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**TITLE**

*A short title for the proposed task*

**VISION**

*A brief description of what the task would achieve*

**KEY CHALLENGE(S)**

*Elements of the main problem(s) being addressed*

**KPIs**

*Possible measures of success*

**POSSIBLE PARTNERS**

*A list of possible partner institutions (with the technical capacity to engage in the task)*

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* This is still an Access project - what we need to sell is still the need, benefits and value of providing Access to our collections. However we need to evolve/progress.
* What degrees of Access can we provide? Physical, virtual (data), remote (loans)

**Task 1: Creation of a unified visits and loans system - online tool to facilitate and improve the provision of Access and user experience**

VISION

* Improve the user experience in requesting Access - better website user interface, being able to search databases of collections
* Reduce administrative overheads with better automated processes and reporting
* Provide a forum for sustainable user communities to develop
* Common platform for dissemination of different kinds of outputs
* Could be used outside the SYNTHESYS user community?
* Possibility for translation - website available in multiple languages, particularly for broadening to other countries

Could also co-exist in same space as CSAT (as both tools are currently on the same platform)

CHALLENGES

* Need a better unified database of what collections are available if we want these in one places - more institutions need to carry out CSAT/JTD activities
* Training for people who will be using the new system
* Who is going to make it? New partner/SME?

**Task 2: Continuing physical Access with a broader scope (e.g. Access to non-EU institutions, reaching wider user communities)**

VISION

Self-explanatory

New user communities could include agriculture, food & health, pharmaceutical (essentially global challenges). Also humanities - anthropology, history, geography?

CHALLENGES

Costing, practicality, reciprocal agreements

Actually reaching the user communities

KPIs

# of new communities in different categories

# of new specimens/types/facilities accessed by expanding internationally

PARTNERS

?????

**Task 3:**

**CONNECT physical and virtual Access: unified collection and annotation system (DiSSCo initiative)**

VISION
Storing data generated from physical access visits that can then be used virtually

Could be part of Access or Networking (or both)

Systematise storage of images taken by visitors in SYNTHESYS - use Access to generate more content for virtual Access. Plus other kinds of data

CHALLENGES

User uptake and engagement

Quality control ?

**Task 4: Provision of Virtual Access**

VISION:

Enabling users to access collections in a digital form through digitisation on demand workflows or by using existing digital collections

Digitisation on demand

Access to portals

Virtual analytical tools?

CHALLENGES:

Existing data portals are currently fragmented, leading to differing user experiences

Having a DoD workflow established prior to provision of virtual Access

What constitutes a unit of Access, how do we cost this?

KPIs

Relating to challenges above – counting units of access

# of DoD’d specimens as a result of virtual access framework

**Other discussion points**

Training in collections management and facilities use - could this also be virtual?

* Does training become an NA?
* Training on use of collections not scientific training

Preliminary research to understand the needs of users - crosscuts all three as a pre-requisite

Better dissemination of outputs and better dissemination of more kinds of outputs, Access products