

Report from GSSWG (Jürgen Stutzki)

- **SIS-relevant topics/discussions**
 - ◆ **future instrumentation call**
 - role of DLR for 4th generation call unclear
 - coordination between BMBF and BMWi necessary
 - » has to be prepared, but has to wait
 - for new fed gov
 - for senior review outcome
 - ◆ **senior review**
 - post senior review scenarios (both positive and negative outcome)
 - › essential to get clear framework for future (for both communities)
 - » sufficient science return in case of negative outcome of SR
 - » ramp up discussion on German instrumentation support (see above)
 - ◆ **SOFIA workshop in prep for cycle-7 CfP**
 - ◆ **TAC cycle**
 - **GSSWG recommendation: move timeline by 2-3 months later**
 - › avoid conflict with other deadlines
 - › avoid overlap with NZ deployments (inclusion of results, double-booking of instrument scientists)

SOFIA: German funding infrastructure and Senior Review

The following summarizes the GSSWG discussion (was already communicated to DLR management in a follow-up meeting)

- **Germany: SOFIA ops and SOFA Instrumentation plus Science Usage have independent funding sources**
- **requires long-term commitment to operate SOFIA (MoU/JSPP: intended lifetime 20 years, i.e. up to 2034), so that instrument investments have a firm basis**
- **Senior Review process was imposed by US side without consultation with DLR on implications**
- **3-year SR cycle, in case a negative SR outcome means immediate ramp down, is in direct conflict with above!**

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- **present German funding scheme requires clear agreement and statement towards community, that SR process does not result in immediate ramp-down in case of negative outcome**
- **present upGREAT funding situation (CRC 956 2019-2022 application) makes this issue acute for first SR in spring 2019**

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