definition of the products/services/interfaces to be provided by the MH-EWS. Leader: HYDS

**D1.2 (M12):** Report on needs and requirements from the users, society and how to address ethical, legal and environmental issues. Leader: UFZ

**D3.2 (M12):** Design of the MH-EWS platform including products, services, interfaces and tests. Internal to the consortium. Leader: HYDS

**D7.1 (M12):** IPR Protection Plan (internal to the consortium). Leader: UPC
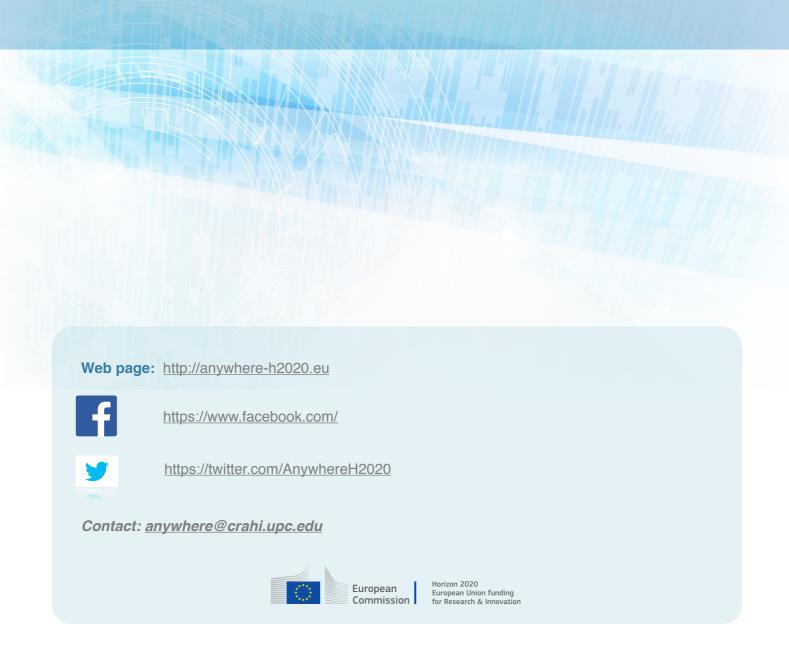
**M2.1 (M14):** Online catalogue describing all algorithms. Leader: UPC

Thank you all for your contributions and cooperation during these months and we wish you an enjoyable and worthy holiday, and that the new year 2017 brings us lots of success and joy.

Warm regards,

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