

Сс: All members of the General Assembly

Dear Dr. Eschke,

As a member of the General Assembly (GA) of the Consortium under grant number 871072 ICISTE received a notification on 16.02.2023 about the result of the voting process for the termination of the participation in the project of the beneficiaries JINR and ICISTE, informing that the outcome resulted on 25 members in favor and 2 against the termination. As we had already expressed in a precedent letter, we respectfully consider that no legitimate reasons were provided for the proposal of termination in the project of JINR and ICISTE, which are not under any sanctions of the European Commission and had not committed any faults as members of the project. That is why we are hereby objecting the decision taken by the GA.

According to the Consortium Agreement (CA) article 6.2.4.2 I confirm that I am exercising in the name of ICISTE the right to Veto the decision taken by the General Assembly on the termination of the participation of ICISTE in the EU project under grant 871072.

This is based on the fact of considering our legitimate interests severely affected (CA article 6.2.4.1) for the reasons shown below:

- Distinctive organisation and posture of ICISTE along with intellectual capabilities of its personnel have played one of the key roles in ensuring the cohesive and friendly integration of our organisation within the community of institutions that compose the CREMLIN+ project. In close collaboration with other partners, DESY included, for a couple of years we analyzed and assessed the access potential of a defined set of research facilities, supported facilities in setting-up the appropriate access conditions, developed ways to transfer knowledge on access policy and governance for research infrastructures from Europe to the infrastructures abroad, developed transnational access models for research infrastructures and started the adaptation of the models by the experiences of the case studies. Taking into account the impeccable record of ICISTE of its participation in the project and its potential for collaborating in any modified version of it.
- Due to the lack of funding that would result from the termination of the participation of ICISTE on the project under grant 871072 ICISTE would lose the means for keeping the working position of several highly trained specialists, all of them women.

I would like to courteously remind you that according to the CA article 6.2.2.8 "Decisions taken without a meeting shall be considered as accepted if, within the period set out in article 6.2.4.4, no Member has sent an objection in writing to the chairperson."

Thank you for your attention.
Kind regards,



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