

Notes from FFG Meeting Girdwood, Alaska
October 17, 2000

Attendees

Phil Davidson	ETSI	Chair
Asok Chatterjee	T1	Reporting
Xu Jing hao	CWTS	
Adrian Scrase	MCC	
Keiji Yoshino	TTC	
Yutaka Maeda	ARIB	
Yukio Yoshimura	ARIB	
Akio Sasaki	ARIB	
Susan Hoyler	TIA	

Phil Davidson (Chair) opened the meeting by welcoming the delegates to Alaska.

The agenda was approved with the addition of Document 7 to Agenda item 4.2.

All the action items from the previous meetings (Dusseldorf and Beijing) were completed. No outstanding items.

Agenda 4.1

Document 4 is of relevance here. Costs are depreciated over 3 years. The peripheral costs are monitors, keyboards, mouse, etc. These peripherals and the software have no residual value (i.e. their residual value is zero as soon as they are purchased).

Only the equipment bought after January 2000 were bought with 3 GPP money, and are joint asset of the SDOs. Everything prior to that are gifts to 3GPP by ETSI.

Nortel donated wired LAN to ETSI. Nokia and Lucent donated wireless LAN to 3GPP. Mobile handsets (12 from Nokia, 8 from Motorola, and 5 from Siemens) were donated to MCC.

Some 3GPP money has gone into purchase of servers (~30Keuro).

The office furniture is the existing furniture bought by ETSI funds are being used by MCC for 3GPP.

Agenda 4.2

Document 2

3.1.1 The actual will be more like 900Keuro. The underspend is because 2 admins. were not hired.

The 5 permanent officers are Scrase, Zoicas, Pope, Boswarthick, Meredith.

3.1.2 Contractor expense will most likely be exactly on target.

3.1.3 There will be higher expenses to go to Bangkok in December. Travel costs will be higher in 4Q. Still total will be ~700Keuro.

The officers who work in MCC should be called 'MCC Officers' instead of 'ETSI Officers'.

3.1.6 50% of Paul Reid

3.1.10 3G Authentication algorithm cost will be about 200Keuro. A savings of 60K euro

3.2.3 TTCN Testing: If we are to bring forward from some work from 2001 to December 2000, it will be a TSG/PCG decision. FFG thinks that funding is not a problem. The request for the change of schedule needs to come from TSG-T and TSG-SA and blessed by PCG.

Document 7

ARIB requests more detailed explanation of the overhead costs. They propose that ratio of MCC (staff, telecomm. etc.) vs. ETSI expenses should be available. Adrian will try to make this type of information available and distribute to the partners as the end-of-the-year version of document 2.

Draft final end-of-2000 financial report will be available in January, with the final report being available in March 2001.

Invoices for 2001 to the SDOs may be available by January 2001 (based on finalized 2001 budget) and the no. Of Individual Members from specific partner SDOs (as of January 1, 2001).

Year-end 2000 surplus

There may be a surplus. This amount will be refunded to the SDOs in the form of credit towards their year 2001 financial obligation (per the formula developed in Beijing).

GERAN Funding

FFG notes with pleasure that ETSI has decided to fund the expenses for TSG GERAN for the year 2000.

Agenda 5

Document 6

FFG records with pleasure that the financial obligation of all SDOs for 2000 were met in full. ETSI's financial contributions need to be reflected in the report. This will be available for the OP meeting.

FFG urges that the contributions from Partner SDOs for 2001 should be sent in to the Secretariat by end of June.

Agenda 7

Next FFG meetings	Jan 17 – 18	Tokyo
	Jun 18 – 19	Stockholm (with TSGs)
	Oct 17 – 18	Possibly in Korea

A re-look at the whole funding (and also perhaps management) mechanism of 3GPP is needed if a new potential entrant wants to join the organization in a limited-engagement scenario (i.e. only interested in joining a part of the technical work as opposed to across the board interest).

If level of support from ARIB remains at a low level then this may be absorbed by ARIB. If an increase is to be made then the cost of the ARIB resources should be found from the contingency budget.

Agenda Item 6.1

Document 3 and 5

Documents were presented. There were apparent inconsistencies between the tables presented in these documents. While the primary cost items are well understood, better understanding of the secondary costs such as true costs of overhead is needed.

Adrian will prepare the following for the OP meeting:

- ?? ETSI Infrastructure costs
- ?? Allocation/mapping of infrastructure costs to 3GPP budget
- ?? New table as in section 4 of Document 3
- ?? Budget allocations for 2001 (with reductions / credit to OPs resulting from 2000 surplus)

These documents will be circulated to the FFG exploder to gain consensus and support from all OPs.

Agenda Item 6.2

CWTS indicated that their contribution to 2001 budget will be 180Keuro.

Based on formulas developed before, and assuming only ETSI and T1 support GERAN, assuming T1 is 10% of GERAN, ETSI is 90% of GERAN, the estimated contribution ball park figures is:

ETSI	2952 Keuro
T1	1125 Keuro
ARIB	855 Keuro
TTA	784 Keuro
TTC	684 Keuro
CWTS	180 Keuro

It includes 312K euro for TTCN testing. May be the surplus for 2000 expenses, 615 Keuro will be returned to the OPs.