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1 OVERVIEW

This document reports on the second round of in-country workshops held as part of the RECerT project.

The second round of in-country workshops were held in thirteen countries between 19 March and 11 April 2001. Approximately 360 people attended the workshops.

The main purpose of the workshops was to introduce participants to the TGC trading simulation, RECerT-sim. The workshops aimed to explain the principles of the simulation and recruit participants to it, as well as train participants in how to use the websites and software and take part in the simulation. For this reason only a short introductory presentation was made on the current status of TGC developments in Europe and on other aspects of the project. The bulk of the workshop time was dedicated to explaining RECerT-sim, and the way in which workshop participants may take part in it.

Invitations for the workshops (see annex 1) placed an emphasis on RECerT-sim, and were aimed at a smaller number of invitees than the first round of country workshops. The first round of country workshops, between May and September 2000, were designed for a large audience, and covered a range of topics. The second round workshops lasted usually half a day, reflecting the focus on RECerT-sim, whereas the first round workshops were full-day events.

2 TIMETABLE

Thirteen workshops were held, in late March to early April 2001, in every participating country except France, Luxembourg and Ireland. The Luxembourg workshop was combined with the Belgian one, and in the absence of a French workshop, French participants in the simulation were contacted directly with information. The Irish workshop was cancelled due to the epidemic of foot and mouth disease, but Irish participants in the simulation were contacted directly.

In addition to the country workshops, the principles and design of RECerT-sim were presented at the Stockholm RECS plenary meeting in April 2001, further extending the number of organisations covered by this workshop series.

A total of approximately 360 people attended the workshops. In-country organisation of the workshops was provided by the RECerT country partners.

Country	Workshop date	Approximate number of attendees
Austria	21 March	10
Belgium	15 March	40
Denmark	20 March	15
Finland	21 March	8
France	No workshop	
Germany	22 March	24
Greece	14 March	22

Ireland	No workshop	
Italy	11 April	30
Luxembourg	Combined with Belgium	
Netherlands	16 March	5
Portugal	27 March	19
Norway	19 March	20
Sweden	2 April	125
Spain	28 March	25
UK	12 March	22

3 CONTENT

A typical agenda is given below:

9:15	Refreshments	
9:30	Welcome and introductions	Project partner / host
9:40	Overview of workshop and RECerT project progress	ESD representative
10:00	EU TGC developments, including progress with the RECS group test phase	Representative of RECS Group or ESD
10:30	Background to RECerT-Sim - objectives, purpose, opportunities	ESD representative
10:50	Description of the overall design and simulation process,	ESD representative
11:10	Refreshment break	
11:30	Roles, objectives and operations of the three types of RECerT-sim participant - Generators, Consumers and Traders	ESD representative
11:50	Description of M-co supported internet TGC trading site and associated functions	ESD representative
12:10	Simulation process – walk through of simulation activities	ESD representative
12:45	Questions and answers	
13:00	Meeting close	Project partner / host

The presentations made at the workshops were posted on the RECerT website, as a resource for all interested parties. The large number (about 180) of registrations for the simulation evidences the success of the workshops.

Individual presentations are given in annex 2

4 ANNEX 1 - INVITATIONS

The invitation to participants provided by the Belgian RECerT country partner, 3E, is given as an example.

5 ANNEX 2 - PRESENTATIONS