



TRANSCEND

Kick-off meeting

15-16 February 2023

Hotel NH Collection Salamanca Palacio de Castellanos

Salamanca, Spain





Motivation and objectives

On the 1st of January 2023, the action entitled *Transformational and Robust Adaptation to Water Scarcity and Climate Change Under Deep Uncertainty* (TRANSCEND) has started. TRANSCEND is an innovation action with a budget of 305 754 € and a total requested EC contribution of 4 331 089 €, which will last for 48 months. It involves partners from 10 countries and comprising activities in 7 international labs across 11 countries.

The kick-off meeting of TRANSCEND will take place in Salamanca under the auspices of Universidad de Salamanca, the project coordinator. The kick-off meeting will last two days. The agenda is detailed in the following pages.

The TRANSCEND Project kick-off meeting will serve to formally meet the members of the partners' teams; initiate the project management bodies; create a common understanding of the objectives and methods and of the *roles and tasks of each partner* (as per the DoW); establish effective collaborative dynamics; and set the tone for the rest of the project events, and workflow.



Agenda

Day 1, February 15/02/2023

09.30 – 11.15	Welcome and introduction
09.30 – 09.40	Objectives and pillars of the project & meeting <i>C. Dionisio Pérez Blanco, Universidad de Salamanca (USAL)</i>
09.40 – 10.30	Introduction of the partners and teams (3' per institution)
10.30 – 11.15	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.15 – 14.05	Pillar 4: The living labs
<i>Scope and format:</i> Lab coordinators will present the pressures and management challenges of each lab, the TAP to be assessed & updated, and potential collaborations with other labs. 10' presentation followed by 10' min discussion per lab. Keynote presentation opens discussion.	
11.15 – 11.45	Keynote - Climate sensitive? water allocation systems and economic instruments <i>Michael Hanemann, Arizona State University (ASU)</i>
11.45 – 12.05	Júcar River Basin (RB) in Spain <i>Manuel Pulido-Velázquez, Universitat Politècnica de València (UPV)</i>
12.05 – 12.25	Reno RB in Italy <i>Cinzia Alessandrini, Agenzia regionale per la prevenzione, l'ambiente e l'energia dell'Emilia-Romagna (ARPAE)</i>
12.25 – 12.45	Tympaki RB in Greece <i>Marinos Kritsotakis, Region of Crete (KRI)</i>
12.45 – 13.05	Nitra RB in Slovakia <i>Radoslav Považan, Slovak Environment Agency (SAŽP) & Miroslava Malatincova, Slovenský Vodohospodársky Podnik (SVP)</i>
13.05 – 13.25	Caplina-Mauri-Desaguadero System in Peru, Chile and Bolivia <i>Tania Santos, Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI)</i>
13.25 – 13.45	Orontes RB in Lebanon, Syria and Turkey <i>Hadi Jaafar, American University of Beirut (AUB)</i>
13.45 – 14.05	Mahanadi RB in the Indian states of Chhattisgarh and Odisha <i>Dinesh Kumar, Institute for Resource Analysis and Policy (IRAP)</i>
14.05 – 15.00	<i>Lunch</i>
15.00 – 16.40	Pillar 1: Knowledge networks
<i>Scope and format:</i> 10' presentations followed by 10' discussion	
15.00 – 15.20	Starting, managing, and maintaining Knowledge Networks <i>Jaroslav Mysiak, Centro Euro-Mediterraneo sui Cambiamenti Climatici (CMCC)</i>
15.20 – 15.40	Engaging network managers and other stakeholders through the Talanoa Dialogue



	<i>C. Dionisio Pérez Blanco, USAL</i>
15.40 – 16.00	Serious games and scenathons <i>Javier Sierra, USAL</i>
16.20 – 16.40	<i>Coffee break</i>
16.40 – 17.40	Practical arrangements of working together (I): Coordination
16.40 – 17.00	6-month financial reporting, risk reporting, dissemination reporting
17.00 – 17.20	Communication platform: virtual forum (web & app), logo, twitter & facebook, one drive, calendar
17.20 – 17.40	Internal management: General Assemblies and Project Bodies (Management Board, Steering Committee, High Level External Advisory Board) Interventions by <i>C. Dionisio Pérez Blanco (USAL)</i> , <i>Héctor González-López (USAL)</i> , <i>Cinzia Alessandrini (ARPAE)</i> , <i>Jaroslav Mysiak (CMCC)</i> , and others
18.00 – 19.30	<i>Social activity – guided tour across Salamanca city center</i>
20.30	<i>Social dinner</i>

Day 2 February 16/02/2023

09.00 – 11.30	Pillar 2: Actionable modeling suite
<i>Scope and format:</i> 10' presentations followed by 10' Q&A, and 30' roundtable discussion	
09.00 – 09.20	Coupling human-water systems for actionable science <i>Giuliano di Baldassarre, Uppsala Universitet (UU)</i>
09.20 – 09.40	Coupling human-human systems for actionable science <i>Francesco Sapino, USAL</i>
09.40 – 10.00	Soft coupling and protocols through open source programming – the OpenMI standard <i>Sina Katami, UU</i>
10.00 – 10.30	Roundtable discussion Moderated by <i>Tim Foster, University of Manchester (UoM)</i>
10.30 – 11.00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.00 – 13.00	Pillar 3: Monitoring and accounting toolbox
<i>Scope and format:</i> 10' presentations (keynote 20') followed by 10' Q&A, and 30' roundtable discussion	
11.00 – 11.30	Keynote – Establishing fluent and solid collaboration with our “twin” HE project <i>Jingshui Huang, Water Efficient Allocation in a Central Asian Transboundary River Basin (WE-ACT).</i>
11.30 – 12.00	Monitoring approaches and tools <i>Tim Foster, UoM</i>
12.00 – 12.20	Monitoring indicators



	<i>Maggie Kossida, Solutions for the Environment and Engineering (SEVEN)</i>
12.20 – 12.40	Climate and socioeconomic scenarios <i>Jaroslav Mysiak, CMCC</i>
12.40 – 13.00	Roundtable discussion Moderated by <i>Manuel Pulido-Velázquez, UPV</i>
13.00 – 14.00	<i>Lunch</i>
14.00 – 15.00	Pathways to impact
14.00 – 14.20	Designing successful pathways to impact – insights from H2020 & HE projects <i>Guido Schmidt, FreshThoughts Consulting (FTC)</i>
14.20 – 14.40	TRANSCEND’s pathways to impact <i>C. Dionisio Pérez Blanco (USAL)</i>
15.00 – 16.00	Practical arrangements of working together (II): Impact
15.00 – 15.40	Communication, Dissemination, Impact -Stakeholder events: 28+ workshops, 2 international workshops, 34+ training events, 30 policy briefs ahead of workshops -Academic events: 2 summer schools, 12+ webinars, 4+ papers, 45+ outreach events -General public: 14+ local press releases, 14+ citizen science events, 4 webstivals, 14 local citizen panel meetings (1 international meeting) -28+ newsletter, 3+ brochures, 3 video presentations
15.40 – 16.00	Special management areas: - Ethics and responsible research and innovation - Data management and Intellectual Property Rights - Project legacy
16.00 – 16.30	Closing and farewell
16.00 – 16.20	Closing reflection <i>C. Dionisio Pérez Blanco, USAL</i>
16.20 – 16.30	Next steps – end of meeting





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Logistical information



The kick-off meeting will take place at the NH Salamanca Palacio de Castellanos hotel. The hotel stands on the grounds of a 16th-century palace, retaining some of its key original features—notably its old cloister, which is occupied by the hotel lobby. The hotel is a few steps away from the historical building of the university, the cathedral, and the main square, and in front of the San Esteban convent. Several of the rooms come with a cathedral or

convent view. Guests can enjoy a buffet breakfast in the morning. The hotel has private parking available (not included in the reservation).

HOW TO REACH THE VENUE

From the train station

Walking (~25 min)

1) Continue along Paseo de la Estación. 2) Continue along SA-804 / Plaza de España. 3) At the Plaza de España roundabout, take the third exit. 4) Continue along Calle de la Gran Vía. 5) Turn right onto Calle de las Varillas. 6) Turn left on Calle del Consuelo. 7) Turn left onto Calle de San Pablo.

By taxi (~8 min)

The taxi has an average cost of 6-7 EUR. Taxis depart from the main door of the train station.

From the bus station

Walking (~23 min)





Get out the station through the main door, turn right to continue on Filiberto Villalobos avenue. Continue straight ahead in Calle Ramón y Cajal until you reach Plaza Agustinas where you must continue straight. Then turn right to cross the Calle de la Compañía. At the end of this street at its junction with Rúa Antigua, go straight on Calle Palominos until you reach Calle San Pablo, here turn right on this same street and you will find the hotel.

By taxi (~8 min)

Un taxi desde la Estación de autobuses hasta el Convento de San Esteban cuesta unos 6-7 EUR. Los taxis pueden cogerse en la puerta principal de la estación de autobuses.

LUNCH AND SOCIAL DINNER

All lunches and the social dinner will take place at the venue.

EVENT SECRETARIAT

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