

DECS Work Package Report

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Summary of activities

- ASTERICS website designed and live (first WP2 deliverable)
- National contact points for ASTERICS press releases identified
- Press releases to date:
 - KM3NeT Collaboration announce KM3NeT 2.0
 - First ASTERICS Virtual Observatory School
 - €15 Million boost for European Astronomy [7 releases in three languages]
- ASTERICS made a written submission to the UK House of Lords Science and Technology Select Committee enquiry into the relationship between EU membership and the effectiveness of UK science publications
- Citizen Science Research Associate recruited; Dr. Johanna Jarvis appointed in December 2015. Matched funding obtained from the Ogden Trust.
- ASTERICS brochure for general public and decision-makers being drafted, due to be delivered at end of March 2016.
- Preparations underway for first ASTERICS Citizen Science brainstorming workshop, to be held in Oxford in Q2 2016.
- Galaxy Zoo PANOPTES platform released on GitHub; this will provide the platform for the DECS citizen science experiments.
- Generic presentation materials and documentation templates now available.
- ASTERICS presentation at the Kavli Citizen Science Workshop, April 2015
- Europlanet liaised with ASTERICS and other EU Research Infrastructures and projects (e.g. OPTICON, RADIONET, VAMDC, EuroSpace), to draft MEP briefing materials for EU Competitiveness Council meeting in November 2015
- Inputs made for ASTERICS collaboration and exploitation plans