TCA/NET Cooperation Platform
State of Affairs March 2022

Main realisations so far

Following the call for tenders for the recruitment of the company in charge of the development work (period July 2021 – October 2021), LUCID was selected among 4 shortlisted companies.

The **period Oct 2021 – February 2022** has been mostly dedicated to the following dimensions:

- Understand the needs of the client.

- Understand the context of the TCA/NET Cooperation Platform, which included a face-to-face meeting in Berlin (taking the occasion of the TCA/NET meeting and since LUCID is based there).

- Agree on the app/tools to plan the work and the sprints (needed for an agile development approach). Each sprint corresponds to a set of tasks defined by the client to be realised.

- Intro and training session to the TCA/NET working group members about the main tool used to plan the 'stories (elements to be developed), called DevOps.

The current **period, March – April 2022**, is being divided into two areas:

- The realisation of the first sprint, dedicated to the login function and submission of projects ideas and partners (the feedback is in process).

- Preparation of the second sprint (23 March – 20 April).

Connection with the SALTO Website

A parallel though later process is happening with the **renewal of the SALTO Website**. Another company, DUX, and their sub-company, Reiven, are in charge of it. DUX had already realised the analysis of the current version of the website to identify what to change and has developed the new design that will be implemented after the development work (UX/UI experience).

The situation is that the **SALTO website will continue to host some functionalities such as TOY or the European Training Calendar that NAs use to recruit trainers and to submit calls for participants**. The reason to leave this as part of the SALTO website is the proportionality of where the users are: about 335K of external users of the SALTO website vs. 1K that is composed of NAs and SALTO staff.

However, **the NAs and SALTOs staff need to be able to access those functionalities** easily and smoothly through the Cooperation Platform.
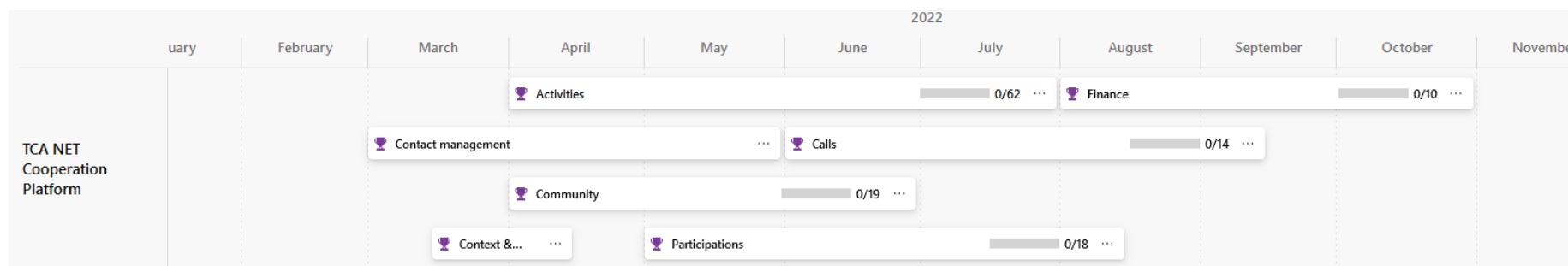
The three companies, LUCID, DUX and Reiven, **have met recently to explore the type of Content Management System (CMS) and database** they should opt for and who should host what. A second meeting will take place in a few days. This step is quite fundamental since this will slightly redesign the tasks of each company but also allow moving on with more clarity of 'who owns what'.

SALTO T&C and the TCA/NET working group are s**upported by a project manager from the company Egg3**, who works on both the Cooperation Platform and the SALTO Website development, hence ensuring connection, a broader picture, and a better understanding of what needs to be done where.

Next steps

- Feedback on Sprint 1 (to be finalised by 20.04)

- Agreement on the CMS and owner(s) of the single or multiple database(s)

- Revision of the tasks and planning if needed

- Work and presentation of Sprint 2 (period 20.04. – 20.05)

- Continuation of the project (note: the idea is still to have a beta version in autumn)

Here you can see a screenshot of our roadmap, highlighting the focus of the different periods and sprints:

Budget

Please find an overview of the expenditures and budget planning in the annex, updated until 22.03.2022.

We need to underline once more that it is impossible to have a clear and definite budget for such a project since the work to be done is never as understood when applying as tender and because of an agile approach. Therefore, **we need to count with a margin of 25%+** and keep in mind that the next years will need to support maintenance and hosting costs and support staff, as explained when submitting the project to the Business Meeting in 2020.

COM will explore the costs for the year 2022 to identify whether an extra budget can be allocated to the Platform (the amount requested is about 170.000€) as it was for the first costs in 2021.

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