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Project abstract:

The overarching goal of REALISTIC is to develop a Centre of Excellence in aerosol remote sensing technology and science in the Indian Ocean, through the creation of a Chair, with La Réunion, a European Outermost region, as a strategic pivot point of the European Research Area. REALISTIC aims at attracting and maintaining a high-profile researcher (ERA Chair holder) to lead a high-profile supporting team with excellent research and technical capabilities in the aerosol remote sensing domain. In particular, specific applications and research endeavours will be conducted in the area of quantifying the impact of wildfire and volcanic emissions on the tropical atmosphere composition and on the Earth-Atmosphere radiative balance. REALISTIC is designed to catalyse and maximise the impact of the ERA Chair in order to raise the research, technical and innovation excellence of the Laboratory of Atmosphere and Cyclones (LACy), the Observatory of Atmospheric Physics of La Réunion (OPAR), the Observatory of the Universe Sciences of La Réunion (OSU-R), and the University of La Réunion (UR) to a level that makes them unique and essential references in the local R&I ecosystem, at the Indian Ocean-level as well as to the overall international community, and thus filling the R&I gap on atmospheric systems. REALISTIC will contribute to better integrate UR within the European Research Area, and better align with European standards and priorities.

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1. THE KICK-OFF MEETING EVENT

Organized online on 21st March 2023 from 13:00 to 15:00 local Reunion time.

1.1. ATTENDANTS

A total of 18 participants attended the meeting.

MA: Monica Altimira (UPC)
NB: Nelson Bègue (LACy/UR)
HB: Hassan Bencherif (LACy/UR)
AC: Adolfo Comeron (UPC)
TC: Tom Creemers (UPC)
MDM: Martine De Mazière (BIRA-IASB)
VD: Valentin Dufлот (LACy/UR)
CGD: Cristina Gil Diaz (UPC)
YH: Yann Hello (OSU-R)
IJ: Irene Jorge (UPC)
CLM: Cathrine Lund Myrhe (NILU)
CM: Christine Mailleux (REA)
DM: David Monteiro (REA)
JMR: Juan Mora Rey (UR)
CM: Constantino Muñoz (UPC)
MS: Michaël Sicard (LACy/UR)
JVB: Joël Van Baelen (LACy/UR)
UW: Ulla Wandinger (TROPOS)

1.2. AGENDA

Round table
Round of introduction of the consortium
Context
WP1: Project Management
WP2: REALISTIC Team construction and integration in UR institution
WP3: Competence raising through capacity building
WP4: Improvement of Reunion Island R&I capabilities to align with ERA vision and priorities
WP5: Communication, exploitation, dissemination
Final open discussion and wrap-up

1.3. MINUTES

Irene Jorge presents the UPC (see slides given in Annex).
Juan Mora Rey presents UR (see slides given in Annex).
Michaël Sicard and Valentin Dufлот present the REALISTIC program (see slides given in Annex).

Several discussions follow these presentations:

- JMR asks if Nicolas Alarcon (UR data management team) will be invited to the planned seminar dedicated to Data Management. VD and MS confirms.
- MDM asks what will be specific for the REALISTIC Data Management Plan (DMP) compared to other DMP that OPAR has to deal with. VD answers that there are no real novelties regarding the REALISTIC DMP compared to other DMP that OPAR has to deal with, and that this REALISTIC DMP is requested by the European Commission (EC). UW adds that, indeed, a DMP is requested by EC for project funded by EC, and that such kind of DMPs not only concern instrumental data, but also other kind of data generated through the



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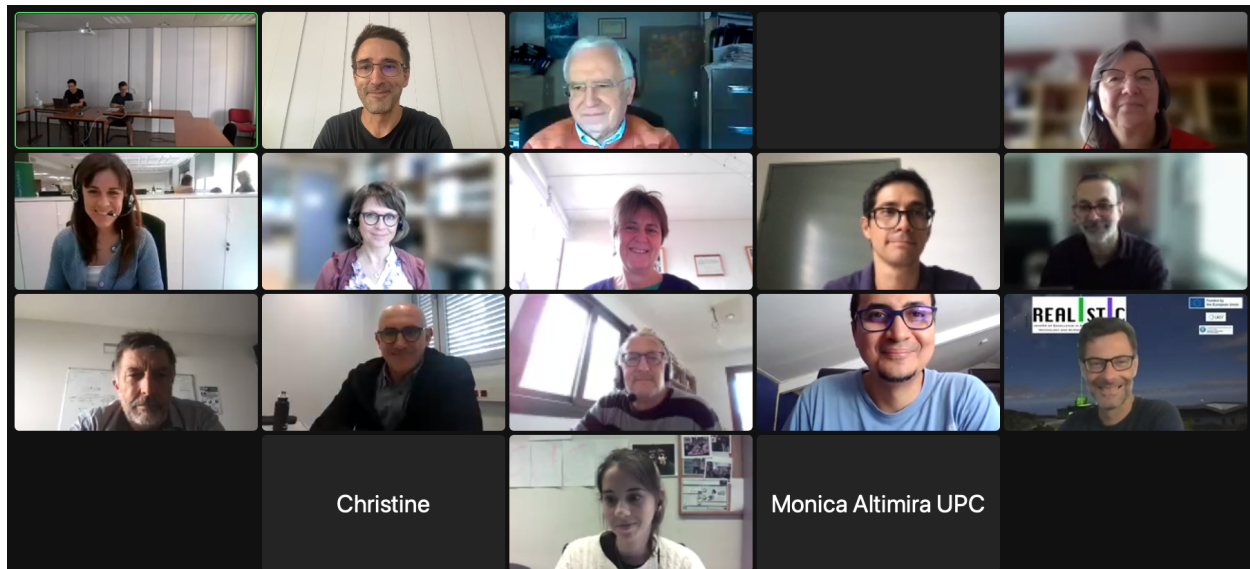
data, personal data for example. DM reminds that the DMP is a living document and should be updated along the project with new generated data.

- UW asks what is called the “REALISTIC Team”, how it is included in the existing structure, and what would be the specific scientific subjects of the foreseen PhD students. VD answers that the so-called “REALISTIC Team” is made of 6 people: the ERA Chair holder (MS), 1 project manager, 1 research engineer, 1 post-doctoral fellow, and 2 PhDs students. This 6-people team will be integrated within the existing lab and will work closely with the existing local staff. VD adds that the specific scientific subjects have to be defined through the Strategic Research Plan (deliverable D3.1 due for Month 9). MS adds that this Strategic Research Plan will be submitted to the Advisory Board (AB) for advice prior to submission to EC. UW reminds that science is central in this kind of project and points out that one of the dangers related to this kind of project is to get lost in management and structuration, leaving aside the scientific achievements.
- UW asks how the different seminars will be dedicated to the right people, especially those not already employed at the time of the seminars. MS answers that the seminars will be dedicated to existing personal and to those hired at that time. In particular, at the time of the seminar dedicated to the Single Calculus Chain, one PhD should be already at La Réunion.
- JMR asks DM if he has any guidelines so far for the project to be successful. DM answers that the best would be that the project follows the defined work plan as much as possible, although changes are possible as long as they are discussed and justified. DM adds that the goal of an ERA Chair action is also to impact the culture of the host institution.

1.4. ANNEXES

The slides presented during the KOM, as well as the recording of the KOM, are available here (link expires on 2023/04/28): <https://filesender.univ-reunion.fr/?s=download&token=bec47376-06f0-ff85-d6c1-f057728c2d17>.

Here below is the picture of the Zoom meeting:



2. REPORT ABOUT BOARD CONSTITUTION

Martine De Mazière (BIRA-IASB), Cathrine Lund Myrhe (NILU), and Ulla Wandinger (TROPOS) have been contacted in February 2023 to be part of the Advisory Board of the REALISTIC program. The three of them accepted. Consequently, they participated to the KOM of REALISTIC (see here above) and are willing to give pieces of advice for the project to be successful.



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