Part II-B. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

HISTORY OF THE PROPOSAL

The initial idea to explore the possibility of a European scale research project to survey European submerged landscapes, environment and prehistoric sites using modern ocean technology was born during a visit of Nic Flemming to the Hellenic Centre for Marine Research (HCMR), Athens, Greece in January 2008 and subsequent discussions with Prof. George Chronis (Director) and Dimitris Sakellariou.

This idea was taken further with a full-day session on Submerged Prehistoric Archaeology convened by Nic Flemming as part of IKUWA3 (3rd International Congress on Underwater Archaeology) held in London in July 2008. The session was explicitly designed to solicit interest in developing collaborative research proposals that might attract European funding and to promote this area of research. Fifty people present at the session signed up as interested parties, and a core group of 8 volunteers agreed to work up ideas and proposals and establish communication with the European Commission (Arias, Bailey, Dix, Gaffney, Grøn, Lueth, Momber, Sakellariou).

Bailey learned about the COST scheme and suggested to the core group that this would be a good vehicle for facilitating the funding of meetings and workshops to help develop ideas, expand the research network, coordinate interest and joint proposals across a wider range of specialists and nationalities, and lay the groundwork for future research. The core group assisted with the drafting of the COST pre-proposal for the September 2008 deadline with additional input from Peeters, Gundersen and Fischer.

A meeting of the wider core group was convened and hosted by the University of Santander in November 2008 with the addition of Momber, at which plans were agreed to contact specialists working on this theme in other coastal European areas. This has generated a large interest from a large number of respondents listed above in Section A, who have identified their research interests, and some of whom have supplied suggestions for themes and activities to be included in the Action. In early January, the Roman-Germanic Commission of the German Archaeological Institute in Frankfurt hosted a day meeting of Arias, Bailey, Flemming, Lueth and Sakellariou to work on a draft final proposal, and further communication has continued by email between this drafting group and a wider group of interested parties.
Recent or relevant publications by the Proposer


Other Relevant Publications


