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Meeting	(Name of the Meeting)
Date & Time	20/11/2025 10:00 am
Participants	Ana Aguarod (AA) Pau Guel (PG) Carlos Domínguez (CD) Padraic Morrissey (PM) Elisabeth Wintersteller (EW) Valerio Pruneri (VP) Noelia Cuesta (NC) Alona Boitsova (AB) Huascar Espinoza (HE) – Chips JU Eric Fribourg-Blanc (EFB) – Chips JU

Agenda

1. Presentation of Pilot Line (PL) Management Bodies
2. Introduction by each PL-MCT manager to Project Officer (HE)
3. Role of PL-MCT in JPA, HE and DEP
4. Feedback by Chips JU PL Project Officer and Questions

Meeting notes

- Introductions: MCT team introduce themselves to the PO
- AA presents the agenda and shares a presentation to introduce PIXEurope's main features. The presentation is led by VP. Main points of discussion:
 - a. Procurement phase: delays in JPA signature may slow down procurement phase. Chips JU is willing to cooperate to speed things up when possible. Questions are raised regarding budget allocation to cover equipment costs. Chips JU notes that funds can be transferred from DEP to JPA provided that the amount under DEP remains below the maximum set in the funding decision. Transfers from HE to JPA are not allowed, however costs in HE can be reduced to be transferred to equipment (e. g. personnel)
 - b. Connections to other Pilot Lines: Chips JU can act as liaison to avoid duplications.
 - c. Training: main issue is on cost model, since some partners don't have funds allocated in DEP. Combining DEP and HE resources might be effective. NC and EW agree to follow up with HE to explore options.
 - d. Open Access and Collaborative R&D projects are discussed extensively: Initially, Open Access included three categories: lab-to-fab, services and collaborative R&D, the latter being peculiar to this pilot line. Chips JU likes the idea of including collaborative R&D but suggests to remove it from Open Access and fund it under HE and not DEP, and remarks that these activities must be aligned with the described

tasks in the grant agreement. A follow up meeting will be called by Chips JU to discuss details of the Collaborative R&D model.

- e. Chips JU requests to be aware of country of origin of suppliers involved in procurement. NC agrees to start gathering this information and report back to Chips JU.
 - f. Access criteria and end-user journey are briefly discussed: process must be simplified baring in mind that Chips JU doesn't have capacity to deal with a large number of access applications and requests.
- Chips JU provides feedback on progress to date: HE is happy with level of proactivity and coordination, particularly considering the differences between PIXEurope and previous Pilot Lines. Potential delays in procurement are normal and we count with the support of Chips JU if they can help with this issue. HE will stay in close contact with NC (procurement manager) and remarks the importance of counting with this job profile in the pilot line. If need be, HE is available to open the door to other partners to join the regular meetings that are already held with the PL Director (VP). Finally, HE highlights the importance of presenting the Pilot Line as a single entity and reminds the MCT to ensure all partners are aware of the acknowledgments to be included in all presentations.

Action Items

Item	Responsible	Due Time
Discuss external training costing and potential amendment	EW, NC and VC to speak to HE	ASAP
Collaborative R&D projects must be moved from Open Access to HE activities	VP	ASAP
Update list of suppliers with country of origin and notify Chips JU	NC	ASAP
Follow up meeting on Collaborative R&D Projects	HE	ASAP
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