

D 6.5 Sustainability interim reporting

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1. Work package and Task description

In its sustainability strategy, the INTERBA project aims to deploy innovative methods and toolkits for sustainability, exploitation, transferability and scaling up the project outcomes and practices.

Work Package 6 (WP6) aims to develop a sound sustainability strategy for the project that includes the methodology, action plans, metrics and project results derived from WPs 2 to 5 and builds on several elements of WP8 such as exploitation (D 8.2) and institutional sustainability (D 8.6). WP6 in its nature represents the process of development for the INTERBA sustainability framework, which is initiated with the methodology (D6.1), followed by the sustainability plans for the project outcomes (D6.2 - D6.4), verified by D6.5 and finalised and reported in D6.6.

1.1. Work Package Description

WP6 is articulated in the following tasks:

- T 6.1 Elaboration and dissemination of the methodology for the sustainability strategy.
- T 6.2 Sustainability plan for training and re-training courses and Moodle platform.
- T 6.3 Sustainability plan for Train-to-Trainers workshop.
- T 6.4 Sustainability plan for network of knowledge experts.
- T 6.5 Sustainability interim reporting.
- T 6.6 Sustainability final reporting.

This document is specifically devoted to outline methods, measures, and approaches to build the strategy for the sustainability of the network of knowledge experts (Task 6.4).

1.2. Task Description

Task 6.5 is devoted to the review of the sustainability plans and interim reporting on the sustainability efforts and KPIs of the consortium partners. This task is based on the draft sustainability plans and the KPIs designed for the respective sustainability efforts. To facilitate this task, a participatory workshop was organised in Hamburg in the third year of the project.

The primary objective of the workshop was to create a collaborative environment to enable cross-institutional and cross-country exchange of experiences between partners and a mutual learning process to address the gaps and barriers to the sustainability of the project outcomes. The workshop also served to deepen the understanding of the sustainability aspects and to align the drafted sustainability plans with the KPIs. The assessment of the feasibility of the KPIs and targets was a central plank of the workshop.

The respective results of the workshop are incorporated in the Final sustainability plan (D 6.6).

2. Task Progress Report

The work within the Sustainability and Exploitation workshop (D 6,.5) was organised in three cross-country groups (Albania, Kosovo and Bosnia and Herzegovina) (Figure 1).

The EU partners accompanied the groups as facilitators of the discussion process, enabling a close exchange of expertise and experiences of the participants.



Figure 1. Participants of the Sustainability & Exploitation Workshop (D 6.5) held from 31.05.2023 to 02.06.2023 in Hamburg.

The workshop was equipped with guides to support collaborative problem solving and brainstorming in the working groups (Figure 2). Such a form of participatory workshop ensured the high acceptance of the participants for the intended sustainability plans and indicators.



Figure 2. Collaborative work at the Sustainability & Exploitation Workshop
(Hamburg, 31.05.2023-02.06.2023)

A special part of the workshop was the exploitation of the INTERBA exploitable results, which was also essential for the overall sustainability of the project. As an impulse presentation for the workshop, each partner HEI presented its institution-specific exploitation strategy and plans (D 8.2), the results of which were then communicated in the roundtable discussion. The resulting targets and measures were then discussed with regard to their relation to the sustainability aspects of the project.

Following the results of the Sustainability & Exploitation workshop, the sustainability plans and the metrics were synthesised in the final sustainability report (D 6.6) and communicated to the partners at the Final project conference (D 8.5).