

STEAMINQUEST NEWS No. 3

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Time to get started!

Now that we have the timetable for negotiations, we need to begin the planning process in more detail. The negotiations must be completed by 30th April, and we probably will not receive funding for a couple of months while the documentation goes through the official processes. However....

We want to have the S-TEAM start-up meeting as soon as possible, following our original suggestion of 7th/8th May, which you should have in your diaries already. If this is going to be difficult, the alternative would be 25/26 June. We would expect that either one or two persons from each institution would come to the meeting, including in all cases the institutional leader.

We need to know as soon as possible, from all partners, whether you can attend a two-day event on either of these dates, and whether there are any issues about financing your travel in advance of the project start date.

The meeting will include the inaugural board meeting, individual work-package meetings and plenty of opportunities to get to know one another and exchange views.

If we postpone this until the autumn, there will be clashes with conference dates (ECER and ESERA) and the danger of slippage in the timetable which we cannot afford given the size of our task. We therefore hope that your institutions will support your attendance in order to contribute to future success.

The venue has not yet been decided but we will hold the meeting somewhere reasonably accessible and pleasant. A decision on this will be made as soon as we know your preferences for dates.

We realise that this is not an ideal situation and that we cannot find a date acceptable to everyone, but we will come to a democratic decision. If you could respond by midnight on Wednesday 21st that would be helpful.

Thanks for your cooperation,

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