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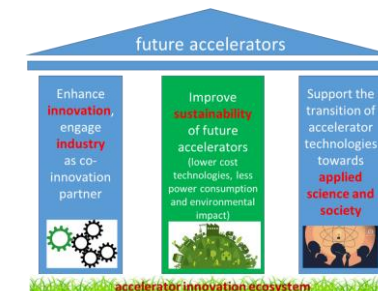
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SAC suggestions



- I.FAST technologies should be critically assessed with regards to a realistic pathway to identified markets and the time scales required.
- For each technology, it would be good to get idea of technology readiness level (TRL) as not all developments seem to have the same level of market-readiness.
- It was not always made clear enough which developments are happening because of I.FAST.
- SAC would ask that presentations focus on previous year's achievements (rather than project lifetime).
- SAC would appreciate a clear response to SAC recommendations.

Communication

- Communication expertise and channels at partner organization could be more actively tapped into.
- There are relatively few news stories on the I.FAST website for a project of this size – SAC recommends more publications in the area of general communication and news.
- I.FAST brand not always visible (enough) on posters, websites and in announcements.
- SAC suggests that I.FAST acts as an information hub about training opportunities to assist identifying and developing talent around the world.

Conclusion

- Impressive progress made and the collaboration is to be commended on their achievements to date.
- SAC notes that some WPs have experienced delays due to difficulties in hiring, materials procurement and inflationary pressures (budget estimates were made in late 2019).
- SAC appreciates that innovation requires diversity, but notes that diversity within I.FAST could be improved.
- Collaboration should start thinking about how to ensure continuity of select initiatives, e.g. those benefiting the broader accelerator community, beyond the project lifetime.
- Connection between individual projects/events and wider WP and project not always made clear enough – (more) closely connected communication will help maximize impact: **Together, stronger!**

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