



NEWSLETTER #2

Latest updates for the ORP Consortium

Dear ORP Consortium members,

The month of September may mark the return of face-to-face meetings in many countries, and perhaps of presencal telescope observations, but it also marks the launch of many ORP activities. Indeed, after many months of waiting, the EU grant agreement is finally signed, the consortium agreement is also almost complete and payments are being made by the CNRS.

This is an opportunity for all of us to get down to business and to think together about the next steps to start implementing our common strategy. In the coming months, several working groups will be inviting telescope directors, astronomers, engineers and project managers to continue building this Pilot together in a spirit of inclusiveness, diversity and excellence. We look forward to this collaboration and welcome everyone's participation and creativity. We won't be able to do it without you!

We wish you a good read!

The ORP Team

Current ORP TA Opportunities Open

In the following, we list the current ORP Transnational Access opportunities that are open:

- [European VLBI Network \(EVN\)](#) - Deadline: 1 October 2021 - 16:00 UTC

- [100-m Effelsberg radio telescope](#) - Deadline: 5 October 2021 - 15:00 UTC
- [European ARC Network](#)

First ORP Call for Designing and Manufacturing of New Dispersing Elements Based on VPHG

The call is primarily intended to groups within the ORP project, while petitions from externals can also be considered with less priority. To apply, please fill in the form that can be accessed in this [link](#) and submit it by email to andrea.bianco@inaf.it and francisco.garzon@iac.es. **Deadline for submissions is 8 October 2021.**

Registration Opens for 12th Gaia Science Alerts Workshop and first ORP Time-Domain meeting

The 12th Gaia Science Alerts workshop, including the First ORP Time-Domain meeting, will be held as a hybrid event at the premises of the Institute of Astrophysics-FORTH at the island of Crete, Greece, and online on 8-12 November 2021. **Deadline for registration is on 15 October 2021.**



The [12th Gaia Science Alerts Workshop](#) will be an opportunity to learn about the current state of (and future plans for) Gaia and Gaia Alerts. The workshop will also explore the new possibilities offered by the H2020 Opticon-Radionet (ORP) Pilot project in planning, obtaining and reducing in an efficient manner follow-up observations of transient alerts reported by other (non-GAIA) facilities.

[More information](#)

Attend the 10th IRAM 30-meter School



The 10th IRAM 30-meter School on Millimeter Astronomy will take place as a virtual edition on 15-19, 22 and 23 November 2021. The school is organized by [IRAM](#) in the framework of the ORP project. **The deadline for registration is 23 September 2021.**

The school will combine lectures on millimeter astronomy with observations using the 30-meter telescope. Lectures will be given by experienced scientists and 30-meter observers, covering a wide range of topics. The lectures will be complemented by practical work using the 30-meter telescope.

[More information](#)

EC call Next generation of scientific instrumentation, tools and methods (HORIZON-INFRA-2022-TECH-01)

The call *Next generation of scientific instrumentation, tools and methods* - opening on 19 January 2022 - aims at delivering innovative scientific instrumentation, tools and methods, to advance the state-of-art of European RIs, and to show transformative potential in RIs operation. The related developments should lead RIs to support new areas of research and/or a wider community of users, including industrial users. **Submission deadline: 20 April 2022.**



[Check full details on the Call](#)

ORP Data Management Plan Published

The ORP Data Management Plan (DMP) is now available on ORP Redmine and its website, it sets out the main elements of ORP data management policy for the data-sets generated by the project.

The DMP provides a summary of the expected type and format of data that the project will generate, and outlines data management in practice as well as the policy in relation to data resources, security, ethics and confidentiality. This DMP is a living document and will be updated at regular intervals during the project. For any information about the DMP, please contact [Hélène Dworak](#).

[Check ORP Data Management Plan](#)

Redmine – the ORP working platform

The ORP project is using Redmine as a common working platform, including all relevant information and documents.

All partners should already have received their access data to the Redmine. If this is not the case for you, or if you are having problems connecting to Redmine or other difficulties, please feel free to contact [Hélène Dworak](#).

[Visit Redmine Platform](#)

Acknowledgement of ORP and the EC funding

ORP is a project supported by the European Commission and we are committed to making this visible. We therefore urge you to always **include in the information related to every ORP activity** (e.g., event pages, announcements, posters, publications, presentations, reports, etc.) the following information:

- **ORP and EC logo**, available [here](#);
- And the **disclaimer**: *ORP receives funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under grant agreement No101004719.*

For more information, please see the [Graphic and Acknowledgment Charter](#) or contact [Hélène Dworak](#).

Report from ORP Activities

During the period July - 15 September 2021 the following activities have been organised:

- **RadioNet TA/VA | 9 September 2021** - On 9 September 2021 the radio TA/VA leaders meeting was held online. WP leaders reported on the status of their WP and developments at their infrastructure in general. Furthermore, the role of TA/VA in WP2/JA1 Towards a Strategy and in WP3/JA2 Seamless performance was discussed. WP6-14 TA/VA had a positive start into the ORP project.
- **JA 1.4 Accessibility, Equal Opportunities and Diversity Kick-off Meeting | 8 September 2021** - On 8 September 2021, over 24 participants attended the kick-off meeting of the JA 1.4, a task led by Francesca Primas (ESO). The meeting gave the opportunity to consortium members, representatives of management bodies and work-package leaders to discuss the opportunities and good practices to contribute to gender equality and diversity within the programme. Three main areas of actions were identified : data/info collection, training schools and improvement of processes. The first actions will be to conduct a mapping of indicators and best practices and to issue a gender and diversity policy.
- **JA 1.5 Preserving the Skies kick-off | 6 September 2021** - On 6 September 2021, the JA1.5 kick-off meeting was held online and group members had the occasion to get to know each other. In this first meeting the general context was set up on what has already been done and what is being done for protecting the Sky - and how to collect/present information on what was and is going on in this area.

- **JA 2 Seamless Performance: All hands meeting | 15 July 2021** - On 15 July 2021, the 'JA2 All Hands' meeting was held online. It was the first big JA2 meeting, with collaborators across all subtasks. All task leaders of the subtasks and the involved colleagues had the opportunity to meet, exchange and to report to the whole group for the first time. especially in small and medium facilities in the European context. Read the meeting report [here](#).

Upcoming ORP Activities & Events

- ORP - JA 4 Radio Training | 22 September 2021
- [Dark and Quiet Skies for Science and Society](#) | 3-7 October 2021 – virtual/f2f
- ORP - [12th Gaia Science Alerts Workshop 2021 and the First ORP Time-Domain meeting](#) | 8-12 October 2021
- [IAU Symposium 362: The predictive power of computational astrophysics as a discovery tool](#) | 8-12 November 2021- online video conference
- ORP - [10th IRAM 30-meter School on Millimetre Astronomy](#) | 15-19, 22-23 November 2021
- [IAU Symposium 363: Neutron Star Astrophysics at the Crossroads: Magnetars and the Multimessenger Revolution](#) | 29 November – 3 December 2021



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