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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This document is an obligatory report so called “Light Deliverable” concerning the N4C activities in FIRE. It will also be included as Annex in the Dissemination report in the Periodic report .

1. Introduction

This Deliverable answers to an obligatory subtask for all projects in our group which is described by FIRE as follows:

Subtask: Contribution to FIRE strategy and dissemination events

To contribute to and participate in **FIRE dissemination** events coordinated by FIREWorks. IPs commit to co-organise with FIREWorks one of two FIRE yearly event weeks (open plenary event, concertation meeting, workshops). IPs and STREPS commit to contribute to these event weeks by organising sessions or workshop during this week as appropriate.

To proactively participate/contribute to **strategy discussions** organised by FIREWorks.

The instructions from FIRE are that: *Results of this task should be included in the yearly report on dissemination activities.* However, N4C included a particular Deliverable for the task, D9.4.3. In retrospect that was not necessary. To make it feasible to find the document we thus include the Deliverable as an Appendix to the Dissemination report.

2. Deliverable specification

In N4C Description of Work the Deliverable is specified as follows:

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3. FIRE Strategy and Dissemination events

The N4C Consortium contributed to the FIRE strategy activities through endorsement of the Bled declaration, which was notified through e-mail to Mr. Max Lemke 2008-08-25.

A key contribution in connection to the endorsement was established as prior to the endorsement there were lively discussions among the Steering Committee and Technical Advisory Board. These discussions pinpointed among other dimensions, how important it is to be aware, while building an EU policy, about the Internet's nature as global infra structure. The discussions included major leaders in the Internet community why it contributed to disseminating the Bled declaration among high-level strategy environments.

Another early contribution was production of the Fact sheet published under the Cordis page “First Wave of FIRE Projects Established under FP7” (http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/ict/fire/fire-fp7_en.html).

In September 2008 two persons from the Coordinator, one person from Beneficiary Tannak and one person from Beneficiary Folly participated in the FIRE week in Paris. The reason for bringing that many people from this STREP project at once was that, we wanted to get a broad acquaintance early on, with FIRE and other projects. We had prepared posters that were displayed together with the other projects’, but otherwise we focused on listening, getting to know the people and the setting, and participating in discussions.

For N4C Beneficiary Universidad Politécnica de Madrid Javier through Jiménez Leube, participated in the FIA meeting in Madrid 9-10 December 2008. N4C was represented through attendance in the sessions, via the institutional UPM posters, the poster of Dr. Leube’s Department, and N4C leaflets at the information desks.

Beneficiary Power Lake participated in Brussels 14 January 2009 with one person, Barbro Fransson who held a presentation at the Living Labs Information event organized by Information Society and Media Directorate-General, New Infrastructure Paradigms and Experimental Facilities.

4. FIRE week in Luleå 2009

The Coordinator received early information about the FIRE week to be held in Luleå, Sweden 29 June to 3 July 2009. Coordinated by Barbro Fransson, Power Lake, the Consortium is now preparing a session during the week, in accordance with instructions from main local organizer, Michael Nilsson, CDT . Ms. Fransson is in contact with other participant projects, foremost Perimeter to assure a fruitful outcome.

The Technical Advisory Board was informed in December, immediately after the early information was received, in order to make it reasonable to have TAB presence during this event. We have recommended to the organizer that N4C TAB member Mr. Patrik Fältström is invited for a key note event during the week. In the moment of closing this document the details are not clear, whether Mr. Fältström will be able to participate. This is due to an IETF meeting in Australia that ends just about the same time as the FIRE week starts.