

PURE Briefing Paper 19

Options for continuation in PURE in detail

This Briefing Paper follows from BP18 and describes in detail the options for continuation in PURE. Below are listed a number of options for the levels of continuation for existing PURE regions in 2011-12 and beyond.

These options may be stand-alone or may be embedded into a subscription to PASCAL at regional level as part of (Options 1 and 2) or all of (Option 3) such a subscription. In the case of Options 1 and 2, the other elements of that subscription would be discussed individually with each region.

Option 1

For one year from 1 January 2011 at €5,000

1. Continuing Network membership and support from the Academic and Administrative directors;
2. Access to the Website and communications systems therein, and taking part in work facilitated there. This for example might involve facilitated engagement within existing and new clusters, and on subjects of special interest. It would also involve the posting of Good Practice Examples from their region on the site, and exchanging experience with others based on other examples posted there.

Benefits and outcomes

- Links for regions and their universities with high-level dedicated experts within the core of Pascal to provide written and verbal advice in order to embed and develop previous developments within the region;
- Exchanges with peers in other regions and universities within clusters that facilitate transfer of practice, allowing improved models of engagement to be tested;
- The development of bilateral links around issues of broader interest.

Option 2

For one year from 1 January 2011 at €12,000

1 and 2 above +

3. Support for a local dissemination event in the region, to be attended by at least one of the core organisers of PURE and the leader of the CDG.
4. Two places (with three nights' accommodation at the next PURE international workshop), scheduled to take place in Munich in from 19-21 May 2011.

Benefits and outcomes

All of the above in Option 1

- Local events to establish firm links between a range of stakeholders with interests in benefiting from better engagement with their universities, with the presence of international input to emphasise the importance of bringing global perspectives to the local situation.
- Continuing face-to-face contact with peers in other parts of the world allowing both formal and informal networking opportunities
- Opportunities to showcase regional work on an international stage, as well as to learn, individually and as a region, from new work of other regions.

Option 3

For one year from 1 January 2011 at €30,000

1,2,3 and 4 above +

5. A third Consultative Development Group visit (a team of 4), followed by an RVR3 or a variant based on a smaller team and a longer visit or several visits. Here the cost might be greater depending on the number of visits required, but this would be agreed in advance;
6. Continuing engagement with the CDG and its leader.

Benefits and outcomes

All of the above in Options 1 + 2

- Further regional report consolidating, developing and embedding previous work
- As required direct involvement in further developing benchmarking data and creating mechanisms for this to be a continuous process that allows regions and universities to systematically monitor progress
- Mechanisms put into place to allow regions and universities to begin to assess the short, medium and long-term impact of engagement
- Exchanges with both continuing and new PURE regions with the benefits as above
- A further face to face workshop with the benefits as above

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