

VIRTUAL MOBILITY GRANT SCIENTIFIC REPORT

This report is submitted for approval by the VM Grant applicant to the VM Grant coordinator

Action number: CA 16224

STSM title: Drafting a framework for the European Raptor Specimen Bank ERSpeB

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PURPOSE OF THE VM GRANT

A key step in development of a distributed European Raptor Specimen Bank (ERSpeB) is to bring together all work done under WG3, including linkages with WGs1&2 (Analysis Arena) and WG4 (Field Arena) in a framework document, which outlines the key elements of the ERSpeB. The purpose of this VM Grant was to support the drafting of the ERSpeB framework document, synthesizing and bringing together the outcomes of WG3 work, supporting consultation with WG3 members, and identifying the key linkages with parallel frameworks being developed for the analysis and field arenas.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK CARRIED OUT DURING THE STSM

The work carried out during the VM Grant included contributing to the structuring of the ERSpeB framework document, helping to bring together and synthesize relevant materials, contributing to the preparation of a first draft of the framework document, helping to organise a WG3 meeting to review the draft, and supporting the integration of comments from the meeting towards a near-final draft framework document.

DESCRIPTION OF THE MAIN RESULTS OBTAINED

The main result obtained in a near-final draft of the ERSpeB framework document.

FUTURE COLLABORATIONS (if applicable)

The COST Action 16224 ended on 16 April 2022. However, an application for a COST Innovator Grant has been submitted and both the VM applicant and the VM host are named as Core Group members for the CIG. If funded, the CIG will allow for further collaboration between the VM applicant and the VM host and other COST Action participants to prepare a Business Plan for the European Raptor Biomonitoring Facility building on the framework document supported by this VM Grant.