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“Quality Certification System in Agrotourism” CerTour Project

3rd STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Date of the meeting: 25th – 26th June 2014

Location of the meeting: Varna, Bulgaria

Attendees present:

- Despoina Chatzoglidou : Municipality of Xanthi – Special Associate of the Mayor
- George Stampoulis: Municipality of Xanthi – Coordinator of the Project
- Marilena Symeonidou: Municipality of Xanthi – Substitute Coordinator of the Project
- Symeon Symeonidis- Municipality of Xanthi
- Maria Teohareva – Black Sea Economic Centre, project coordinator
- Tania Stashnikova – Black Sea Economic Centre
- Zhanna Galyan – Ecotourism Association NGO
- Gegham Yeghiazaryan – Ecotourism Association NGO
- Elene Chkheidze – International Centre for Social Research and Policy Analysis
- Larisa Nicu
- Oxana Banaruc – Suruceni Town Administration, local project coordinator
- Stepanenko Vladimir - Regional Fund for the Support of the Entrepreneurship of Zaporozhye, director
- Yuri Petrash – Regional Fund for the Support of the Entrepreneurship of Zaporozhye, local project coordinator
- Lidiia Stepanenko - Regional Fund for the Support of the Entrepreneurship of Zaporozhye
- Alexandra Stepanenko - Regional Fund for the Support of the Entrepreneurship of Zaporozhye

1st DAY – 25.06.14

During the 1st day of the Steering committee meeting the following topics were covered:

- Detailed analysis and evaluation of the 1st year of the project’s implementation
- Presentation of the project’s and activities’ progress in the partners’ regions (each partner presented their implementation progress)



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- Detailed working plan for the third semester of the project's implementation (designed and agreed by all participants)
- Discussion concerning the adaptation of the Common Standard Framework to the local standards and discussion and the Certification
- Presentation of the Certificates for the businesses that will participate in the pilot implementation, designed by the Ukrainian partners. Discussion, consultation and agreement upon the issue

The main presentation about the evaluation of the first year of the project and the working plan of the next semester were made by the project's coordinator Mr. George Stampoulis while all partners presented the activities they implemented during the previous period. The Ukrainian partners presented the Certificates they designed for the businesses that will present during the pilot implementation and there was an extensive discussion among partners about changes that need to be made in them. At the end, the Ukrainian partners presented the final template of the Certificated which was agreed among all partners.

2nd DAY – 26.06.14

During the 2nd day of the Steering committee meeting the following topics were covered:

- Managerial, administrative and financial issues
- Panel discussions concerning common challenges, perspectives and common solutions in the new programming period of the Black Sea Programme
- Decision for the dates and place for the next steering committee meeting
- Primary discussions for the dates and places of the study visits

Due to the major delays observed in the process of the cost verification procedures, especially in Greece, there was an extensive discussion among partners in order to identify the ways that some obstacles will be overcome and are related to the lack of funds due to the delay of the 2nd instalment. All the partners agreed that they will spend their own co-financing and will try to find ways to finance the project activities in order to avoid major delays. Furthermore, the project coordinator presented new project ideas in order for the partnership to continue its cooperation also in the next programming period of the Black Sea programme.

Finally, the partners decided about the dates of the next Steering committee meeting that will take place in Ukraine and the study visits following the pilot implementation of the Common Standard. However, the exact dates will be finalised after the Interim report is submitted and the 2nd instalment received.



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