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Summative Evaluation Plan

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Purpose

To evaluate the demonstrator system and project 'common model' in order to make recommendations for future development work.

The evaluation will assess the technical structure, functionality, design and quality of the demonstrator system, and the appropriateness of the 'common model' approach, using workshops to test the system with representative repository users.

Methodology

1. Workshops: The researcher (Meik Poschen, NCeSS) will convene two workshops and compile and use a topic guide (to be agreed with management committee) concentrating broadly on barriers and facilitators to use and usability issues around StORe. The first version of the topic guide document (including a tentative agenda) was presented by Meik Poschen at the Project Management Group meeting on 6 March 2007. Each workshop will last approximately three hours and involve about eight users. Users will be selected from within the research groups at Essex (UKDA) and London (LSE) and preferably from participants in the survey of researcher use of repositories. We expect about half the participants to attend in person and the remainder (including the international consultant) via Access Grid. The workshops will be structured as follows:
 - a. Introduction, presentation explaining project vision, concepts and objectives;
 - b. Presentation of a short (10 minutes<) video of demonstrator system to explain its functionality and use;
 - c. User testing of the demonstrator system. This will be video recorded in order to provide retrievable data to inform reports and as a resource for developers, users and funders; the testing will be bracketed by a probing of the users experience before and a query of initial user reactions afterwards;
 - d. Distribution of Likert scale questionnaire to users to measure demonstration system usability and user satisfaction;
 - e. Discussion session (led by international consultant) to gain feedback on project vision, concepts and achievements.

Deliverables

1. Workshops: user testing to identify usability issues, barriers and facilitators to adoption of common model.
2. Demonstrator evaluation report summarising user test results and issues arising from discussion session.
3. Evaluation report on acceptability of the 'common model' approach.

Timetable

Three months, March to May 2007.

Month and *deliverables*:

1. Generate topic guide; organise workshops with partner sites; make video of demonstrator system in use (NCeSS); review business analysis report (international consultant).

2. Complete workshops (*deliverable one*, including topic guide, workshop preparations and review of the business analysis) and commence writing up of document on themes and issues arising from workshops (NCeSS: *deliverable two*).
3. Complete demonstrator evaluation report (NCeSS). Write up 'common model' evaluation report (international consultant, NCeSS: *deliverable three*).