2 - Resources & Pitch Update

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Assesment

Purpose

Your network concept should become **practically feasible**.
To achieve this, identify the **data, methods, infrastructure, and validation steps** required — including **gaps and how to resolve them**.

1) Topic & Goal (1–2 Sentences)

State: - The **focus** of your network design (planning logic, sub-area, or process emphasis). - What you aim to achieve with **20 stations**.

Example:
"We design a physiographically stratified precipitation network for the northern Burgwald, aiming to represent elevation and canopy gradients while maintaining operational feasibility with 14–18 permanent stations."

2) Resource Plan (Required)

Fill out the following table in Markdown:

Resource / Dataset / Tool	Source (Link / DOI)	Spatial / Temporal Resolution & Format	Access Status (available / open / request / uncertain)	Processing / Method Needed	Validation Anchor (Double / Open–Wood / P–Q)	Gap / Risk (permits, cost, reliability)	Mitigation / Next Step

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Goal: make visible what is **available**, what is **missing**, and how you will **obtain or substitute** missing items.

3) Method Components (max. 1 Page, Bullet Points)

Choose **2–3 core methods**. For each method, describe:

- **Purpose** (what question does it answer?)
- **Required Inputs** (refer to Resource Plan)
- **Output / Metric** (e.g., hot-spot map, bias estimate, number of P–Q pairs)
- **Minimal Workflow** (1–4 steps)

Example (short form): - **Radar–Gauge Merge (Bias Correction)** - Inputs: DWD RADOLAN RW, open-field reference gauge - Output: corrected 5–60 min rainfall fields - Steps: Align grids → compute residuals → apply correction factor → validate via double-station

4) Minimal Workflow (6–10 Numbered Steps)

Describe your *implementation pipeline*, from data to final pitch.

Example: 1. Collect DEM + forest structure + baseline gauges 2. Identify physiographic strata (slope / aspect / canopy) 3. Generate candidate station zones 4. Assign roles (Backbone / Infill / P–Q / Open–Wood / Reference / Event-Scout) 5. Prioritize stations A/B 6. Define three validation anchors 7. Produce map + station table 8. Check feasibility (access, power, telemetry) 9. Prepare pitch slide + justification paragraph

5) Literature (3–5 Sources + One Justification Paragraph)

- Use **primary sources** (peer-reviewed papers, technical reports, observatory design descriptions).
- Include DOI or direct link.
- Write **one paragraph** explaining how these sources **support your resource & method decisions**.

Example (structure): > We include an open-field vs. forest-understory measurement pair because Findus & Petterson (1998, DOI: 10.1029/98WR01336) demonstrate that interception losses vary strongly with LAI in humid, temperate forests comparable to the Burgwald. This supports the choice of at least one Open–Wood validation anchor and guides expected signal magnitude.

6) Pitch Update (1 Page, PDF)

Your pitch page must include: - **Map or diagram** of your station network - **Station list (20)** with **role** (Backbone / Infill / Event-Scout / Reference / P–Q) and **priority** (A = essential, B = optional) - **Three evaluation metrics**, e.g.: - Physiographic coverage - Variance / uncertainty reduction - Number of functional P–Q pairs - Interception contrast (Open–Wood) - Accessibility / maintenance feasibility

Also include **1–2 sentences linking back to the Resource Plan** showing feasibility and known limitations.

Submission Format

Submit **one document containing: - Sections** 1–5 **- Plus a** PDF** for the **Pitch Update (Section 6)**