## **Comment Form [Core Project FS]**

## **February 9, 2018**

Title of the Project	Information asymmetry reduction in open team science for socio-environmental cases		
Research Term	FS	FS Manager	Kondo Yasuhisa

## General advice and comments of the EREC:

The Committee noted with approval that the proposal had been strengthened compared to last year. The negotiation and contestation of knowledge and understanding among researchers and with stakeholders is a core aspect of transdisciplinary research and the proposed exploration of such processes promises to make a good contribution to reflection about practical methodological issues at RIHN.

The core notion that transdisciplinary research processes entail knowledge gaps and asymmetries was accepted as the central methodological element of the project. It was not entirely clear to what extent project activities were expected to lead to the emergence of consensus – something that members of the EREC felt would not (necessarily) be possible. It was not immediately clear if the new term *zurashi* ("diversion," "shift") would be fruitful in supporting the methodological development aimed for.

Connections to other RIHN projects have already been made and a good role for the project in linking and bringing together these projects can be expected. This is a major positive aspect of the proposal.