



Dear RES-Q+ partners, colleagues, supporters and friends,

We are bringing you a new issue of the RES-Q+ Newsletter summarizing our activities in February. You will learn what meetings we plan, or where to find records from the past lectures on project administration, knowledge graphs or NORA application.

On February 11, we celebrated International Day of Women and Girls in Science. Let me use this opportunity to congratulate and thank to all women in our consortium for their crucial role in the RES-Q+ Project and in science in general. We bring you very inspiring stories of two of our female partners – Cati and Felicia.

Thank you to all for your great job and the progress of our project.

Yours
Robert Mikulik



February 11 is the International Day of Women and Girls in Science.

Since women joining the field of science is what the world needs we'd like to highlight the day and embrace it by sharing three inspiring stories of our two inspiring partners. Meet Cati and Felicia!

The first woman who answered our questions was Cati Martínez Costa (40), a post-doctoral researcher and a teacher at the Department of Informatics and Systems of the Computer Science Faculty at the University of Murcia. Thank you, Cati!

1) Where are you from and what is your job like?

I am from Murcia, a city in south-eastern Spain, where I studied computer science and where I am working now. However, this has not always been the case. After my PhD I moved to Graz, a very nice city in Austria where I spent nearly eight years at its Medical University. Definitely, I can say they were great years, both personally and professionally. Now, happy to be back to the roots, my job divides mainly between teaching and research at the Computer Science Faculty where I try to foster the interest of some students for research.

2) What is your biggest achievement?

This is a difficult question. Probably being awarded with a "Ramón y Cajal" grant from the Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation, since it is very competitive and provides you with the stability you need to continue in the academic career. But also, being able to lead research projects at national and international level, collaborate with renown people in my area, and guide other people that are starting their career now.

3) What do you like to do in your free time?

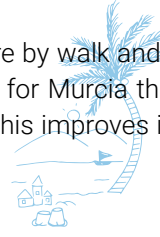
I have little kids, so in my free time we go to the beach or do small trips somewhere not very far from Murcia. I think that now, what I like most is to escape from the daily routine and spend some time together.





4) What is Spain/Murcia like, what do you love about your country/city?

Murcia is a great city to live in. It has a very good size, you can go nearly everywhere by walk and in terms of using the bicycle it has improved a lot in the last years. I think there was a slogan for Murcia that said, it is "the city where the sun lives". This is true, although in summer it is extremely hot. This improves if you are at the beach, only 30 minutes far by car.



Another interesting woman we'd like you to meet is Felicia Koerner (26), Research Engineer in ALANA and a running enthusiast! Thank you Felicia, for your time.

1) Where are you from and why did you choose virtual assistants as your job?

I'm originally from Munich, Germany, and I now live in Berlin. As a teenager, I was interested in all things science, and chose to pursue materials science at Johns Hopkins because it combined chemistry and biology with engineering. Three semesters in I took a programming course and ended up switching to computer science because the problem-solving and logical approach was so much fun! When it came to applications of computer science I found myself most interested in exploring language technologies, and I wrote my master's thesis at the center for language and speech processing at Johns Hopkins. After graduation I was drawn to the field of conversational AI because it has interesting challenges, a lot of potential, and combines many different natural language processing techniques. Alana AI sits at the intersection of research and application and I greatly enjoy the opportunity to work with bright researchers and experts in the field.

2) What other projects do you work on?

RES-Q+ is currently my main focus at Alana. Before that I worked on components of the conversational AI system that's the starting point for all of our projects. At my previous employer, Rasa Technologies, I was in a similar role, doing a mixture of research and software development.



3) What do you do in your leisure? What are you interested in?

In my free time I love to run. I just joined the Berlin Track Club, but I've raced competitively and been part of different teams since I was a teenager. I just completed my second marathon in December and am excited to race some shorter distances on the track this year! I'm also the proud owner of a gravel bike, and like to go for longer bike rides around Berlin on the weekends.

4) What is Germany like, where exactly do you live and what is great about that place?

Germany has a pragmatic and dutiful culture. To visitors, it can feel like we are sticklers for rules, like not throwing out glass recycling at night so as not to disturb the neighbors, or paying for public transport even when there are no turnstiles. We are often reserved, and many of us struggle with the kind of small talk that comes naturally to Americans... as I had to find out about myself when I moved to Baltimore for my studies! But many things work smoothly and there is a strong sense of fairness, which can be seen in our work culture and social programs (even though there is still much work to do). The two cities I've lived in, Munich and Berlin, are very different from each other. Munich is sometimes described as a town because it doesn't feel

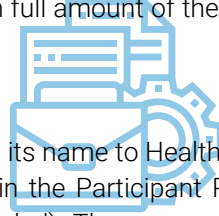
like a city. It's beautiful, clean, quiet, and safe. It's also a very conservative and traditional city, in stark contrast to Berlin, which is much more open-minded and progressive. Berlin is a big city with plenty of things to do: museums to visit, clubs and bars to go to, and surprisingly many parks to spend time in.



Administrative information

Consortium agreement and first payment

The consortium agreement comes to its completion. During February several meetings were held to properly establish the IPR and the background of each partner. Independently on the consortium agreement, the first payment is being distributed to all partners within next two weeks in full amount of the pre-financing payment set in the Grant Agreement, i.e. nearly 50 % of your overall budget.



RES-Q Global changed to Health Management Institute

Our project partner RES-Q Global, a non-profit organization, changed its name to Health Management Institute (HMI) from February 1, 2023. This change has been already processed in the Participant Portal and has no impact on previous project contracts or documents (no amendments are needed). The new name reflects expanding of the organization and its focus on public health awareness and professional education as well. RES-Q Global is one of the departments of the Institute.

Monthly reporting

We kindly remind the task leaders, legal partners and clinical partners to fill in a short report at the end of each month in the [project tracker](#). This serves as a source of information on the project progress and as an input for reporting to European Commission.

Deliverables in February

The deliverable Initial Communication Kit (D8.2) was prepared and submitted according to a plan, by Feb 28. The communication tools will be provided to all partners.

The deliverable Establishing Ethics Board (D10.1) was postponed to the end of March, approved by the European Commission.

Website

Partner's page on our website was updated and most of you can find your pictures there now. Those who haven't sent the photo yet, please do so. Also if you have any notes about your position or want to add more people under your institution, please don't hesitate to write to Eliška (estravova.fnusa@gmail.com). Thanks!

Glossary

Several often-used abbreviations in our project documents for your better understanding:

CO **Coordinator (Robert Mikulik)**

COO **Co-coordinator (Hendrik Knoche)**

EB **Ethics Board**

External body that helps to ensure all ethics issues of the grant activities are in compliance with ethical principles, the international and national law, and the Grant Agreement.

IPR **Intellectual property rights**

(e.g., patents, trademarks, designs, copyrights or geographical indications) – enable inventors, creators and businesses to prevent unauthorised exploitation of their creations, and to receive compensation for their investment.





Planned Meetings

MIP eBrain presentation by prof. Rylvlin

March 1 2023 at 6 PM CET
online

PSC face to face meeting

May 22 2023 10 AM - 5 PM CET
Munich



Regular Meetings

PSC monthly meeting
(everyone welcome to join)

every 1st Friday of the month 12 PM CET
online, <https://cesnet.zoom.us/j/97721064676?pwd=VXc5dFd2QzNVSWdtQk5pVjh6dVFhQT09#success>

WP1 meeting
(designing new technologies)

TBD

WP2 meeting
(legal aspects)

every 1st Wednesday of the month 11:30 AM CET
online

WP3 meeting
(interoperability)

every last Friday of the month 10 AM CET
online

WP4 meeting
(NPL pool)

every 2nd Friday of the month 10 AM CET
online

WP9+10 meeting
(Project management+Ethics)

every even Monday 2 PM CET
online



Passed Meetings - where to find records

Administrative and Financial Project Management Insight

Milena Lojkova from Technology Centre Prague and Kristin Saar from AMIRES Company introduced administrative and financial management rules relevant for the RES-Q+ Project. The presentations are available on the RES-Q+ shared drive ([01_Presentations from the workshop 24/1/2023](#)).

Learning about Knowledge graphs

Following the previous lecture on knowledge graphs, Svetla and Todor from Ontotext provided us with advanced examples of the knowledge graphs usage. The record is available on the [RES-Q+ disc](#) (folder 03_Consortium Meetings, sub-folder 03_Technical Meetings).

Introducing NORA application

February 15 Carlos Molina from Vall D'Hebron Institute of Research held a session about NORA application that hospitals in their region already use with discharged patients. The meeting record is available on the [RES-Q+ disc](#) (folder 03_Consortium Meetings, sub-folder 03_Technical Meetings).

Clinical partners meeting

Discharge report collection was discussed online with clinical partners. Pavel Pecina from CUNI outlined what is needed for the NLP to learn and showed a tool for clinical partners to collect and annotate the discharge reports. We kindly ask all the clinical partners to provide their plan in reports collection by March 10 to estrovova.fnusa@gmail.com.