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GENERAL INFORMATION

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MANAGEMENT REPORT

Please explain, when necessary, the origin and motivations for the costs claimed during the reporting period. In particular, any deviation and/or modification to the initial financial planning of the project should be duly justified

The underspend (€20,871.16) in the third period was planned and will be carried forward to be used to cover the costs of holding next year's Summer School in Oslo, which is expected to incur significantly higher costs due to the higher cost of living in Norway, and also to finance the development of a new website for the Summer Schools project. The latter is due to a review and revision of our overall web-presence, which needs substantial work.

The costs incurred for this period involved the hiring of a venue with accommodation and full catering supplied, the travel costs of the participants, travel and accommodation expenses of trainers/speakers, as well as expenses for the preparation of study materials, and the logistics of holding the Summer School. The full participation fee was charged to the 5 non-eligible participants at £117.25 (or €172.50, using the £:€ exchange rate current at the time) per person, generating an income of £586.25, which was deducted from the costs invoiced to Leeds by the organisers of the third Summer School in Bristol. Neither the costs incurred by these students nor the income received were shown in the Bristol invoice, although detailed in the financial statement accompanying it. On advice from EC Finance Officer (Mr Paolini), these are now shown in the financial statement.

The event was carried out according to original planning.

As stated in the report on the first period, the event in China included a high level of participation by Chinese researchers, whose travel expenditure was significantly lower than the calculation model for award assumes. In the second year, we were able to make some economies because both the organisation and the event took place at Leeds. This was also possible in the third year when the event was held in Bristol, thanks in part to careful budget management by the organisers and also to the relatively high number of participating researchers from the UK (10), lowering travel expenditure.

In the final year, the practicalities and logistics of holding the Summer School in Oslo are expected to generate significantly higher costs, particularly in the areas of participants and trainers' travel and subsistence costs; therefore, a large portion of the total underspend in the first three years (€16,657.69) will be carried over to cover these costs.

A further €10,000 has been budgeted to cover the costs of developing and maintaining a new, improved web presence for the project. The need for new webpages arose after some disruption and technical difficulties with the original website (<http://www.wun.ac.uk/chinacenter/sumschools.html>) occurred when the host server at the University of Leeds was changed. The new website will include Resources and Alumni webpages that we hope will serve as a long-term repository for all Summer School materials (training materials, alumni contact lists and other documents). This will be password-protected.

Finally, the remaining part of the underspend so far will be used in the final dissemination of results. As explained in the Periodic Activity Report for this period, we aim to disseminate the results of the Summer Schools by way of contributions by trainers, which will be published under the various creative commons licenses in web and .pdf format. This will be professionally handled in terms of layout and desk-top publishing. The aim is to create a lasting resource under creative commons copyright conditions that will allow flexible adaptation, alteration and creative addition under the condition of acknowledgement of the original author, so that the resource will have a long-standing value for future trainers and for students who want to use the materials for self-study. In order to do this, we hope to dedicate the sum of €23,420.73 for this purpose.

PROJECT DELIVERABLES UPDATE

PROJECT DELIVERABLES UPDATE - PER CONTRACTOR

Contractor: University of Leeds

OVERALL INDICATIVE PROJECT DELIVERABLES					
Number of events		Number of event participants eligible for funding			Total number of event participants
Conferences	Training Courses	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	
0	1	33	3	0	41

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FINANCIAL PLANNING UPDATE

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OVERALL MAXIMUM COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION										
Year	Eligible expenses for the activities carried out by the researchers					Eligible expenses related to the activities of the host organisations				Maximum EC contribution [euro]
	Monthly Living Allowance [euro]	Transnational Mobility		Career Exploratory Allowance [euro]	Participation expenses of the eligible researchers [euro]	Research/training/transfer of knowledge [euro]	Management and Audit Certification [euro]	Overheads [euro]	Other types of eligible expenses [euro]	
1st	19 410.4	29 305.82	0.0	0.0	0.0	17 488.24	1 203.9	0.0	0.0	67 408.36
2nd	24 965.03	14 753.29	0.0	0.0	2 246.29	13 379.56	2 137.47	0.0	0.0	57 481.64
3rd	6 946.05	17 571.43	0.0	0.0	0.0	12 972.31	1 577.53	0.0	0.0	39 067.32
4th	20 716.31	28 664.61	0.0	0.0	14 179.39	48 298.99	6 152.37	0.0	0.0	118 011.67

FINANCIAL PLANNING UPDATE - TOTAL FOR ALL YEARS

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72 037.79	90 295.15	0.0	0.0	16 425.68	92 139.1	11 071.27	0.0	0.0	281 968.99	

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