Discussion of UK conditions on Horizon Europe grant

15:00 BST Wednesday 24th August. Remote.

Present: Roberto Losito, Daniel Schulte, Julius Ursu, Phil Burrows, John Back, Yifeng Yang, Graeme Burt, Chris Rogers

We went through slides prepared by Chris Rogers.

We discussed the timelines. On 29th August paperwork will go to the EU. On 6th September is the deadline to sign the Declaration of Honour. We discussed signing declaration of honour, noted that there is no downside and it mitigates the small risk that UK joins Horizon Europe before the UKRI grant is issued. **Action (UKRI, Warwick, Imperial and anyone else not yet signed): following discussion, UK institutes are now asked to sign the Declaration of Honour** (for those that have not already done so).

We discussed the liability issues. There was a concern that Beneficiaries may be liable for the work that UK should do. We discussed. Julius indicated that UKRI is working on an updated consortium agreement model (DESCA). Action: Julius agreed to share the DESCA current draft or appropriate equivalent documents.

We discussed the Description of Action (DoA). UK should still be listed as a beneficiary at this point. EU will then bump UK to be Associates and set their income to 0. UK will use the difference between the grant proposal and the final grant agreement to calculate UK income. Action: Roberto to share the signed Grant Agreement back to UK so that we can submit it to UKRI.

The grant start date was confirmed as 1st January.

There will be a kick-off meeting in February.