Report from GSSWG

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• **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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