

Summary of decisions made by the Technical Advisory Board of EAWS during the meeting in Munich (09 – 10 November 2016)

Organisational remark: From now on the working group calls itself the Technical Advisory Board (TAB). The TAB consists of several working groups tackling the topics given to the TAB by the General Assembly (GA) of EAWS.

14 participants of the TAB from 9 services have gathered in November 2015 and 23 participants of the TAB from 12 services have gathered in May 2016 in Munich. The goal is to prepare as efficiently as possible the decisions to be made by the forthcoming General Assembly to be held in Munich in mid-2017.

The TAB focuses its work on the three main items specified by the General Assembly in Rome in June 2015. At this stage, the TAB makes general recommendations on the orientation of the work, which are shared at this stage with the entire members of the EAWS for information and potential feedback. More information can be obtained from TAB members, under the coordination of Igor Chiambretti the TAB coordinator.

Summary of decisions made by the TAB concerning the Regulations within the Memorandum of Understanding:

- ⇒ *The TAB decides by common consent that every nation will have a share of an equal number of votes and as many votes as necessary to guarantee self-determined splitting in each nation (This could be 12, 42 or 84 votes; TAB suggested using 42). Every nation and their warning services have now the task to split the national shares among the warning services representing public services. The assignment of the splitting has to be reported to the Regulations WG until 01 December 2016.*
- ⇒ *The TAB decides by common consent that if more than 50% of the voting rights are present or are represented at the General Assembly, the GA has the ability to act.*
- ⇒ *The TAB decides by common consent that France will polish the current version of the MoU; feedback of the TAB is accepted until 01 December 2016; the polished document will be sent to all members of the EAWS with the right to give feedback until 01 February 2017; following the reviewing process and the distribution of the final version by late February 2017, all members should sign the MoU*
- ⇒ *The TAB decides by common consent that the MoU should be signed by all warning services represented within the EAWS before the next GA in mid June 2017; it is task of the TAB make the consequences of not signing before the GA clear. This basically includes the warning when not signing the MoU before the GA, the warning service has to run through the entire application process defined within the MoU.*
- ⇒ *The TAB decides by common consent that the final version of the MoU ready for signature will be available on 01 March 2016.*

Summary of decisions made by the TAB concerning the proposals made by the WG on the topic Avalanche Problems:

- ⇒ *The TAB decides by common consent to continue with the icons used now; however, in parallel the WG will contact Jernej Burkeljca in order to get feedback from a communication design expert on that topic.*
- ⇒ *The TAB decides by common consent to translate the current version of the generic description of the Avalanche problems into German, French, Italian and Spanish. All translation will be published on www.avalanches.org on 01 December 2016*
- ⇒ *The TAB encourages all EAWS members to work with these definitions in winter 2015-2016*

Summary of decisions made by the TAB concerning the proposals made by the WG on the topic of the Bavarian Matrix

- ⇒ *The TAB decides by common consent to officially exchange only the left hand part (artificial release) of the Bavarian Matrix. The right hand part will be untouched; however, the design and new approach of the right hand part should be tested*
- ⇒ *The TAB decides by common consent to prepare Guidelines for more extensive design version of the newly proposed Bavarian Matrix; compact version will be available without further explanation. The guidelines will be available by 01 December 2016 in English only.*
- ⇒ *The TAB encourages all members of EAWS to the newly proposed Bavarian Matrix during winter 2016-2017.*