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#### 1 Introduction

Please note that this Deliverable D2.12 "2<sup>nd</sup> Call of H2FC Researchers Exchange Programme" builds on the information contained in D2.6 "1<sup>st</sup> Call of the H2FC Researchers Exchange Programme".

D2.6, originally due to be submitted in Month 12 of the H2FC project (Oct 2012) was revised and does in fact incorporate activities up to and including May 2013. With this in mind, the information will not be repeated here. However, the information outlined in D2.6 which is relevant to this deliverable is summarised, and activities since Month 12 are summarised.

Additionally, it should be noted that due to discrepancies in the project description of work the information required within this document overlaps with that presented in D2.6, D3.3 and D3.7. To avoid duplication the majority of information is not repeated here, readers are referred to D2.6 for all other details.

The Researchers Exchange Programme (REP) of H2FC is a joint networking activity to promote the exchange of researchers within the consortium. The main aim of this activity is to reach a mutual knowledge within the consortium team and establish a fundamental technical and scientific understanding needed also to implement a personal communication flow and a cooperative environment in H2FC.

It is planned to arrange exchanges annually within the three strands of the project i.e. fuel cells, safety and storage.

Partner KIT are responsible for the organisation and coordination of the REP activities within the H2FC project.

# 2 REP application process

As described in D2.6 there is a REP workspace available to all partners within the internal SharePoint area of the H2FC website. The implementation of this workspace was previously described. The area remains open and accessible to all partners and the process of creating and submitting a proposal is automated. The exchanges take place between two partners in the H2FC project and a sample application form is shown in Figure 1.

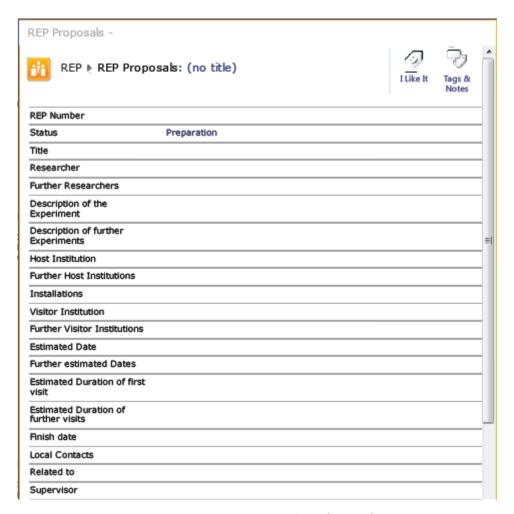


Figure 1: REP application form (partial)

# **Calls for REP participation**

The first call for participation in the REP was formally announced via the website as a discrete call, this is described in D2.6. However, rather than have official call opening and closing dates it was decided by the partners that it would be more beneficial to make the call on-going i.e. always open.

The intention is that partners will not be limited by dates and will be able to apply over the course of the projects via the designated web area: <a href="http://www.h2fc.eu/rep">http://www.h2fc.eu/rep</a>

Nevertheless a verbal call for REP participation was made at the 2013 H2FC Technical School in September 2013. The rationale for making a call in this manner was that all partners, active within the joint research activities were present. Thus, issuing the call at the start of the event encouraged joint discussions over the course of the week. This proved to be a successful route with two potential collaborations being brought forward. Thus it is proposed that the REP is actively promoted in this way going forward, i.e. even though the call remains open on the website there will not be discrete calls online. Instead efforts will be made so that partners are actively encouraged to participate on a regular basis, with an emphasis on presenting REP at all joint meetings such as the general assemblies and technical school.

# 4 REP participation months 12-24

Please see also D3.7 as there is overlap.

#### 4.1 Overview

During this first half of the project only two applications were received. These were in the field of hydrogen safety and involved partners UU and NCSRD. There have been expressions of interest from partners to undertake a REP exchange in fuel cells (Pierre Boilat, PSI and Gerard Gebel, CEA) and storage (Thanos Stubos, NCSRD) it is planned that these exchanges will occur within the second half of the project.

#### 4.2 Applications received

As described above two applications were received in the first period (from UU and NCSRD), screen shots of these applications are shown below.

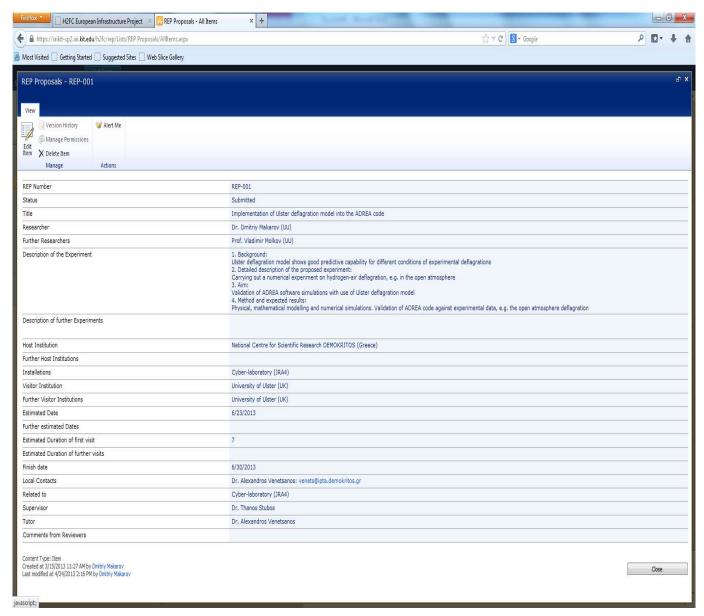


Figure 1: REP application by Dr Dmitriy Makarov and Prof. Vladimir Molkov (UU)

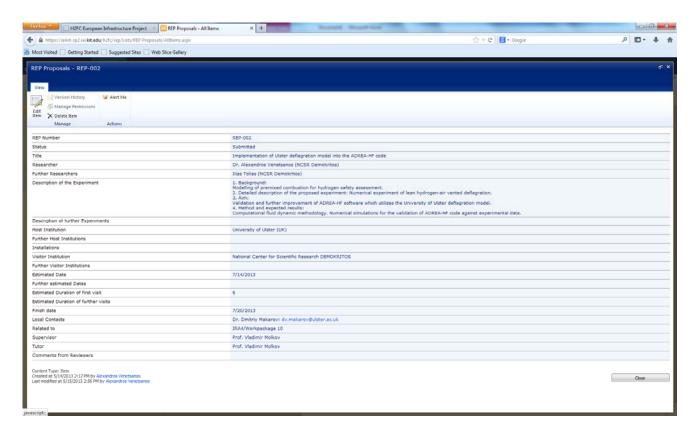


Figure 2: REP application by Dr Alexendros Venetsanos and Ilias Tobia (NCSRD)

#### 4.3 Reports on exchange visits

An exchange visit by UU researchers to NCSRD occurred in month 20 of the project and this was reciprocated by NCSRD visitors to UU in month 21. In line with the REP guidelines, the results of these exchanges were reported, following a template developed by EPSC. Both reports are available in the share point (https://iaikit-