



STRONG-2020: Project Review

Management and Communication of the project

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Plan of the presentation

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Work plan accomplishment

Current Data:

Grant Agreement N°824093

- 1 June 2020 to **30 November 2023** (6 months extension granted with AMD2)
- 32 Work Packages (WPs)
- **46** participating institutions (45-AGH UST joined the Consortium with the AMD1 and 46-UOY with AMD3)
- Budget 10 M €



The participants ensure their contribution and carry out their main tasks in corresponding WPs in accordance with Annex I, part B–Section 4: Members of the Consortium

Work plan accomplishment

Deliverables Achievement:

- 1) No rejected Deliverables in the RP1
- 2) 2 delayed Deliverables in the RP2:
 - D14.3 (NA3-Jet-QGP): Delayed due to unforeseen end of postdoc contract (expected to month 40)*
 - D25.2 (JRA7-HaSP): Workshop delayed due to COVID-19 restrictions and took place on Sep 13-16, 2022 (expected to month 40)*
- 3) One cancelled deliverable: D20.2 (JRA2-FTE@LHC): abandoned following the evolution of scientific work in the concerned WP
- 4) One new Deliverable: D16.4 (NA5-THEIA): new database providing a complete collection of published hypernuclear results and contributing to the objectives of the concerned WP
 - (Both modifications introduced with AMD3)*
- 5) Rescheduling of due dates for some Deliverables as a result of: scientific plans evolution, delays caused by COVID-19 and project extension (details are given in AMD1, 2, 3).

Work plan accomplishment

Milestones Achievement:

- 1) No rejected Milestones in the RP1
- 2) 3 delayed Milestones in the RP2:

MS16-Delivery of D14.3 (NA3-Jet-QGP): Delayed due to unforeseen end of postdoc contract (expected to month 40)

MS45 (JRA5-GPD-ACT): Delayed due to the complexity of the experiment, the necessity of excellent calibrations of many detectors, and the pandemic during two years (expected to month 43)

MS54 linked to D25.2 (JRA7-HaSP): Workshop delayed due to COVID-19 restrictions and took place on Sep 13-16, 2022 (already achieved by now)

- 3) No modifications in the list of Milestones as compared to the initial plan in the GA
- 4) Rescheduling of due dates for some Milestones as a result of: scientific plans evolution, delays caused by COVID-19 and project extension (details are given in AMD1, 2, 3).

Resources planning and use

STRONG-2020 beneficiaries commit themselves to:

- Use the funds allocated to the project by respecting the clauses of the **ARTICLE 6 — ELIGIBLE AND INELIGIBLE COSTS** of the GA
- Keep appropriate and sufficient evidence of declared costs in accordance with **ARTICLE 18 — KEEPING RECORDS — SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**
- Respect the clauses of the **ARTICLE 4 — ESTIMATED BUDGET AND BUDGET TRANSFERS** and use their budget according to the estimations in Annex 2
- Prepare and be fully responsible for their own Financial Statements
- Inform the Management Team of any intentions of budget changes well beforehand
- Appoint in their respective establishments a responsible for Financial Issues person so that the latter stays in constant contact with the Project Manager

Resources planning and use

Major budget modifications:

- **WP19 (JRA1-LHC-Combine):** Inclusion of three new participants (30-INFN, 37-IFJ PAN, 45-AGH UST) and budget redistribution from 1-CNRS to the above mentioned beneficiaries (implemented with AMD1)
- **WP13 (NA2-Small-x):** Reallocation of Travel costs amongst the partners of the same WP and five beneficiaries belonging to other WPs of the project (implemented with AMD1)
- **WP25 (JRA7-HaSP):** Addition of a new beneficiary (46-UOY) and transfer of the full budget of beneficiary 43-UEDIN that left this WP (implemented with AMD3)
- **WP25 (JRA7-HaSP):** Budget transfer between cost categories for the partner 13-TUM due to a mistake identified in the GA
- Budget transfers between cost categories for a number of WPs as a result of: scientific plans evolution, delays caused by COVID-19 and 6 months project extension (details are provided in AMD3).

Resources planning and use

Personnel costs

Changes in the average p/m costs: the underestimated p/m cost, the change in the profile of people carrying out the action, changes in the methods of salary calculation in the institutions

Increase in the overall amount of the cost category: a more important involvement of researchers than initially foreseen, changes in work plans linked to COVID-19, extension of the project

Other direct costs

Significant reduction in the expenses for the cost category: very restricted possibility of traveling to visit infrastructures, mostly remote participation in workshops, reduction of expenses for the organization of events

Redirection of costs to other budget categories: reduction of the possibility of traveling, need to cover the increase in expenditure for Personnel costs

Special unit costs

Very limited use of the cost category by TNAs: as a result of travel restrictions and closure of infrastructures following the outbreak of COVID-19, very little access has been provided

Application of unit cost for hybrid workshops and events organized by TA6: the costs for the latter include salaries of organizing personnel, costs of maintenance of the infrastructure and of services necessary for its operation, cost of the work of Scientific Board

Management procedures and methods

Management Team

Scientific Coordinator:
[Barbara Erazmus](#)

Deputy Scientific
Coordinator: [Carlo
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Project Manager:
[Emine Ametshaeva](#)

1. Continuous monitoring

Activities of WPs and decision-making bodies (EB, GB, CB, FCP), regular updating of information in the Portal

2. Targeted communication

Mailing lists dressed according to the roles of participants, Interactions between the EU Commission and Consortium

3. Meetings Organization

Kick-off meeting, regular Annual meetings, internal meetings with decision-making bodies, Workshops (2 upcoming)

4. Periodic Reporting

Reports for the EU Commission (each 18 months), internal reports

5. Project Amendments

Collection of data for requests, preparation of necessary documentation, submission and follow-up of Amendments

Management procedures and methods

As a part of its **Decision-making Role, the Management Team:**

- takes the final decision concerning modifications in the GA (Coordinator)
- sets regular and exceptional meetings with other bodies of the Consortium and individually with WP members
- decides on the information to be published on the project Web-site and in the Newsletter (final opinion)

As a part of its **Information Role, the Management Team**

- informs and advises Consortium members on all questions related to the project
- timely provides information about all changes in EU programmes that directly or indirectly affect the members of the Consortium
- sends regular reminders about deadlines for Deliverables and Milestones

As a part of its **Intermediary Role, the Management Team**

- transmits the questions/requests of the beneficiaries to the PO
- transfers the requests of the PO to the concerned partners of the Consortium
- relays information between Consortium members and resolve conflicts, if necessary

Dissemination and Communication activities

Dedicated Work Package (WP2): **DISCO**: Dissemination and Communication

Dedicated decision-making body: **Dissemination Board** (DB, 10 permanent members)

DISCO is responsible for setting up and updating the [STRONG-2020 webpage](#) where one can find:

- List of [past and future events](#) (classified by thematic field)
- STRONG-2020 regular [Newsletters](#) (5 issues as for September 2022)
- [Live events](#) organized by Dissemination Board (9 Public Lectures as for September 2022)
- Link to STRONG-2020 [YouTube channel](#) (via News Documents - Dissemination channel)
- [Pictures gallery](#) of important events/people (last section in the Events drop-down menu)

All above-mentioned activities are organized and carried out by DISCO and DB

Dissemination and Communication activities

Organisation of a Conference	4
Organisation of a Workshop	46
Press release	18
Non-scientific and non-peer-reviewed publication (popularised publication)	15
Exhibition	3
Flyer	16
Training	16
Social Media	13
Website	79
Communication Campaign (e.g. Radio, TV)	4
Participation to a Conference	108
Participation to a Workshop	319
Participation to an Event other than a Conference or a Workshop	37
Video/Film	55
Pitch Event	6
Participation in activities organised jointly with other EU project(s)	8
Other	9

Compliance with GA and CA obligations

Management Team (MT) ensures compliance with the articles of GA and clauses of CA

**Grant Agreement
No 824093 (RIA)**

**Acceptation:
February 2019**

**Entry into force:
June 2019**

- The MT provides, at the request of beneficiaries, explanations and clarifications of the articles of the GA
- The MT controls the execution of the action according to the obligations cited in the GA
- Necessary modifications of the GA are introduced via Amendments

**Consortium
Agreement
DESCA Model**

**Entry into force:
August 2020**

- The MT informs the Consortium members about mutual rights and responsibilities within the project
- It controls the respect of the clauses on which the beneficiaries have given their agreement
- If necessary, the MT intervenes to resolve conflicts/misunderstanding

First Amendment

- Launched on 14 Sep 2020 – Accepted on 18 Nov 2020
- Changes of the Annex 1 and 2 of the GA and addition of beneficiary 45-AGH-UST

Second Amendment

- Launched on 16 Nov 2021 – Accepted on 29 Nov 2021
- Project extension by 6 months

Third Amendment

- Launched on 22 Mar 2022 – Accepted on 13 Jun 2022
- Changes of the Annex 1 and 2 of the GA, work plans revisions (following the extension) and addition of beneficiary 46-UOY

Modifications of the GA (simplified procedure)

Simplified approval procedure by the PO is requested in the event of minor changes to the information provided in the GA:

- Budget transfers between costs categories (with no changes in the tasks)
- Use of unforeseen costs
- Change of due dates for certain Deliverables/Milestones
- Modification of the average p/m cost (as compared to previsions given in the GA)
- Changes in the p/m effort

The modifications cited above are justified in the Periodic Reports and the concerned beneficiaries bear the full risk of non-approval by the Commission/Agency



Thank you for your attention