



A project wrap-up – The good the bad and the unexpected – Lessons learned from BASE-LiNE Earth

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BASE-LiNE Earth (GA No. 643084) is a Marie Skłodowska-Curie European Training Networks (ETN) within Horizon 2020, the EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation. ETNs such as BASE-LiNE Earth aim on training of early-stage researchers with focus on both scientific excellence and researchers' career development. ETNs extend the traditional academic research training, and provide researchers with tools to develop scientific expertise and transferable skills needed to establish career perspectives in academia as well as non-academia. This project profile is different from what we know from "typical" collaborative projects. ETNs are composed of international and intercultural consortia facing specific challenges regarding to international recruitment, joint organization of network activities, financial regulations, etc. Based on the experiences made in in the context within BASE-LiNE Earth this presentation identifies organisational pitfalls and major challenges of the project management for European funded research involving multi-national and non-academic research partners. Possible strategies are discussed to circumvent and avoid conflicts already at the beginning of the project.