

## **Synchronizer Steering Committee meeting – discussion points**

Venue:

Department of Information Technology, Govt. of India

6. CGO complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi

Date: August 2010

Time: 11:00 am – 2:30 pm

### **SSC members:**

1. Dr. A. K. Chakravarti
2. Dr. Mukul Sinha
3. Prof. Bhashkar Ramamurti
4. Shri. Hiranmay Gosh
5. Shri. Vinnie Mehta

### **Synchronizer Project members:**

1. Mr. Mahesh Kulkarni CDAC
2. Mr. Jasjit Singh CDAC
3. Mr. Surbhi Sharma EIRC
4. Ms. Vandana Srivastava STPI
5. Mr. Sumeet Bhatia CDAC
6. Ms. Kiran Singh CDAC

1. After the welcome to the SSC members, participating had one round of introduction.
2. This was followed by presentation by Mahesh Kulkarni on the Synchronizer project objectives, major deliverables, role of SSC members, expectations from the SSC members, milestones achieved & future activity
3. All the SSC members participated proactively in the deliberations. Members also narrated their own experiences about few projects being submitted / executed in different framework programs of EU. Also shared their experiences regarding joint projects undertaken with non-EU countries
4. Members were of strong opinion that we need to have an India specific ICT call, wherein joint funding scheme can be worked out.
5. This ICT call needs to be between Department of Information Technology and EU. The areas of activities can be mutually worked out subsequently
6. Suggested to have joint funding scheme.

7. Prof. Bhashkar Ramamurti advised to have a look at the current scheme of India-UK project being executed at their end. He strongly believed that it will be ideal to follow the same scheme.
8. Synchronizer team to get more details from Prof. Ramamurti in this regard for study purpose.
9. Dr. A. K. Chakravarti in between enquired about the possible dates of JWG with DIT officials. As per the feedback, it is likely that the next JWG meet will be held soon – around November 2010.
10. He has also suggested that we (Synchronizer team and SSC members) need to make a concrete suggestion (may be a draft proposal) which will mostly cover one / two specific areas of work with EC.
11. The proposal to include suggestive funding scheme, rules of the game. This will help the JWG to take early decision & may not deviate too much and will have shorter decision making time.
12. This can be a specific call for a limited period.
13. This will atleast start the process and hopefully the learning from this may be useful for further development of the scheme.
14. Presentation by Ms. Surabhi on the EU FP7 and the ICT 2010 event schedule, plan and participation of the SSC members.
15. SSC Members were encouraged to make presentations / submit project ideas at the ICT 2010 event and have Face to Face meeting with possible project partners
16. SSC members were happy to see the project on right track & also appreciated the precise presentations. Members requested for a copy of presentation.
17. The meeting ended with vote of thanks by Mahesh Kulkarni followed by lunch