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Report on the AT Community/ESR Meeting part of the 2nd Joint WG Workshops

Date: 16.12.2009, 16:30h – 18:00h
Location: Grecian Bay Hotel, Ayia Napa, CY
Moderator: Sascha Ossowski, Action chair, ES

The Action chair gave an introduction to the COST Action on Agreement Technologies, its goals, structure, and working groups. Thereafter, he outlined the main instruments used and activities carried out so far, paying special attention to the Action's STSM programme (see attached slides). Then, the WG (co-)chairs summarised the results of the WG sessions and panels.

Subsequently, some experiences of Action members participating in different Action activities were presented to the community. Ms. Heras from the Technical University of Valencia (ES) and Prof. Vouros from the University of the Aegean (GR) reported on their successful STSM visits to the University of Liverpool (UK) and DERI Galway (IE) as ESR and senior researchers, respectively. Dr. Sabater (ES), Dr. Andrighetto (IT), and Prof. Taveter (EE) described their positive experience as lecturers at the COST AT Training School held in September 2009 in Milano. Finally, Prof. Colombetti (CH) and Prof. Schumacher (CH) gave an account of their Swiss-funded project that was granted in the follow-up of the COST Action on Agreement Technology. Prof. Ossowski pointed out that additional national funding for the coordination of COST Actions is available in Spain as well, and encouraged Action members to

check with their national funding agencies whether COST-related lines of funding are present in their country.

Prof. Ossowski outlined the remaining activities scheduled for YR2. He insisted that the Action is implementing COST's open door policy and, in particular, that *every* researcher interested in the Action's activities may contribute to them scientifically (see attached slides).

During the discussion, the Action chair outlined the importance of keeping track of the *impact* of Action activities, especially with regard to STSMs and WG workshops (PhDs with European labels, joint funding proposals, joint publications, etc). Several Action members encouraged the publication of papers based on the presentations and discussions at current and future WG workshops and panels. A Wiki will be set up, so as to allow for the exchange and collaborative authoring of documents related to workshops and panels. Several members of the community suggested to have fewer parallel sessions for the next workshops, and to pay even more attention to cross-cutting topics relevant to several WGs. In addition, potential application areas of Agreement Technologies, illustrating the use of techniques from two or more WGs (e.g. based on demonstrators from ongoing projects) shall be identified for the next joint WG workshops. The possibility of requesting a "COST AT label" for workshops compatible with the aims and scope of the Action will be clearly visible on the Action website. Events endowed with this label will be linked to the COST AT website, and may display the COST AT logo on their web.

Prof. Ossowski thanked all attendees of the joint WG workshops and, in particular, Prof. Kakas and his team for the local organization of the event.