

# H2020 Launch of the DIGITALEUROPE Model Consortium Agreement

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**DIGITALEUROPE**



## *Governance*

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# Two Tier Governance

- ▶ Unified Model & Organisational Structure
- ▶ The roles of the General Assembly & Executive Board as supported by the Coordinator are all clearly and comprehensively scoped minimising the need to revise
- ▶ Anticipated that save for the more complex of Actions this single model (based on practice and pragmatism) should in our view work for most Actions without any need to edit detail
- ▶ Combines a comprehensive review we undertook ready for H2020

# General Assembly

- ▶ Distinct in Characteristics being the key Consortium Body
- ▶ You can choose one party one vote or for the voting to reflect Action Share
- ▶ Coordinator Chairs
- ▶ Introduction of New Partners – need all to consent in writing – a key safeguard
- ▶ Defaulting Parties – a remedy of last resort has all appropriate checks and balances with emphasis on full termination being an extreme remedy

# Executive Board

- ↳ Coordinator Chairs
- ↳ Emphasis on day to day issues being addressed
- ↳ It does not usurp the General Assembly nor in practice should it be prevented from effective management
- ↳ We choose the title carefully to enforce its “can do” approach and philosophy
- ↳ We have not diminished the safeguards for any Body : adding agenda items without notice : veto rights robust, not invasive : defaulting parties cannot vote : mechanism to correct minutes and overcome quorate issues beyond two meetings

# Meetings : Quorums : Right of Veto

- ▶ Meetings, Agendas, Minutes
  - ▶ We balanced the minimum expected against a practical model
- ▶ Quorum and Voting
  - ▶ The general rule for both is : Two-thirds
- ▶ Veto rights
  - ▶ Available to each Partner
  - ▶ Seen as a vital safeguard to all partners alike – available if issues “severely affect” performance, costs, liabilities and IPR

# Coordinator : EEAB

## » Coordinator

- » We continue to strengthen the role as co-equal partner first with added roles to support the Commission and the reporting and finance roles – cannot bind the Partners
- » We do not see the role as a full blown commercial relationship requiring contingency and internal monitoring that creates a skewed relationship

## » EEAB

- » We have drawn on our FP7 experience and provide a separate standard NDA rather than leave its drafting to the future. This allows both individuals or institutes to sign without undue bureaucracy : the coordinator manages and signs and the invitee rarely will need to consult their lawyers

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