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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This deliverable, D4.5, Ecosystem Governance Report, contains a charter and governance structure for the three components comprising the PEERS ecosystem: *firstly*, a community of co-creators, developers and users. *Secondly*, a set of data collected to populate the *third element*, the Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear Explosive (CBRNe) Knowledge Hub. The latter from a governance perspective, is made up of the data platform and also the applications that profile the interfaces that the users and cocreators interact with.

D4.5, Ecosystem Governance Report, provides a structured framework to ensure organised and pre-planned governance of each component to enable the overall strategic goals of the project to continue past the end date and support and give guidance to those who develop the results after the project completion.

In creating this governance framework, an underlying assumption has been that the structures proposed will need to be supportive of the stakeholders and engaged players so that the results of the project and be sustained and continue to impact. Therefore, consideration is given to ownership rights, legal issues regarding the platform and data, platform management including human and financial resources required to keep the platform running and the business model to support the long-term operations and use of the platform.

A tiered model for governance is proposed, which addresses requirements at both the process and product levels with the core data delivered by the project at the centre. In other words, the project treats separately 1) the community of experts, practitioners and stakeholders who have identified their needs, and who will use the platform (i.e., the process of what is wanted, when and how), 2) platform itself and its interfaces (i.e., the product) and 3) the data, which sits in the product and is critical to the user populations (i.e., the process).

As the project draws to a close, there is a desire amongst the partners to see the outcomes of the project progress and continue to be developed post-project. While the final agreement on these agreements cannot be pre-determined, the approach to governance provides a framework that will support all stakeholders as decisions are made. In addition, agreement by project members regarding post project activities are subject to detailed consideration in WP6 of the project and its deliverables.

For the purposes of clarity and readability, process and product elements have been set out separately. However, in practice the user population and key stakeholders are also the product users and so there is overlap. In addition, there is also a relationship between operational level users and the higher-level decision makers.

A key element for the post project success of the CBRNe Knowledge Hub (application of the platform) and the CBRNe ecosystem is the already established network of invested stakeholders.



How the CBRNe Knowledge group/ecosystem will be managed following the completion of the project is still under discussion and at the time of writing the focus is on having some form of Association that will be developed under WP6. From a governance perspective, it is considered prudent to using organised committee structures to take responsibility to deliver guidance and direction and these would benefit from being placed within a formal legal arrangement under the guidance of an EU authority.

The product governance reflects best practice and is consistent with the protocols of ISO 27002 with a particular focus on Data Protection and quality, access control and security and good user experience. The governance structure is outlined in this deliverable and builds on the practices established through the project and which will protect the platform and ensure continuous development for the benefit of all users and stakeholders.

