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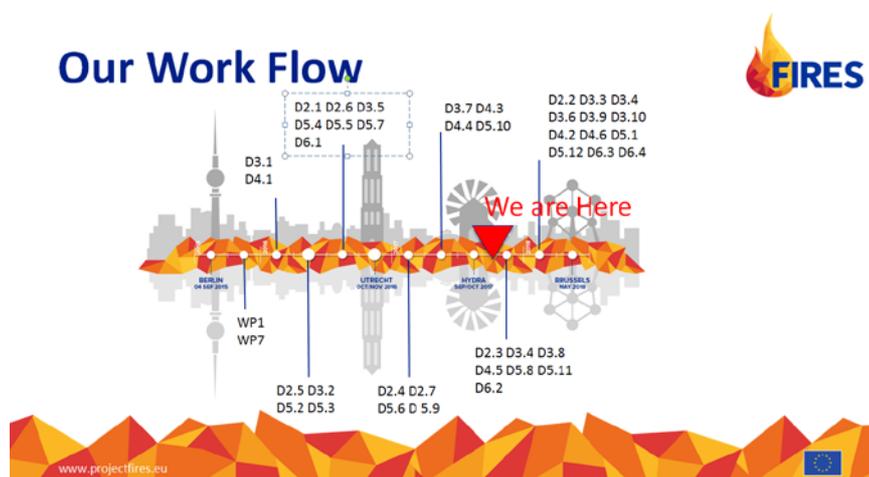
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1. Executive summary

This report provides a summary of activities, deliverable completion and dissemination of FIRES programmed work from May 16 to October 17 and the 2nd Annual conference in Athens. It is intended as a follow up to the Periodic Technical Report submitted in 2016.

2. FIRES Project update

The FIRES project is progressing in line with the timelines agreed with the Commission, with 21 deliverables now completed and submitted by M27, all of which being of high academic standard. The following is a pictorial summary of where we have reached in the Project. A table of the submitted deliverables following on from the Mid Term report can be found at the end of this report Annex A.



An achievement to note is that of D2.1: "Institutional Reform for Innovation and Entrepreneurship: An Agenda for Europe", authored by Magnus Henrekson, Niklas Elert and Mikael Stenkula, has been published as a book, an online link to which is loaded on the FIRES website. <http://www.projectfires.eu/publications/other-publications/>

Also, it should be noted that in October 2016 we opened a call for papers for a special issue in Small Business Economics Journal. The special issue is now in its final stages and will contain seven out of ten contributions from the FIRES-project. Many of our other deliverables have been submitted to and received favourable comments in other journals. See the table in the Annex.

Dissemination and Stakeholder Engagement Activities

A fundamental goal of FIRES is to engage stakeholders and a number of dissemination activities have been undertaken to contribute to achieving this goal. In our own second consortium meeting (Oct 16) FIRES engaged with vested interest stakeholders in the areas of Finance, Labour and Knowledge and presented and discussed some 100+ reform proposals in multiple round tables. A full report of the meeting is found in attachment 2. FIRES was also strongly represented at both the WINIR2017 and IECER2016 and 2017 conferences along with other, country based, entrepreneurship seminars and workshops, including a Future of small business economics workshop in Utrecht (Feb 17), a stakeholder consultation workshop in Germany (Aug 17) and a building the reform strategy workshop in Utrecht (Sep 17).

Conclusion

The 3rd FIRES annual conference was a huge success, held in Athens, Greece 4th-6th October 17 where the final stages of the project were discussed with a focus on FIRES members papers (manuscripts) and the Reform Strategy to be delivered in D5.12.

The consortium will now focus on the final 18 deliverables(M30-M36) along with organizing the 10 policy round tables to facilitate effective policy maker engagement and finalising the reform strategy for presentation at the concluding event in Brussels on May 25th.

Annex A

Del.	Title	Lead	Lead Author
2,5	The institutional evolution of labour market institutions in Europe and entrepreneurship	UU	Selin Dilli
2,6	Superentrepreneurship in Asia, Europe and the US	IFN	Magnus Henrekson
6,1	Entrepreneurship Policy: a multi-dimensional and multi-level assessment	KUL	Axel Marx
5,5	Case study on German Active Labour Market Policy	FSU JENA	Michael Fritsch
4,1	Report on Extension of the GEDI-Indicator	PECS	Laszlo Szerb
2,1	An institutional framework for innovation and entrepreneurship	IFN	Magnus Henrekson
5,4	Intrapreneurship in Sweden: an international perspective	IFN	Mikael Stenkula
3,5	Patterns in global trade and EU labour markets	KUL	Jo Van Biesebroeck
5,9	Case Study on Stock Option Taxation and Entrepreneurship in Europe	IFN	Magnus Henrekson
5,6	Case Study on Italy's Young Innovative Companies Program	Polimi	Luca Grilli
2,7	Megatrends and the transition from a managed to an entrepreneurial economy in Europe	KUL	Ward Munters
4,4	Pan European database with new REDI-indicators	UU	Laszlo Szerb
3,7	Social and corporate responsibility and governance in young SMEs	UU	Mark Sanders
4,3	Time series and panel data analysis of GEDI and growth performance indicators	UU	Niels Bosma
2,4	The institutional evolution of knowledge creation	UU	Selin Dilli
5,10	Determinants and Evidence of Export Patterns by Belgian Firms	KUL	Axel Marx