



## **Notes on the NAVSHP Concertation Meeting Nice, November 30<sup>th</sup> & December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2004**

### **✓ Objectives of the meeting**

This fourth Concertation Meeting within the FP6 era was held in Nice on November 30<sup>th</sup> and December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2004, organized by BIP Project in association with the European Commission D2 Unit (Networked Audiovisual Systems and Home Platforms - NAVSHP) and supported by AVISTA Project. The meeting was held in parallel to the Net-atHome 2004 Event and furthermore the day before the launching workshop of the Networked and Electronic Media Industrial Initiative (NEM), which has demonstrated to be a successful approach.

The Concertation Meeting was chaired by the Concertation Process Chairman: Christoph Dosch (IRT). The main goals pursued with this NAVSHP Concertation meeting were the following:

- To address the standardization challenge.
- Discussion of the 4 Coordination Groups (DRM, Quality of Service, Home Platforms and Media Processing).
- To address the common NAVSHP demonstrations and the participation of Projects at international Fairs.
- To define the Concertation Calendar for 2005 (future meetings and venues).
- Exchange of views among projects.
- To inform about the launching of the Networked and Electronic Media Industrial Initiative (NEM).

Mr. Luis Rodriguez-Rosello, Head of Unit D2, made a welcoming address to all present and encourage FP6 NAVSHP projects to continue working hard towards the achievements of their objectives. Based on his large experience in media related activities, he acknowledged the importance of the sector and the huge work to be done by the project.

### **✓ Structure of the Concertation Meeting**

The Concertation Meeting was held with the following structure:

- Coordination Group 3 (November 30<sup>th</sup>: 19:00 – 21.30)
- Coordination Group parallel streams CG-1, CG-2 and CG-4 (December 2<sup>nd</sup>: 13.30 – 16.30)
- Concertation Plenary (December 2<sup>nd</sup>: 17.00 – 19.00)

Taking opportunity of this Concertation Meeting and the Net-atHome 2004 Event held in parallel, the launching workshop of the NEM Industrial Initiative was held on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. This meeting was attended by AVISTA partners, New Media Council Principal Strategic Advisors and members, Coordination Group Convenors and EC officers, as well as more than 120 key experts from the different stakeholders of the NAVSHP field in Europe.



## ✓ Attendees

The meeting was attended by 75 projects representatives, including the EC officers Mr. B. Arroyo Fernandez, Mr. B. Barani, Mr. T. Devars, Mrs. J. de Jaegher and Mr. Luis Rodríguez-Roselló (Head of Unit D2).

Representatives from the following projects attended the meeting:

- ARDOR
- AVISTA
- BUSMAN
- COHERENT
- COPRAS
- CUSTODIEV
- DANAE
- ELIN
- E-NEXT
- ENTHRONE
- EPERSPACE
- INSTINCT
- MCDN
- MEDIANET
- MHP-KDB
- OLGA
- OPERA
- PULSERS
- SMARTHOUSE
- TEAHA
- TIRAMISU
- UNI-VERSE
- VISNET
- WCAM

## ✓ Main issues addressed

### 1. Welcome address (Christoph Dosch and Roger Torrenti)

Mr. Dosch (Concertation Process Chairman – AVISTA Project) and Mr. Torrenti (BIP Project - Organizer of this Concertation Meeting) opened the session by introducing the main issues to be addressed during the meeting and summarizing the main goals achieved regarding concertation activities by the FP6 NAVSHP Projects during their first year of life as well as reminding the road to be gone ahead.

Mr. Torrenti talked about the visibility of the IST projects in the Net-atHome 2004 Event: projects showcased in the exhibition area, co-location of the Concertation Meeting and projects' dissemination events, speaking slots in the Net-atHome conference, etc.

Mr. Torrenti also addressed the relevance of the coordination between AVISTA and BIP projects, two support actions with complementary activities within the Concertation Process. The relationships among these two projects, the D2 Unit and the NAVSHP Projects were explained as well as the main tasks and goals of these coordination Projects were reminded.

### 2. Opening address from the D2 Unit of the European Commission (Luis Rodríguez-Roselló)

Mr. Luis Rodríguez-Roselló introduced himself as the new Head of Unit D2 by going over his long experience in the sector and the full understanding of the activities and challenges of the NAVSHP Community.

He talked about the Networked Audiovisual Systems and Home Platforms sector opportunities in the upcoming years as well as its potential threats to be avoided.



Some of the future challenges to be accomplished such as the importance of the standardization or the protection of the contents (Digital Rights Management) were enumerated.

Mr. Rodríguez-Roselló also introduced the AVISTA NAVSHP Newsletter as an important means of dissemination of relevance information within the NAVSHP sector.

### **3. News from the Commission on NAVSHP (Bartolomé Arroyo-Fernández)**

On behalf of the Commission, Bartolomé Arroyo-Fernández, D2 Deputy Head of Unit, made a presentation about the last news from the Commission on NAVSHP.

Mr. Arroyo reminded to the projects some guidelines related to the annual reviews which will take place in Brussels on February 2005.

Regarding next phases of IST R&D, Mr. Arroyo reminded the Call 4 has been published. The deadline for the submission of proposals is March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2005. The evaluation and presentation of results will take place before summer and negotiations during the second half of 2005. The new contracts will start between the end of 2005 and the beginning of 2006.

Some relevant points about the preparation of the Seventh Framework Programme (FP7) were advanced by Mr. Arroyo as well as some information on the research themes to be funded in the FP7.

Regarding the European Technology Platforms, Mr. Arroyo said that interest of stakeholders should be reflected by supporting the NEM Initiative. Technology Platforms or Industrial Policy Initiatives will constitute a key mechanism for FP7 aiming at bringing together the main stakeholders in an RTD field in order to identify common RTD goals of industrial relevance and to develop a roadmap to achieve these goals.

Mr. Arroyo made an invitation to D2 Projects to the IST Mobile Summit which will take place in June 2005.

### **4. Coordination Groups parallel streams**

The four Coordination Groups, established so far, worked in parallel sessions as mentioned above:

- CG-1 (Digital Rights Management)
- CG-2 (End-to-End QoS in a convergent environment)
- CG-3 (In-home Networks and Platforms)
- CG-4 (Media Processing)

Notes on each CG can be found separately.

### **5. Summary of Coordination Groups discussion**

The closing session of the plenary meeting was aimed to summarize the work of the 3 parallel streams in order to allow all the Concertation meeting attendees to access to an overall vision of the achievements obtained in the different Coordination Groups. The three CG Convenors reviewed the main aspects addressed in their sessions.

- Leonardo Chiariglione (CG-1 Convenor) showed the definitions of interoperability given by the different projects involved in the DRM Coordination Group. He announced the organization of a workshop on Digital Rights Management among four projects: TIRAMISU, MEDIANET, ENTHRONE and DANAE (VISNET project would be additionally invited). The objective of this workshop should be the establishment of an FP6/IST DRM requirements document. The meeting could be organized in Barcelona in October 2004 (date to be agreed). Miguel Dias from



MEDIANET project will be responsible of the organization of this workshop and will coordinate the drafting of the DRM requirements document. The draft should be reviewed (and approved if decided) during the next Concertation Meeting to be held on December 2004.

- Denis Abraham (CG-2 Convenor) showed the relationships among projects involved in Quality of Service issues. The matrix defined after the last Concertation Meeting (March 11<sup>th</sup>) was completed and updated.

The creation of an e-mail reflector, similar than that already created for CG-1, was agreed during the session. Representatives from FP6 projects related to this Coordination Group will be included in the reflector.

- Roger Torrenti (CG-3 Convenor) summarized the In-home session and presented the plans for the next Concertation Meetings.

Mr. Torrenti recommended the consideration of a specific business case on reference home architecture. Projects involved in this business case should be identified. Then, a pertinent workshop may be held.

The possibility of inviting projects from the D1 Unit to further CG-3 sessions was proposed because some synergies between D1 and D2 Units' projects could be found.

Additionally, a specific session on 'User requirements' could be organized during the next Concertation Meeting within CG-3.

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A presentation by the ELIN project (FP5) about 'the usage of MPEG21-DIA for delivering content' was introduced during the CG-3 session.

The possibility of creating additional Coordination Groups was proposed in the course of this discussion.

The launch of a new Coordination Group on 'Media processing and content related matters' was proposed. Projects interested in this CG were invited to circulate its draft approach and depending on the reaction from other projects, it will be set up formally at the next concertation meeting.

David Wood proposed the additional creation of a new CG on 'Metadata', but no Convenor has been suggested so far. The option is open to proposals from interested projects or individuals to conduct this tentative CG.

## **6. The standardization challenge. Support from COPRAS Project (Bart Brusse)**

Mr. Bart Brusse introduced the activities and first results of the Cooperation Platform for Research and Standards (COPRAS Project). This project addresses the link between IST research and standardization.

It is an SSA project set up by ETSI, CEN, CENELEC, W3C & Open Group addressing projects across FP6 by improving the interface between the FP6 IST projects and the standards bodies. Its main goals to be achieved are:

- To act as a facilitator to FP6 IST projects wishing to upgrade their deliverables through standardisation.
- To prepare generic information on RTD/standards interfacing guiding those proposing or evaluating future projects.



COPRAS have been surveying, analyzing and selecting projects from 10 strategic objectives including NAVSHP. A set of transparent criteria was used to select projects. Finally, 5 NAVSHP Projects have been selected (TEAHA, MEDIANET, EPERSPACE, ENTHRONE and UNIVERSE) as well as 1 SSA Project approached for cooperation (AVISTA). Moreover, additional projects wishing to cooperate with COPRAS will not be excluded. A kick-off meeting with selected projects was held in Brussels on 14<sup>th</sup> October.

Mr. Brusse introduced the main standardization issues addressed by NAVSHP Projects as well as a possible clustering of standardization objectives among four projects: TEAHA, ENTHRONE, EPERSPACE and MEDIANET.

Some relevant standardization activities currently deployed were analyzed and additionally a diagram summarizing the possible cooperation interfacing with standards bodies was shown and explained.

The main conclusions from the COPRAS kick-off meeting were addressed as well as the main actions agreed during the follow-up meeting with ENTHRONE, EPERSPACE, TEAHA and MEDIANET.

## **7. Concertation Calendar 2005 and common NAVSHP demonstrations (Julián Seseña)**

Julián Seseña proposed the structure of the concertation meetings for 2005 as follows:

- Regular concertation meeting in May 2005 (candidate dates on 24/25<sup>th</sup> May), in Brussels
- Regular concertation meeting in Toulouse taking opportunity of the CoNEXT Conference and in response to the invitation from the eNEXT project to host the meeting.
- Some Coordination Groups meetings in association to the NetaTHome Conference early December.

## **✓ Next Steps**

### **1. Events, conferences and exhibitions**

A list of events, conferences and exhibitions related to the NAVSHP field was shown to the attendance in order to inform the projects and to identify those of special relevance to the FP5 and FP6 projects. To consult the complete and updated list, please visit the AVISTA website ( <http://www.rose.es/navshp/> ).

Special attention was paid to the following events:

- IBC 2005 (9-13 September 2005)
- IST 2004 Exhibition (The Hague, 15-17 November 2004)
- Net@Home 2004 (Nice, 1-2 December 2004)

For IBC-05, firm decisions should be taken soon and an invitation to projects to present their achievements will be done soon.

### **2. Future Concertation Meetings and venues**

The next Concertation Meetings planned are the following:

- New Media Council, Brussels, 10<sup>th</sup> May 2005
- 24/25 April/May 2005 (Brussels)
- 27/28<sup>th</sup> October 2005, Toulouse (TBC)



- Early December 1005, Venue to be decided, Some Coordination Groups

### **3. Requested information from projects**

Each project is reminded on the permanent invitation to provide to the AVISTA staff ([avista2005@rose.es](mailto:avista2005@rose.es)) information and comments as regards the following topics:

- Suggestions on additional themes for Coordination Groups.
- Suggestions on new subjects for Concertation.
- Proposition of projects key people as coordinators of new Coordination Groups.
- Key experts to participate/animate any of the identified areas for Concertation.
- Preferences about dissemination activities (interest to participate in national or international events –such as conferences, workshops, trade shows, specialized events, etc.).
- Suggestions for the AVISTA website.
- Suggestions for the AVISTA Newsletter.
- Information regarding projects' meetings.