



SANDA EXCOM introduction

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SANDA EXCOM Meeting 01

The main objectives for the meeting:

Get an image of the situation of the project by WP:

- 1) Present status of the project including the level of progress on the different tasks, milestones and deliverables
- 2) Impact of the COVID-19 crisis on the project execution and letter to the EC
- 3) Risks in the critical path for the project
- 4) Specific proposals for changes in the project scope

Identify actions towards partners

- Identify possible actions to recover part of the delay along the project
- Workpackage meetings
- Global schedule of the SANDA project
- Organize a remote annual meeting before the end of year (in October?)

Identify actions towards EC

- Send letter to EC with effects of COVID-19 crisis + proposed actions
- Inform/Justify the delay of Deliverables, Milestones
- Inform of other changes in the project

Identify other actions

- New formats for the dissemination actions and information events to the Members States

EURATOM projects, SANDA in particular, in the COVID-19 crisis

The COVID-19 crisis has produced different types of effects on the EURATOM projects :

- Effects on the health and availability of the participants on the projects (+family)
- Delays on experimental activities because closure or limited access to laboratories with impact on
 - Detector tests and developments, preparation of samples
 - Measurements
- Delays on the upgrade to the facilities
- Delays on other actions requiring direct access to all kind of equipment
- Delays on the administrative activities, including:
 - procurements procedures for material
 - recruiting personnel procedures
- Delay / change of format for meetings
- Delay mobility actions between collaborating institutions
- Delay / change format for the training actions
- Delay events for dissemination and information to the Members States
- New models of work (not always more efficient)

The EU officer has already been informed that the sanitary crisis will have some impacts and could generate delays or the need of extension in SANDA.

First action: Evaluate the impact and inform (letter) to EU project officer:

As many of our countries are progressively moving to **a new normality** (not without difficulties) we need to evaluate the impact of the COVID-19 crisis on the SANDA EURATOM project, and to inform the EU officer.

So, all SANDA partners (the members of the Governing Board plus the Executive Committee) are requested to send an e-mail to the coordinator describing the effects and impact of the COVID crisis on the tasks or workpackage each institution is involved, and including at least their estimations/comments for:

- Delay on the general progress of the project: (6?) months
- Delay on Deliverables and milestones:
 - Delay on MS and DV of the first 18 months: (<6?) months
 - Delay on later MS and DV : hopefully progressively less
- Specific DVs with significant impact (linked to long planning events – n_TOF available?)
- Possible change of format for meetings at least till 2021
- Delay mobility actions between collaborating institutions?
- Delay , change format or maintain? the education/training actions
- Delay or change format? of the events for dissemination and information to the Members States
- Possible actions to recover part of the delay along the project
- Risk of the need for an extension of the project duration
- Risk of further delays in case of new waves in the health crisis

After the mail to the partners I have received a number of replies:

- ATOMKI, CSIC, IFIN-HH, JYU, NTUA, PTB, UOI, UPC
- Significant delays for experimental activities
- Still difficult to evaluate, more effects expected
- 6 months delay minimum for events in the first 2 years