JUMPING JIVE WP3: New Partnerships



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WP3 background



- VLBI: international by its very nature
- EVN in operation since ~1975
 - from 4 antennas in Western Europe

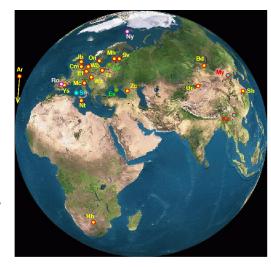








- to global coverage, ~30 antennas,
 - > 20 institutes in 14 countries
- all were "new partners"—at some point
- BTW: Quality ASsurance Programme
 (QASP) a precursor of WP3 in 1994-97



WP3 scope



- "Large N" is and will remain a factor of growth in VLBI
- Incentives for joining "VLBI club"
 - Involvement in cutting-edge research
 - Direct access to intellectual property of the global science endeavor
 - Joint exploitation of the global VLBI potential for national sci priorities
 - Joint exploitation of the educational and PO potential of VLBI
- Implementation of WP3 in three tiers:
 - Tier 1 experienced and active VLBI centres;
 - Tier 2 "EVN-unaffiliated" user groups;
 - Tier 3 "seed" VLBI activities with new groups (in new countries)
- Key words: "globalisation" [of VLBI] and SKA [& VLBI]

WP3 implementation: Tier 1



Objectives:

- Facilitating joint science, R&D, educational and PO activities with organisations/countries already collaborating with EVN and JIVE;
- preparation (ground work) for admission of the Tier 1 countries into JIV-ERIC.
- Partners: countries and organisations already involved in various ways into EVN, JIVE and/or JIVE-related FP7 or other joint activities
 - Aalto University, Metsähovi Radio Observatory, Fl



Ventspils International Radio Astr. Centre, LV



Auckland U of Technology, Auckland, NZ



- Center for Astrophysics, N. Copernicus U, Toruń, PL



Institute of Applied Astronomy, St.Petersburg, RU

WP3 implementation: Tier 2



Objectives:

- ground-work for establishing/broadening of involvement of scientists, engineers and students from Tier 2 countries/ organisations in VLBI activities;
- **Partners**: organisations involved in VLBI activities consistent with EVN/JIVE mission but not members of either
 - Konkoly Observatory, Budapest, HU

- one of most active user groups unaffiliated with EVN
- Cork University College, Cork, IR



- experienced user group, educational facility
- Radio Astronomy Institute, Kharkiv, UA



- a well-established school of low-frequency radio interferometry,
- disproportionally small users community

WP3 implementation: Tier 3



Objectives:

- assistance in creating a case for VLBI research and R&D
- assistance in national educational and PO activities
- **Partners**: countries/organisations with declared interest in radio astronomy and VLBI, but without established facilities and/or sizable user groups. Examples:
 - Weizmann Institute and Tel-Aviv University, IL



- radio astronomy groups under development,
- strong relevant theoretical schools;
- Santiago University (Aviero) et al., PT



- · strong interest in radio astronomy related technology,
- Involvement in SKA,
- VLBI antenna(s) on Azores

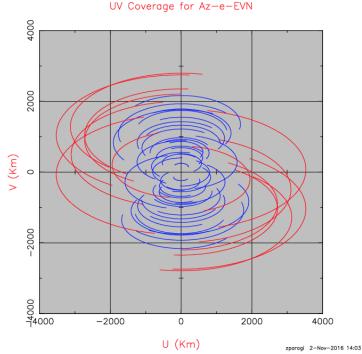
Tier 3 example: Azores 30-m antenna





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NB: very useful examples of Warkworth, NZ, and Irbene, LV

WP3 implementation means



- Assistance in
 - formulating science cases (all Tiers);
 - science and technology assessment (Tier 3);
 - establishing national VLBI "seed-groups" (Tiers 2 & 3);
 - preparation of JIV-ERIC admission documents (Tier 1)
- Organisation of joint "in situ" seminars
 - aiming at capacity building (domestic and global);
 - in particular, in coordination with relevant RadioNet WPs
- Assistance in educational activities
 - e.g. lecturing in Israel, Latvia, New Zealand, Ukraine;
 - involvement in MSc and PhD co-supervision?
- Participation in relevant [national] PO activities

WP3 programmatic



Duration – 48 months

List of deliverables

Deliverable Number ¹⁴	Deliverable Title	Lead beneficiary	Type ¹⁵	Dissemination level ¹⁶	Due Date (in months) ¹⁷
D3.1	Inventory of state of VLBI involvement	1 - JIV-ERIC	Report	Public	8
D3.2	Progress report on working with national representatives	1 - JIV-ERIC	Report	Public	24
D3.3	Final report on JIV-ERIC memberships	1 - JIV-ERIC	Report	Public	46

Description of deliverables

As it is impossible to predict when and which country will make progress in this complex process, the deliverables will be limited to a number of evaluations:

D3.1: Inventory of state of VLBI involvement [8]

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D3.2: Progress report on working with national representatives [24]

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D3.3 : Final report on JIV-ERIC memberships [46]

Final report on JIV-ERIC memberships