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1. Introduction

In the original work plan of EURO-DOTS-2 it was planned to include 2 Calls for new Courses, the first one after 6 months in the project, a second one after 12 months in the project (half-way EURO-DOTS-2). This was more or less in line with the Calls within the EURO-DOTS-1 project.

2. No need for a second Call

In year 1 of EURO-DOTS-2 ample time was devoted to the set-up of the overview of needs from industry and academia. This effort took longer than originally anticipated. Indeed in the original work plan it was assumed that we could start more or less from the list of needs of EURO-DOTS-1 without too much adaptation. Since the last Call for Courses in phase 1 was launched only at the end of March 2012, it was decided at the 1st Consortium Meeting in Stockholm that within EURO-DOTS-2 a single Call should suffice. Indeed, the number of actual courses for 2014 already known of at that meeting was sufficiently high and moreover, the coverage of the previous list of needs, also explicitly included in the last Call of EURO-DOTS-1, was not at all complete and leaves a lot of room for the submission of new course modules. It was therefore decided to spend more time on the shortlist of urgent needs and to include these in a single Call for Courses in EURO-DOTS-2, to schedule this Call sufficiently after the Summer Break, but on the other end before the end of the year. As a compromise, the Call was therefore launched early November 2013. At present, the response to this call is limited. From the feedback from potential suppliers, it is expected that only about 4 of the identified urgent needs will be covered in a new course. So the present Call (which remains announced on the EURO-DOTS website), still provides ample opportunity for suppliers to submit very relevant courses. Moreover, the list of courses that are already scheduled for 2014, is very long enough (there will eventually be 34 courses organized in 2014!) considering the limited number of scholarships left. In view of the plans of the consortium to submit a new EURO-DOTS-3 proposal focusing on the Smart System Integration, a new official Call for courses focusing on these topics should be launched early 2015. But we can anticipate to such a call by providing a suited message on the website near the end of 2014.