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Dear all,

I agree with previous comments in the sense that the proposal is now in a very good shape and it includes most of the comments we raised in our face-to-face meeting. Thanks to Richard, Walter and Thijs for the detailed suggestions on the writing. I also agree with the comments of Richard referring to section 1.4 "Ambition".

I have some extra minor comments:

- Page 13: some place in WP2 or WP3 (probably in WP2), it could be mentioned something about getting feedback from the users of the facilities;

- Page 17, JRAs: In the paragraph "The EVN, operating in the cm-range ...", the addition of BRAND is not only that a lot of observing time will be saved, but also that some particular science (eg referring to transients) can be done;

- Page 20, second paragraph: It is written that "All RadioNet TA facilities have a simple open access model, in which TA user groups and other users apply through the same channel. None of the facilities operate any kind of national quota."

We should be careful in the sense that the percentage of the available observing time under open skies policy is not the same for all the facilities;

- Page 21, last paragraph: Only 4 of the facilities have expressed the interest in purchasing the new BRAND equipment. This is not enough to consider it a future global equipment for the EVN. Perhaps something should be written in the sense that other stations intend to purchase it in the future;

- Page 29, table 2.2.1: Since we are supporting visits to the ALMA ARC nodes, a mention to the ALMA archive should be added to the table?

- Page 52, in the objectives of the RINGS WP7: in the objective

"As a joint objective with the JRA BRAND: provide the capability to fringe fit an entire 13 GHz wide band and be able map to map the data with wide-band mapping software.",

I would add "..., including spectral corrections.", in a similar way as CASA

does with the JVLA data.

- Page 77, WP14, ALTA: I find this ALTA package innovative and ambitious, but it needs to be fine-tuned according to the comments of Walter.

- Page 86, table of Risks: Is the row of "Firmware for polarization conversion" associated with WP6 or WP7?

Best wishes,

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