

# AENEAS- WG5

## Access and Knowledge creation

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*This work package (WP5) is focused on the **interface between a distributed European SKA Data Centre (ESDC) and a distributed body of end users** whose goal is the exploitation of SKA data for knowledge creation. WP5 will therefore study the design of “user interaction models” that could be implemented for the ESDC*

**Task 5.1 Survey of existing user interaction models** for large-scale radio astronomy facilities and **integration of WP5 outputs into consolidated ESDC design study** (responsible M. Massardi)

**Task 5.2 Recommendations for the design of user interfaces for data discovery, access, and retrieval** (responsible R. Smareglia)

**Task 5.3 Recommendations for the design of user interfaces for data processing, reprocessing, analysis, and visualization** (responsible A. Costa)

**Task 5.4 Integration with VO Interoperability Framework** (responsible C. Knapic)

**Task 5.5 Recommendations for the resourcing** of an ESDC user interaction model (responsible J. Brand)

**Task 5.6 Recommendations for a plan of user community formation and knowledge distribution** (responsible M. Massardi)

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D5.1	Survey report	5	INAF	R	PU	18
D5.2	Gap analysis	5	INAF	R	PU	18
D5.3	Design recommendations #1	5	INAF	R	PU	24
D5.4	Design recommendations #2	5	INAF	R	PU	24
D5.5	Applicability of VO framework	5	INAF	R	PU	28
D5.6	User interaction model resourcing	5	INAF	R	PU	28
D5.7	Growing the ESDC community	5	INAF	R	PU	28
D5.8	Final integration of WP5 materials	5	INAF	R	PU	34



### D5.1 : Survey report [18]

Survey of existing user interaction models for traditional and next generation radio telescope facilities, with an emphasis on distributed service delivery models in a European context.

### D5.2 : Gap analysis [18]

The gap analysis will be limited to an identification of gaps. Detailed analysis of the gaps will take place in the other tasks (WP5.2 to WP5.6) and will lead to recommendations in key areas.

### D5.3 : Design recommendations #1 [24]

Recommendations for the design of user interfaces for data discovery, access, and retrieval for an ESDC

### D5.4 : Design recommendations #2 [24]

Recommendations on the design of user interfaces for data processing, re-processing, analysis, and visualization for the ESDC

Milestone number <sup>18</sup>	Milestone title	Lead beneficiary	Due Date (in months)	Means of verification
MS1	Definition of WP5.1 survey scope	4 - INAF	3	Definition of WP5.1 survey scope
MS4	WP5.1 survey data collected	4 - INAF	6	WP5.1 survey data collected
MS5	Define scope of WP5.4 VO report	4 - INAF	6	Define scope of WP5.4 VO report
MS8	WP5.1 survey discussion paper	4 - INAF	8	WP5.1 survey discussion paper
MS9	Consideration of WP5.1 survey discussion paper in WP5.2-6	4 - INAF	8	Consideration of WP5.1 survey discussion paper in WP5.2-6
MS18	Draft WP5.1 survey and gap analysis	4 - INAF	12	Draft WP5.1 survey and gap analysis
MS24	Initial elaboration of WP5.1 gap analysis in WP5.2-6	4 - INAF	15	Initial elaboration of WP5.1 gap analysis in WP5.2-6
MS29	Consideration of WP5.1 survey in WP5.2,3,5,6	4 - INAF	20	Consideration of WP5.1 survey in WP5.2,3,5,6
MS32	Joint Milestone (WP5) demonstration of compatibility of user interface specification with example work flow models	2 - UMAN	24	Joint Milestone (WP5) demonstration of compatibility of user interface specification with example work flow models





## Questions for Astronomical facilities

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Answered by European ARC, JIVE, VLBA, E-MERLIN, LOFAR, ATNF  
Italian facilities



## Questions for Users of Astronomical facilities

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Sent to the user communities of the astronomical facilities and  
to members of SKSP

Answered by 200 people (mostly extragalactic radioastronomers)

# SURVEY RESULTS & GAP ANALYSIS AND BRIDGING



- 1) System needs**  
(goals towards user&tel)
- 2) User definition**  
(community/mentality)
- 3) Services provided**  
(duties/activities/policy/limitations)
- 4) Accessibility**  
(human interaction/interfaces)
- 5) Resources**  
(personnel/tools/infrastructures)



# 1) SYSTEM NEEDS

*Current facilities*

- Science exploitation
- Observation driven
  - One site (mostly)
- Astronomical system
- ICT to support



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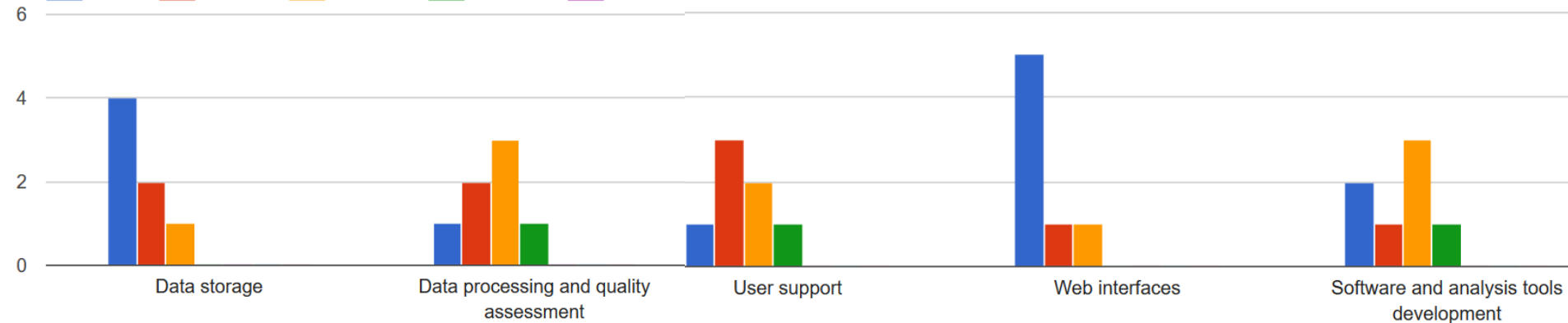
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- ICT & Astronomical SYSTEM**

**GAP**

- Data handling/storage
- Cooperative interaction
- New skills

Budget/yr

■ <5% 
 ■ 5-10% 
 ■ 10-30% 
 ■ 30-50% 
 ■ 50-70%



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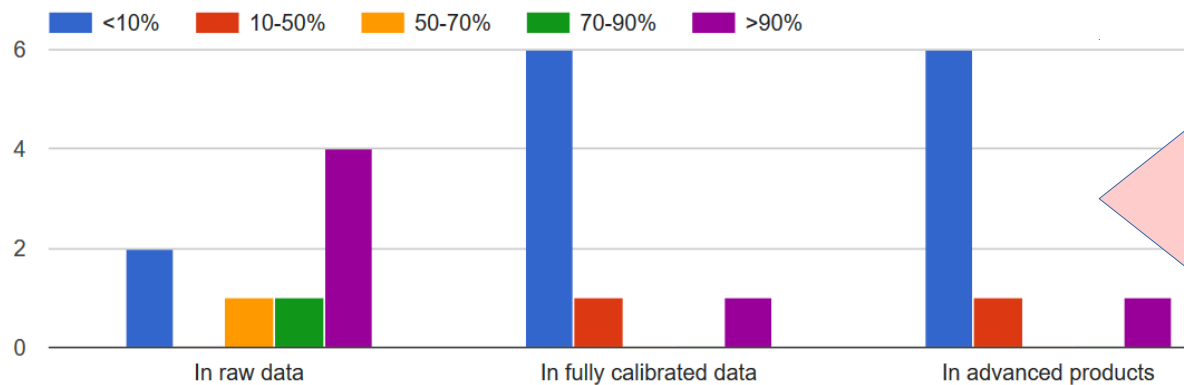
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## Data distribution



## Questions

- what the role of SRDC in the Global Alliance?

INTERACTION WITH WP2

## 2) USER DEFINITION

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- PI at first
- Archive miners
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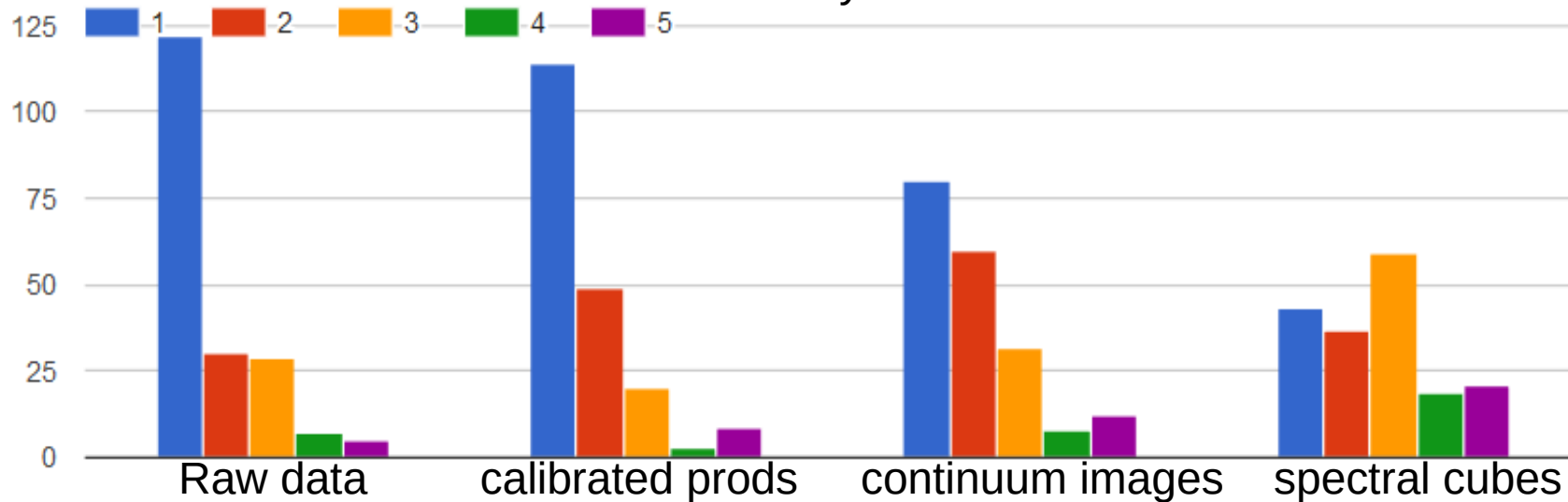
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- Language IT/Astro
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Needed in the archive



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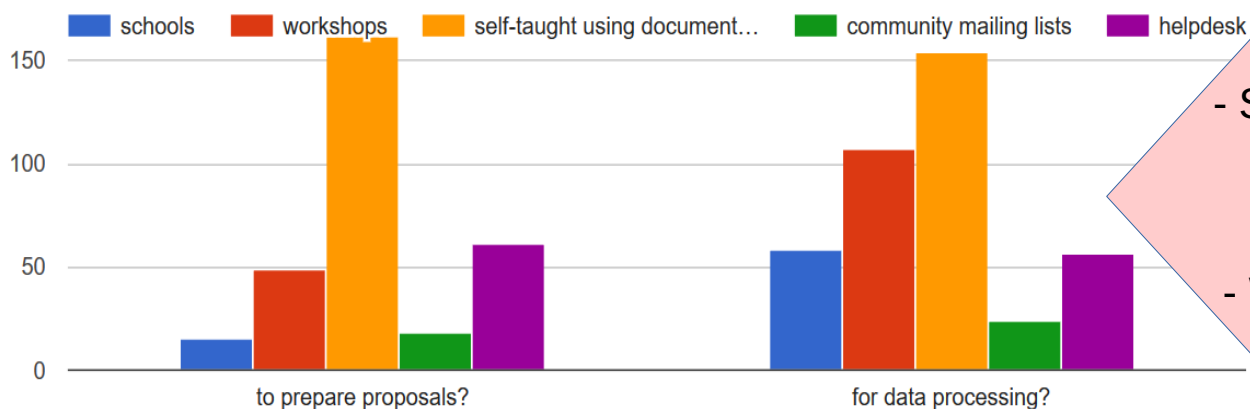
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Training



Questions

- Support only after data acquisition or in any phase of the project?
- How ksp expert contribute to telescope? Respective role?
- What does the user want to trust?

*Current facilities*

- Proposal preparation
- Quality assessment
- Software development
- Archive management
- Community training



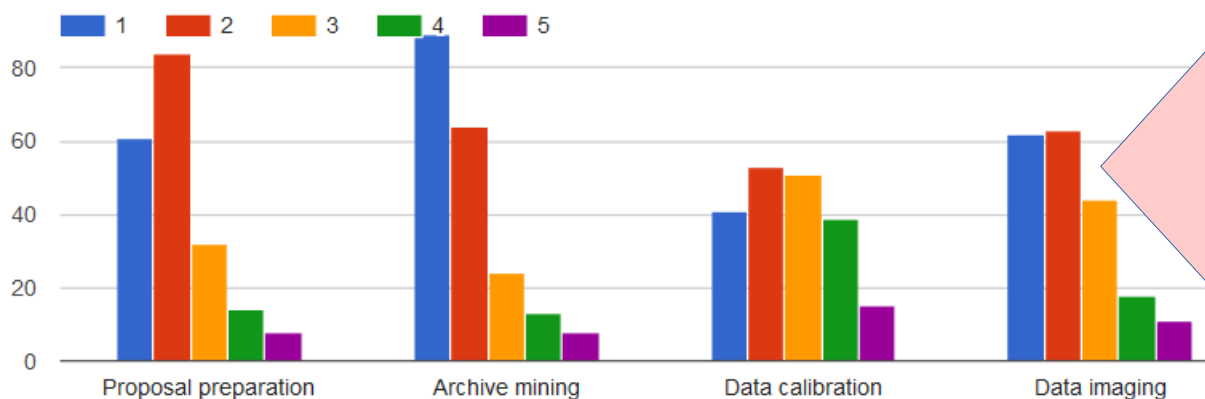
**SKA**

- TEL PRODUCTS DISTRIBUTION**
- SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT**
- ADVANCED PRODUCTS PRODUCTION**
- STORAGE MAINTENANCE**
- COMMUNITY TRAINING**

**GAP**

Users should bring  
code to data

Rate the support for each stage (1=none)



Questions

- what is the SKA product?
- what will be handled by SRDC?
- what is the user expectations?

INTERACTION WITH WP3-4

## 4) ACCESSIBILITY

*Current facilities*

- F2F, Helpdesk
- Documentation
- Policies
- Interfaces



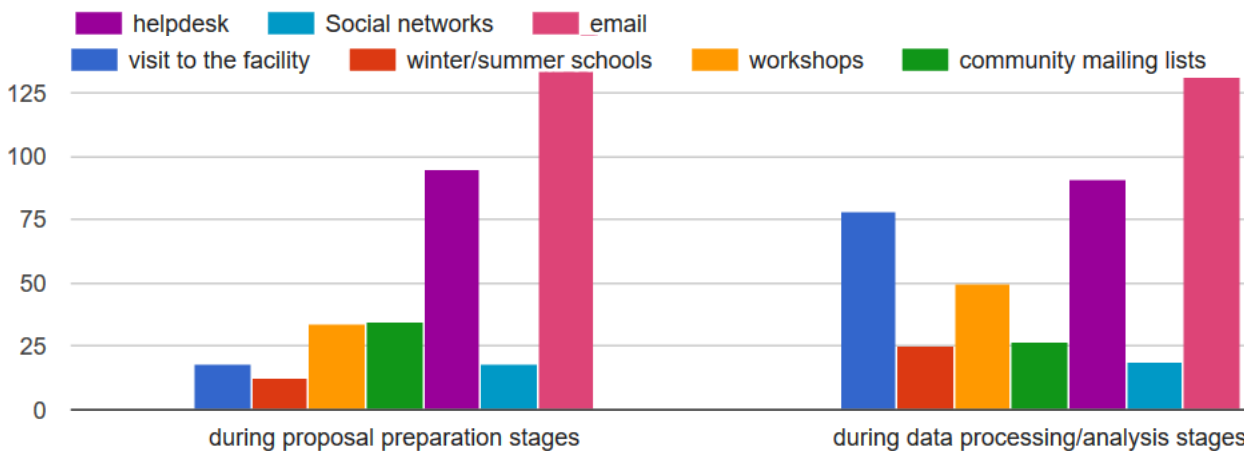
**SKA**

- F2F, HELPDESK**
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- INTERFACES**

**GAP**

- Data size
- Data complexity
- Global collaboration
- Visibility of the service

Preferred source of information



Questions

-what is the user expectations?

INTERACTION WITH WP6

*Current facilities*

- Personnel
- User computation platform
- general processing tools
  - visualization tools
  - Archive query tools
- Time



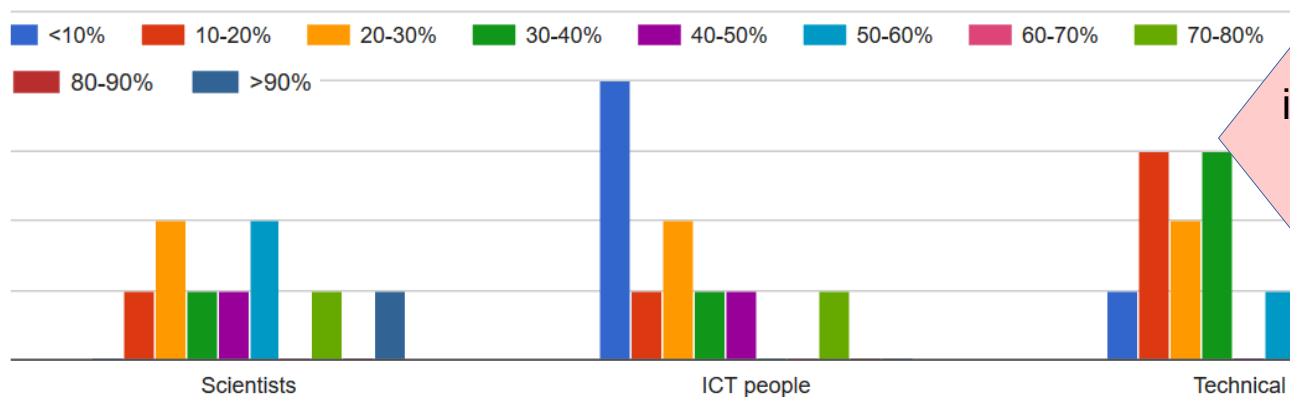
**GAP**

- Data size
- Data complexity
- Linked activities

**SKA**

- PERSONNEL**
- IT FACILITIES**
- DEDICATED TOOLS**
- SRDC IS THE INTERFACE,**
- ACCESS THE ARCHIVE,**
- OFFERS THE COMPUTATION**
- PLATFORM**
- TIME**

How is the personnel divided into?



Questions

- what is the real timeline?
- i.e. what is the expected growing curve for activities?

INTERACTION WITH WP3-6

## PLAN FOR 2018



WP5  
SURVEYS

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DESIGN  
RECCOMENDATION