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1 Introduction

This document constitutes the “Completion of outline timetable and programme for novel access rollout” milestone (M26) of the ATMO-ACCESS project (Solutions for Sustainable Access to Atmospheric Research Facilities). It represents the organized contribution of distributed atmospheric research facilities for developing a pilot for a new model of Integrating Activities. ATMO-ACCESS aims to develop a programme of access to several atmospheric Research Infrastructures individually or in combination. WP7 aims to integrate the various modalities of access and suggested pilots delivered by the other WPs into a programme of physical, remote and virtual access. The programme will reflect the strategic development of access modalities to increasingly include an updated range of novel Transnational Access (TNA) calls. The purpose of this document is to present a pilot design of a new access programme that will serve as the basis for the access calls to be opened.

2 Outline timetable and programme

2.1 Rationale

After close interaction with WP4-WP6, the members of WP7 concluded that different type of calls (topical, novel mode, continuous) are necessary in order to accommodate the diverse needs of the atmospheric community. Specifically, the following points were considered:

1. Alternating topical and novel mode calls as attempts to near-continuously keep open specific calls to test the attractiveness of new ways of attracting and providing access:
 - Topical calls aiming to vary in scope and reach, but probably each restricted to a subset of the NFs
 - Novel mode calls aiming to give broad opportunity to imaginative and inventive access to all NFs.
2. Typically each of these calls open for three months, though could be reduced to two, with immediate evaluation of call success (note – this is not evaluation of the success of each access applications), as soon as practical – i.e. as soon as the data are available. In the draft programme, this is in the month after each call closes.
3. Period of access for each call to be discussed, though evaluation of each application needs to be within the ATMO-ACCESS timeline. Suggest 12 months maximum, though for the final two calls in the draft timeline this will need to be foreshortened.
4. Specific subject matters of the topical calls to be further discussed and defined before the call opening.
5. Three staggered continuous calls proposed for i) training, ii) virtual access and iii) access to CFs. In cases i) and iii), these are calls for novel access, not routine training and calibration / intercomparison access respectively. These calls to be opened as soon as practical and kept open for a duration enabling access up to nearly the end of the project. For ii), the call will need to be opened from M24 to synchronise with the start of WP10.

6. Each of these continuous calls will have “stage-gate” evaluations, to which the response may be to redefine wording to ensure attractiveness / manage the quality or number of applications. The first stage-gate should be closer to the start, since the success is completely unknown.

7. It must be noted that all calls must demonstrate a quality threshold for access – so a failure rate for all type of applications. This is so far proving tricky and this must be evaluated during each evaluation period.

8. It is suggested that a “novelty” threshold is introduced, such that each application receives a novelty score. The criterion for the grade scale for novelty to be discussed. This will allow different response to this score for different calls – e.g. in the novel mode calls, it could result in success or failure of funding, in other calls a low novelty score could result in a lower rate of reimbursement etc.

2.2 Suggested timetable

The tentative programme that was agreed within WP7 is illustrated in Table 1.

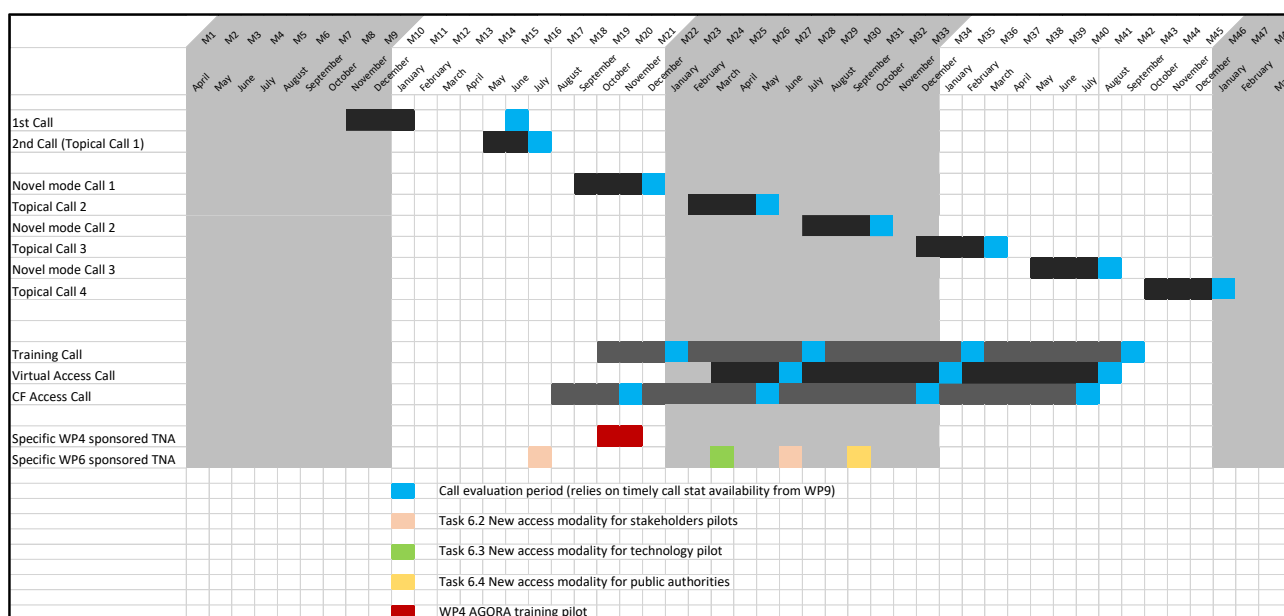


Table 1. Completion of outline timetable and programme for novel access rollout.

For the topical calls, the following topics have been suggested:

- Aligned with EU’s Green Deal (topical call 1).
- Health-related and WHO directed (topical call 2).
- Net zero intervention-related call with an industry partner (topical call 3).
- Climate process-related access, World Health Organization (WHO) directed (topical call 4).

For the novel mode calls, the following topics have been suggested:

- Access to multiple facilities of diverse research focus and expertise (novel call 1).

- b. Combined staggered physical and remote access with clearly identified synergies (novel call 2).
- c. Use of NF for purpose previously not attempted, acknowledging proof-of-concept nature where appropriate (novel call 3).

In addition to the topic-specific and novel mode calls, continuous calls have been suggested for accommodating training, virtual access and central facility access. Moreover, WP-related calls will develop new access modalities in the frames of Tasks 6.2 (New access modality for stakeholders), 6.3 (new access modality for technology pilot), and 6.4 (new access modality for public authorities), as well as the AGORA training in the frames of WP4.