

## **SIRIUS Board Notes**

16<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Present – Tom Tudjman, Thomas Huddleston, Mialy Dermish, Michalis Kakos, Lana Jurko, Hana Siarova

### **Project 2.0 related business**

1) Changes to Year 3 due to Covid-19

- Options for the NRT explained - We need to send a table to DG EAC to explain changes, budgets e.t.c. This will get added to the amendment document of Year 3 which is expected in November.

- Options for Policy Conference explained

#### **Option 1**

Year 3 and Year 4 extension option allowing for Year 3 policy conference (Portugal/Presidency Conference/High Commission and Gulbenkian Foundation) to occur in Spring 2021 and year 4 policy conference to occur in Spring 2022.

#### **Option 2**

Year 3 changes to a Covid-19 research initiative and Year 4 policy conference (Portugal/Presidency Conference/High Commission and Gulbenkian Foundation) to occur in Spring 2021

*Decision: Given that we are discussing the idea of searching for foundation money now for Covid-19, we will proceed with option 1 and if by the end of the summer we are unable to deliver on funding for Covid-19 research we will discuss moving to Option 2*

#### **Action Points:**

Reach out to High Commission in Portugal again (Mialy)

Continue searching for Covid-19 response funds (Tom with support from Mialy)

Concerning Miloš temporary absence

Explanation by Thomas of Miloš current residence visa situation.

Project co-ordination/admin issues – We have let all partners know about the situation receiving questions from partners administratively – We are going to create an FAQ document with answers and also provide an email explaining the situation if they need to provide it to their administration/financial teams.

### **Non-project business**

1) Fundraising

-We have a new one-pager and e-mail developed by Tom and Mialy (based on old one-pager plus Covid-19 information.) Tom is re-contacting foundations.

-Discussion about how to frame or go forward with Covid-19 research if there are foundations interested.

Decision: **Action point** Board will share documents (existing analyses and current/planned research) with each other to base-line any further initiative. **Action point** Mialy will continue to collect info. from members about their current responses. **Action point** Think about doing a simple survey - to place us on the map with a covid-19 identity and with simple sample of our work for further communication to foundations. (What is your main 2 concerns in light of covid-19 What main practices you are doing?)

Potential ideas for research discussed - Non-formal/formal education  
Potential methodologies – Surveys through facebook

MPG and SIRIUS (Thomas) sent a proposal for a consultancy on ECD to OSF

## 2) General Assembly

Presentation of Finances and workplan w/ strategic aims for this year (**action point**) not much time to discuss so Hanna and Michalis will add details about the GA stuff)

Decision: Good to move forward with the documents but make sure that in the presentation that info is share on

- impact report and members feedback during presentation
- more info on what we are pursuing with the EC now
- achievements that we have seen already (from OSF document)

**Action point** Mialy to record the presentation once info is back from Hanna and Michalis and send on to board. Process of GA to start.