

COST

Domain Committee "Information & Communication Technologies"

COST Action (*number*)

Start Date (*start date of the Action*)

IC1203 ENERGIC (European Network Exploring Research into Geospatial Information Crowdsourcing): software and methodologies for harnessing geographic information from the crowd

MONITORING PROGRESS REPORT

Reporting Period: from 5st December 2012 to 30th April 2013

This Report is presented to the relevant Domain Committee.
It contains three parts:

- I. Management Report** prepared by the COST Office/Grant Holder
- II. Scientific Report** prepared by the Chair of the Management Committee of the Action
- III. Previous versions of the Scientific Report;** i.e., part II of past reporting periods

The report is a "cumulative" report, i.e. it is updated annually and covers the entire period of the Action.

Confidentiality: the documents will be made available to the public via the COST Action web page except for chapter II.D. *Self evaluation.*

Based on the monitoring results, the COST Office will decide on the following year's budget allocation.

Executive summary (max.250 words): The Action started with the first KICK off meeting in Bruxelles which was held between the representatives of the first 19 signatory countries and the COST office representatives. The meeting was devoted to the presentation of the Action, the nomination of the Chair and the Vice Chair of the project and the Grant Holder and the definition of the first MC+WG meeting date (may 2013). Then COst officers explained the rules and procedure s of the Cost Actions. The Action has then setup a basecamp discussion site to share documents and comments among the participants. The Chair and the Vice chair met on 11th January to adjust the WG definition according to the requirements of the MoU and to the new participants. Profiles. The budget was then prepared and submitted to COST office. The project website has been setup vgibox.eu and it is coordinated byt Estonian members. The first meeting MCM has been organised in Siena 9 -10 may 2013.

I. Management Report prepared by the COST Office/Grant Holder



I.A. COST Action Fact Sheet

- **COST Action** IC1203 *ENERGIC*
- **Domain** *ITC*

- **Action details:**

CSO Approval: (6/7/2012)

End date: (4/12/2016)

Entry into force: (5/12/2012)

Extension: (day/month/year)

- **Objectives** (from DB as in About COST)

- **Parties:** list of countries and date of acceptance

Austria (19/07/2012)	Greece (29/08/2012)	Poland (date)
Belgium (3/10/2012)	Hungary (06/03/2013)	Portugal (10/09/2012)
Bulgaria ()	Iceland (date)	Romania (date)
Croatia (16/11/2012)	Ireland (06/07/2012)	Serbia (04/04/2013)
Cyprus (date)	Israel (date)	Slovakia (date)
Czech Rep. (date)	Italy (25/07/2012)	Slovenia (8/11/2012)
Denmark (4/10/2012)	Latvia (date)	Spain (06/08/2012)
Estonia (21/06/2012)	Lithuania (date)	Sweden (23/01/2013)
Finland (15/08/2012)	Luxembourg (date)	Switzerland (16/7/2012)
FYR of Macedonia (24/08/2012)	Malta (23/06/2012)	Turkey (22/04/2013)
France (19/09/2012)	Netherlands (2/05/2013)	United Kingdom (13/06/2012)
Germany (5/07/2012)	Norway (date)	

- **Intentions to accept:** list of countries and date

- **Other participants:**

New Zealand, Australia, Usa

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- **Working Groups** (Names and affiliations of participants will be established during the first meeting in 9-10 may 2013)

The objectives of the Action, as expressed in the MoU, will be addressed by WGs as follows:

WG1 Societal and human aspectsof VGI will take into account MoU objective (3) establish an open and updatable repository of VGI analysis and integration tools and methods, literature and case studies (approx. 10 members).

WG2 Spatial data Quality and infrastructures will address MoU objective (2) definition of quality assessment criteria (positioning, ontology, source identification, etc.) (approx. 17 members).

WG3 Data mining, semantics and VGI use will deal with MoU objective (1) develop common data mining software and methodologies that can exploit a wide range of VGI source (such as mapping efforts, photographs, social messaging, etc.) and can be applied in a variety of fields (environment, crisis management, advertising, tourism, etc.) (approx. 18 members).

The three WGs will also address objective MoU (4) *develop cultural and contextual analysis methods of VGI that will help researchers in understanding the local aspects of VGI datasets and their use.*

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I.C. Overview activities and expenditure

(1 year) Budget

Action no. and title: IC1203 ENERGIC

Grant period: 1/4/2013 – 31/3/2014

Total budget: 129000 euro

(1) MEETINGS	€ 81400
(2) SHORT-TERM SCIENTIFIC MISSIONS	€ 22000
(3) TRAINING SCHOOLS	€ 0
(4) PUBLICATIONS, DISSEMINATION, OUTREACH	€ 7250
(5) Flyer	€ 624
(6) OERSA	€ 500

B. TOTAL SCIENCE EXPENDITURE (sum of (1) to (6)) € **112174**

C. Financial & Scientific Administration and Coordination

(max. of 15% of B.) € **16826**

D. TOTAL EXPENDITURE (B+C)

€129000

II. Scientific Report

Since the Action's activities will start with the first meeting to be held on 9-10 may 2013, the results obtained in the period covered by this report are the following:

- 1)Basecamp discussion site
- 2)Project web site www.vgibox.eu
- 3)Realignment of working groups
- 4)Budget approval
- 5)STMS rules and procedures (to be approved during the 1st MCM meeting)
- 6)

II.A. Innovative networking

- No results can be reported at this moment

II.B. Inter-disciplinary networking

- No results can be reported at this moment

II.C. New networking

- The project started with 19 countries and up to now 4 more countries have joined the Action
- Total number of individual participants involved in the Action work.
- Number of participants: 59 MC + Substitute members; 10 people have asked to be part of WGs
- Partners include 57% of female and of 65% Early Stage Researcher participants
- No results to be reported on STMS participation
- Involvement of researchers from outside of COST Countries: 2 New Zealand and 2 Australia; 1 USA
- No results to be reported on STMS participation
- Links are being developed with TD1202 Mapping and the citizen sensors.
- No results to be reported on STMS participation
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II.D. Self evaluation

No results to be reported since the MC is just starting to work actively. The only results that can be mentioned is the enlarging of the network.

III. Previous scientific report(s)

No other reports have been released yet.