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A)   Context: past User Committee efforts

In order to initiate the JERICO User Committee, a collaborative work was done on the Terms of References of the committee. The first version of this document was finalised on the 10th of November 2020, and revisions occurred until the last version to date, agreed upon on the 6th of June 2022.

A first build-up of the JERICO User Committee was performed in June 2021, with a pre-selection and a selection of suitable candidates. Pre-selection was done with the help of the User Table, taking into account the following criteria:

- appearance in several regions (are they involved in research projects spanning more than 1 region ?)
- number of P&S used (what type of data or data product, or access, are they using ?)
- frequency of interactions with users
- interest for JERICO

Contacts were made with representatives of several EU initiatives. Due to the outbreak of COVID in 2021, and the reorganisation of tasks that followed, the kick-off meeting could not happen.

B)   Choice of new candidates

In 2023, a new selection of potential JUC members was made, as the rationale behind the establishment of the first version of the JUC changed. In essence, and as shown in D9.1 ("User requirements and classification"), virtual access (and its associated Products and Services) constitutes the main access mode for current JERICO users. It was thus thought that potential members of the JUC ought to be quite knowledgeable on these topics, and if possible, involved in initiatives with similar challenges.

Although the JUC can grow up to 10 members, for the first formal version of this committee, four individuals were selected on the basis of their expertise and leadership in data management:

Patricia Martin-Cabrera (VLIZ/Blue-Cloud). Patricia Cabrera worked in the previous Blue-Cloud project, and is now the Work Package leader of Virtual Research Environments development in the current BC2026 project. She has extensive knowledge about the Blue-Cloud landscape, under a wide variety of user perspectives, and has the scientific background required to envision the perspective of the main JERICO-RI users. Thus, she pinpoints the role of a scientist who would be a user of a cloud computing platform proposed by JERICO-RI.

Julia Vera Prieto (Seascape/EMODNET). Julia Vera has a background as project officer at Blue-Cloud projects. She has deep knowledge in both stakeholder management and engagement processes, in the context of environmental projects. Given these past experiences, it is thought that she will provide much needed contributions to stakeholder and user engagement within the frame of JERICO-RI.

Dick M.A. Schaap (MARIS/Blue-Cloud). Dick Schaap has the technical and scientific background needed for JUC. Due to his past experiences and involvement, he has a clear vision of Blue-Cloud, and of the future of 'Digital Twins' development. He has deep experience in cloud-computing projects and demonstrated great leadership skills in that regard, which will be necessary for the JUC.

Dominique Obaton (ODATIS/Copernicus In-situ TAC). Dominique Obaton has been part of the management team of ODATIS for several years, and is thus quite knowledgeable on the topic of data handling and data products delivery to a scientific community. She has the needed experience and foresight to engage future users of JERICO-RI.

Invitations to be part of the committee were sent on the 25th of July 2023. The kick-off meeting was planned on the 29th of September.

C)   Kick-off meeting agenda and attendance

The agenda of the kick-off meeting is hereby described :

First half:

Ifremer leading

- ✓ Introduction
- ✓ Round table with members: what is JERICO for you?
- ✓ Short presentation
- ✓ Presentation of Terms of References

Second half:

SOCIB leading

- ✓ Presentation from SOCIB (~10 minutes) on a high-level perspective on JERICO-CORE - updated versions of D11.1 - parts 3.3 & 3.4
- ✓ Interactive session with open questions on JERICO-CORE - organised by CRF with MCL and Juanga
- ✓ Conclusion - Data management issue to be mentioned + VA Expert panel process to be presented briefly

A short yet complete presentation of JERICO, and then of the Terms of References document that was drafted, were given. Partners from SOCIB also gave a presentation on JERICO-CORE and on VAs as envisioned in JERICO.

The list of attendees can be found hereby; only Dominique Obaton was missing and excused.

MEETING NAME	JERICO Users Committee Kick-Off
MEETING DATE	September 29th 2023 - 9:30-10:30
CONNECTION PARAMETERS	https://zoom.us/j/4633526762

ATTENDEES LIST (NB: signed paper attendees list compulsory for physical meetings)

Laurent Delauney (Ifremer)	Alexandre Epinoux (Ifremer)	Lucie Cocquempot (Ifremer)
Dick Schaap (MARIS)	Julia Vera (Seascape)	Patricia Cabrera (VLIZ)
Miguel Charcos Llorens (SOCIB)	Juan Gabriel Fernandez (SOCIB)	Constanza Ramis Ferrer (SOCIB)

Information on participants:

Dick: Maris, Coastal monitoring system / data flow.

Julia: Seascape, background in Economics and Management, within Blue Cloud some collaboration.

Patricia: biologist and data management (special interest in bio metadata, data), involved in Jerico-S3, WP6, Task 6.3 Lead. Involved in JERICO committee of data experts.

Miguel: involved in JERICO-DS, and in linking JERICO-CORE to blue cloud.

Alexandre: new in the coordination team, also contact point for the JUC; background in marine microbiology.

Juanga: involved in JERICO-S3, and in building e-JERICO/JERICO-CORE.
Constanza: Recruited in August specifically to work on JERICO projects at SOCIB; background. in project management.

Lucie: Ifremer, involved in different national RIs and in several international thematic groups.

Laurent: Ifremer, coordinator of the JERICO-S3 and JERICO-DS projects, and coordinator of the upcoming JERICO ESFRI Roadmap application.

D)   Meeting Notes

Introduction

Jerico short presentation (Laurent Delauney) : LINK

Jerico Users Committee (JUC) Terms of Reference : LINK

> **Julia:** What is the current landscape, in terms of what's offered to users ? Are there any products or deliverables ? → **Lucie** : There are two deliverables on the topic that will be shared with you.

Juanga's/SOCIB presentation, JERICO-CORE: LINK

> **Dick Schaap:** Say you are going for the roadmap; then the CORE is the same element for the RI than for the project ? Body should be JERICO-RI, and an important component is JERICO-CORE within the RI.
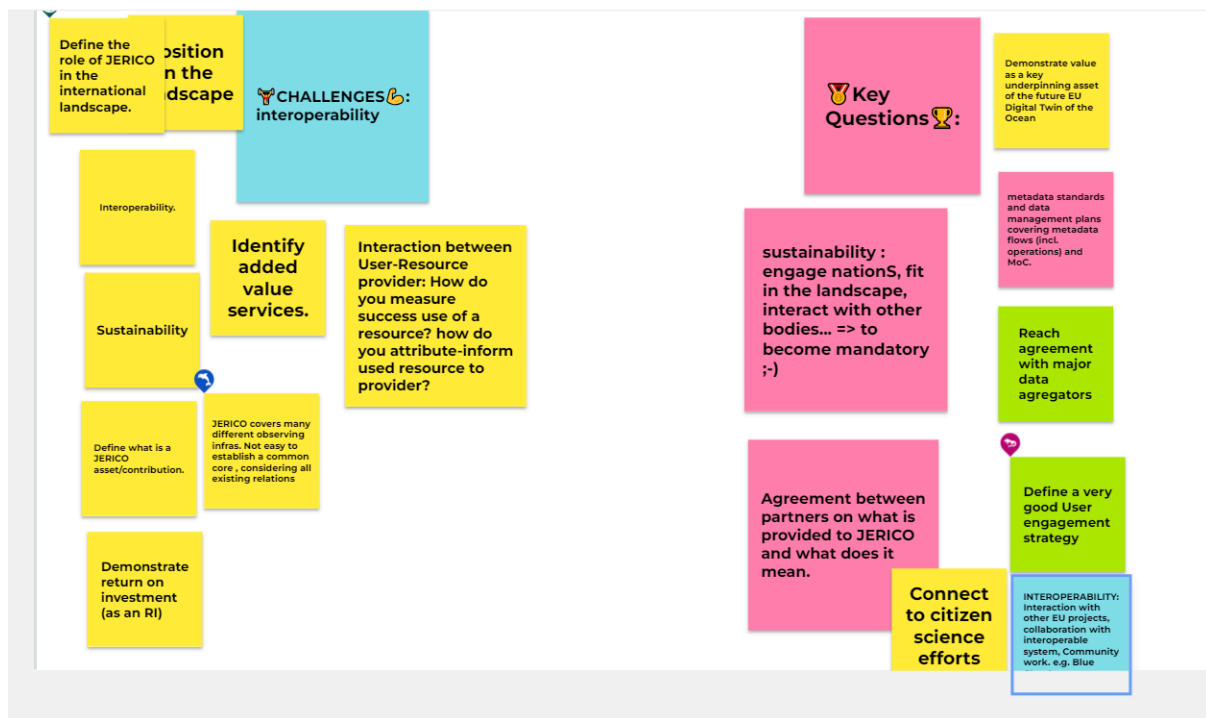
> **Laurent**: The vision we have is that JERICO needs to be sustainable and "integrated" in the landscape. This is achieved partly thanks to JERICO-CORE. If JERICO-RI is not on the roadmap, then the future of JERICO-CORE is a tough question.

> **Dick**: Another part is the governance structure that you need to get right to have the CORE useful.

> **Juanga:** CORE is to be understood as a functional tool of the RI.

> Underneath there will be many functionalities, some under JERICO-CORE (catalogue) and other resources will be federated with/from other entities.

Constanza's interactive brainstorming session: LINK

Juanga: This is a starting point; we could do a workshop to provide answers to some questions;

Lucie: Key question is what items to put in for the next meeting ? These interrogations are good suggestions to think about for the next meeting.

Dick: We should share documents about user requirements. Maybe we are repeating things that have been thought of; we should seek for people in our circle working for/in RIs who already have lots of experience in these topic.

Julia: We have a good document on the topic of KPIs that would be relevant here for JERICO, and that could be the starting point of the next meeting.