

COOPERATION PROGRAMME INTERREG V-A GREECE - BULGARIA 2014-2020
Project “Developing Identity ON Yield, SOil and Site”,
DIONYSOS

Minutes of the 4th COORDINATION MEETING

Kirkovo (GR), January 18th 2019

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| 10:00 | 10:30 | Registration |
| 10:30 | 10:45 | Welcome Speech by the Mayor of Kirkovo |
| 10:45 | 11:00 | Overview of the agenda of the Technical Meeting/Project Steering Committee |
| 11:00 | 11:45 | Monitoring of the WP1 & WP2 - compliance with: <i>a) timetable b) procurement plan c) expenditures' forecasting d) deviation</i> |
| 11:45 | 12:00 | Solution Recommendation /Set of solid deadlines |
| 12:00 | 12:30 | Short Coffee Break |
| 12:30 | 13:00 | Monitoring of the WP3 - compliance with: <i>a) timetable b) procurement plan c) expenditures' forecasting d) deviation</i> |
| 13:00 | 13:15 | Solution Recommendation /Set of solid deadlines |
| 13:15 | 13:45 | Monitoring of the WP4 - compliance with: <i>a) timetable b) procurement plan c) expenditures' forecasting d) deviation</i> |
| 13:45 | 14:00 | Solution Recommendation /Set of solid deadlines |
| 14:00 | 15:00 | Short Lunch Buffet |
| 15:00 | 15:30 | Monitoring of the WP5 - compliance with: <i>a) timetable b) procurement plan c) expenditures' forecasting d) deviation</i> |
| 15:30 | 15:45 | Solution Recommendation /Set of solid deadlines |
| 15:45 | 16:30 | Monitoring of the WP6 - compliance with: <i>a) timetable b) procurement plan c) expenditures' forecasting d) deviation</i> |
| 16:30 | 16:45 | Solution Recommendation /Set of solid deadlines |
| 16:45 | 17:00 | Summing up, set of the dates for the next meeting |
| 17.00 | | End of the 4th Coordination Meeting/PSC |
| 20.00 | | Farewell Dinner |

The 4th Coordination Meeting of the Project “Dionysos” was held on 18th of January 2019 in Kirkovo Municipality, part of Kardzali Region. The meeting was attended by the following Project Participants:

PARTICIPANTS:

[LB] Department of Food Science & Human Nutrition - Agricultural University of Athens

- Spyridon Arseniou

[PB2] Institute of Viticulture and Enology, Pleven

- Vladimir Dimitrov

[PB3] University of Plovdiv, Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences

- Yulia Dzhabarova
- Margarita Ruseva

[PB4] ANKA SA

- Athina Ioannidou
- Nikos Thomaidis

[PB5] Federation of professional crafts and trade associations of Evros

- Athanasios Bellas
- Konstantinos Kouzoukos

[PB6] Agency for Transnational Training and Development - TRANSCOOP

- Athanasios Karamoschos
- Sultana (Tatiana) Vasileiou

[PB7] Municipality of Kirkovo

- Mayor Mr. Shinasi Syuleyman
 - Radina Boyanova
 - Simona Valchanova
 - Valentina Dimitrova
 - Pavlina Milenova

[PB8] Haskovo Chamber of Commerce and Industry

- Yancho Yanev
- Valeria Popova
- Eliza Hubinova

MINUTES

On Friday 18th of Jan 2019, the Municipality of Kirkovo hosted the 4th Coordination Meeting and the Project Steering Committee (PSC) of the project: “Developing Identity ON Yield, SOil and Site”, (acronym: ‘DIONYSOS’). Meeting venue: Congress Hall of Hotel Romantica, Kirkovo. Duration: from 10.00 to 17.00 (Social Dinner 20.00). Participants: 17

Starting with a welcoming speech, The Mayor of Kirkovo, Mr. Shinasi Syuleyman, expressed his sincere pleasure to meet the project representatives in Kirkovo, and at the same time made a short description about the basic socioeconomic indicators of the Municipality as well as about the main attractions of the wider area. Then, he passed the floor to the representative of the LB, Dr. Spyridon Arseniou who also welcomed the participants to Kirkovo which - according to his view - represents the ‘core’ of the Cross-Border Area GR-BG and thanked the Mayor and its colleagues from Kirkovo for the kind hospitality. Right after that, Dr.Arseniou shared his view on the WP1 and WP2. Starting from WP2 [Communication & Dissemination], he informed the participants that main part of the WP2 (website, communication policy, publicity material for the GR PBs) is expected to be contracted by PB4 (ANKA) the months to follow and at the same time he welcomed the two (2) new colleagues on behalf of the PB4 (ANKA) who are members of its working group. He then gave the floor to the representatives of PB4 - Nikos Thomaidis and Athena Ioannidou - who commented that they definitely recognize the delay caused by the PB4 and that they indeed have to speed up the process and also ensured the partners that they will give every possible effort in order to catch-up with the delayed deliverables by preparing the tender documents as soon as possible. Before concluding with the WP2, representatives of the HCCI (PB8) informed the participants about the successful event which was held the previous days in Haskovo with more than 35-40 attendants

Mr. Arseniou gave the floor to Mr. Kamoschos on behalf of the PB5 (TRANSCOOP) who made brief recommendations to PB4 about how take advantage of the time till the tender opening in regard to the preparation and the specifications.

Moving back to the WP1 [Project Management & Coordination], Mr. Arseniou explained that it is now running relatively smooth, and informed all PBs that the 3rd Progress Report is going to be submitted within the next 2 days. Additionally to that, he underlined the need for all beneficiaries to upload in time their expenditures (verified or not), since a few days ago the JS Officer - Mrs. Emiliya Doncheva - expressed worries about the fact that the forecasted expenditures to be done till the end of the year 2018 (estimated approximately 14-15% of the total budget of the project) is not yet visible (at least in this percentage)

within the MIS, most likely due to the fact that PBs despite the fact that have made expenditures, have not yet imprinted them directly to the MIS. Mr. Kamoschos on behalf of the PB5 (TRANSCOOP) shared the same worries and asked all PBs to upload their expenditures to the MIS their paid-out expenditures within 2018 BUT not to 'submit' them before informing the respective JS Officer. He then commented in brief the Evaluation Analysis and also tried an interpretation of the first results. It seems that the Bureaucracy of the Programme procedures, the problems caused by the MIS, the slow financing procedure of the BG PBs (which is directly connected to the FLC), the poor project results and the overlapped timetable are amongst the issues which cause worries to the PBs.

A short break followed, during which the participants had the chance to communicate in a non-formal way about the priorities of each beneficiary, as well as to share ideas and recommendations.

After the break, the hosting partner gave the floor to Dr. Arseniou, on behalf of the LB, in order to analyze the activities of the WP3 [Designing Area's Wine ID - Specifying Area's Advantage]: and collect the opinion of the PBs towards overcoming project delays. He informed the PBs about the development of the currently running laboratory research under D3.X.1, D3.X.2, D3.X.3 and the tools which are used in order to reach proper and realistic results. A significant progress is accomplished by the LB and the PB2 in the specific deliverables while is expected PB5 to appoint a contractor (after the successful tender procedure) in order to assist the above mentioned PBs and conclude with part of the deliverables. D3.X.4 and D3.X.5 were also commented on how to better and faster be implemented without deviations in the matter of the physical object and expected outputs. Mr. Kostas Kouzoukos, on behalf of the PB5, mentioned that the tender procedures are over and it is expected to have contractor by the end of January.

The meeting continued with the WP4 [Enhancing Raising Area's Wine ID - From Production to Tourism - Shaping Area's Profile]: during which the representative of PB3, Dr. Julia Jabarova made a presentation about the expected deliverables D4.X.1, D.4.X.2, D.4.X.3 and the foreseen studies. She pointed out the necessity - at first - to receive feedback from PB4 (ANKA), in order to proceed with the printing of the trilingual guide under D.4.X.1, since the contractor should already print by now the specific deliverable. Representatives of ANKA (PB4) asked by PB3 assistance in regard to the specifications of the deliverable and Dr. Jabarova agreed to provide all the necessary data (content, specifications, etc). Mr. Kamoschos took the floor for some comments under D4.X.2 and D.4.X.3. Comments were also made about the deliverables D4.X.4, D4.X.5., especially the part related to the wine production and the involvement of the respective PBs.

After a few comments as a SUM-UP to the previous WP, Mr. Kamoschos took the floor and

analyzed the WP5 [Preparing for Tourism] and explained the status of action by action and the deviations by the initial plan. After commenting the actions related to the quality pact and the local raising awareness, he focused in D5.X.5. [Developing Data Base with Promotion Material on the area (photos, articles, studies)] while explained the level of the data collection and the concept of the data-base construction.

As far as the WP6 [Area Promotion - Placing in the Market] is concerned, it was commonly agreed that is indeed early to examine the progress of the actions since previous actions (in which the specific WP is based) are not yet implemented. However, a brief review was made in order to check the foreseen activities and deliverables.

A very short break took place before the official opening of the PSC. Right after that, Dr. Arseniou as representative of the LB took the floor and made a SUM-UP of the discussed topics and the conclusions of the meeting. He reminded that except the given fact that all PBs need to speed-up in order to catch up part of the missing time, he stated that PSC has to take a decision about:

- the update of the timetable of the project as well as of the
- Procurement Plan/STTP
- Potential Modification of JoB

Answering to some PBs' queries about the time of the next meeting, Mr. Karamoschos recommended that the next meeting should take place at the end of February in Thessaloniki. Mr. Yancho Yanev Chairman of the HCCI made the proposal that the next PSC should be hosted in Haskovo on 16th of Feb as a follow up to the ritual of St. Tryfon Zarezan on 15th of Jan during which the President of the Bulgarian Republic will be present. All PBs were positive to the proposal of Mr.Yanev, including Mr. Karamoschos and to that end, the Project will officially participate in the Festivities of St. Tryfon Zarezan in Haskovo on 15th of February 2019. The next day the 5th Coordination Meeting will be held in Haskovo.