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Asociaciones Estratégicas KA2 - 2015
Convenio de subvención –Anexo I

RURALITY: "Recognition and validation of a cross competence in rural community development".



**Minute of the First Transnational Meeting
La Pola de Gordón (León) 30/XI/2015 – 01/XII/2015**

Monday 30/11/2015 – Tuesday 01/12/2015 - Presence list

Fundación Reserva de la Biosfera Alto Bernesga (ES)

- Juan Carlos Lorenzana
- Benedicta Rodríguez
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Adesper - Agrupación para el Desarrollo Sostenible y la Promoción del Medio Rural (ES)

- Juan Antonio Sánchez
- Verónica Verdejo
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- Raquel Trigo
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- Hikmet Günal
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Discusiones:

Monday, 30 th Nov:

Morning:

10:30 h. Presentation of the RURALITY Erasmus+ project

Project RURALITY was presented to SEPIE (Spanish Service for the Internationalization of Education) with Spanish National Agency of ERASMUS + by a total of 36 months and a budget of 449.489 € and was approved for 24 months by a total of subvention of 246.8702 € for the 7 partners of the project in the following items:

- Project Management and implementation
- Transnational Project Meetings
- Intellectual Outputs
- Multiplier Events
- Learning/Teaching/Training activities

Objectives 1st Meeting in Alto Bernesga Biosphere Reserve:

- To constitute the PERMANENT TEAM WORK: defining the participants.
- Proposed contents of each of the five transnational seminars.
- Propose date for Skype meetings and participants.
- Propose indicators for the Quality Plan and Plan SUSTAINABILITY Permanent evaluation.
- Delivery schedule (every 4 months) technical and financial reports from each of the seven partner.
- Compliance schedule, activities, intellectual products, multipliers events and deviations.

- **Key Action:** Cooperation for innovation and the exchange of good practices.
- **Action:** Strategic Partnerships.
- **Start Date:** 01-09-2015
- **End Date:** 01-09-218
- **Applicant Organisation:** Fundación Reserva de la Biosfera Alto Bernesga.
- **Sectoral priorities:**
 - Developing basic and transversal skills using innovative methods.
 - Development of high quality work-based VET.
 - Fostering access to continuing VET, including groups at risk.
- **Participating organizations:**
 - **SPAIN**
 - Fundación Reserva de la Biosfera Alto Bernesga (c.desarrollo@ayto-lapoladegordon.es)
 - ADESPER: Agrupación para el Desarrollo Sostenible y Promoción del Empleo Rural (adesper@adesper.com)
 - **PORTUGAL**
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 - **TURKEY**
 - Gaziosmanpasa Universitesi (hikmet.gunal@gop.edu.tr)

○ **OBJETIVES:**

○ 1) Develop, recognize and validate a Transversal Competence in the European Qualifications Framework (EQF) for a new professional profile “**Rural community development technician HORIZON 2020**” to contribute to European rural development strategy that takes into account the regulations and related EU directives rural areas .

○ Transferable skill that will be included in the professional qualifications of the following professional families of related INCUAL rural areas in the EU:

- 1) land
- 2) hospitality and tourism
- 3) food industries
- 4) safety and environment
- 5) energy and water
- 6) sociocultural community services
- 7) physical and sports activities

○ 2) Increase transparency of this new professional competence to influence qualifications and employability through the professionalization of rural development.

○ Over 60% of workers in the sector or have no formal qualifications or are not high and unrecognized .

○ They are necessary qualified to advise , train, assist and implement the work of all stakeholder rural professionals.

○ 3) Innovative pedagogical approach based on TRAINING IN ALTERNATING OR DUAL referred to alternating learning in rural enterprise (multiple jobs) and the school as a successful recipe for successful transitions to work and having the following OBJECTIVES :

- a) promoting economic efficiency for rural areas.
- b) social integration with greater relationship between theory and practice.
- c) participation of rural businesses in the development of competition.
- d) individual development training adapted to a real demand for the European countryside.

○ 4) Develop a methodology for cooperation centers formal and non-formal agricultural unions, local authorities and local action groups of LEADER, to facilitate the development Itinerary serve rural economies.

○ 5) Design the units cross competition and appropriate for the development of the training on 7 areas with the completion of a pilot training course in 6 countries to validate the technical manuals professional profile.

12:00 h. Intellectual Outputs – project work packs

Of the 7 Intellectual Outputs anticipated in project RURALITY only three where approved for financing:

- O3 Development of cross-competition "development agent in the rural community HORIZON 20202: comprehensive curriculum with all the training modules and definition of the environment and professional profile and core competencies.
- O4 Pilot training course structured to evaluation and testing of new competencies.
- O6 Guide methodology with open educational materials (REA); publication of results.

The Spanish Agency ERASMUS + (SEPIE) was consulted and said to be necessary to fulfill the other 4 Intellectual Outputs like part of the cofinancing of the 7 partners. As it is known, the present call of ERASMUS + lacks Letter of Commitment of Cofinancing and it has been replaced by a Mandate Letter that each partner signs but without percentage of cofinancing:

- O1 Study and analysis of the existing families and occupational skills in Europe to adjust the cross-competence.
 - O2 Community research policy 2014-2020: report on the potential for job creation in rural areas and HORIZON 2020 entrepreneurship.
 - O5 Educational materials for students: alternation training.
 - O7 ICT platform to promote distance education in rural areas.
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It was decided that ADESPER and Gaziosmanpasa University would be in charge of both O1 and O2. O5 will be carried out by all the partners when they write up the Intellectual Outputs 4 and 6. Finally, it was agreed that in the next meeting in Florence it would be decided how accomplish the O7.

1. Study and analysis of the existing families and occupational skills in Europe to adjust the cross-competition (Gaziosmanpasa University + Adesper, Agroinstitut, Cia-Toscana).
2. Community research policy 2014-2020: report on the potential for job creation in rural areas and HORIZON 2020 entrepreneurship (Gaziosmanpasa University + CoraNE, Adesper, Infocenter).
3. Development of cross-competition "development agent in the rural community HORIZON 2020: comprehensive curriculum with all the training modules and definition of the environment and professional profile and core competencies (Adesper + all partners).
4. Pilot training course structured to evaluation and testing of new competencies (Adesper + all partners).
5. Educational materials for students: training double/alternation (CoraNE + all partners).
6. Guide methodology with open educational materials (REA); publication of results (Cia-Toscana + CoraNE, Infocenter, RB Alto Bernesga).
7. ICT platform to promote distance education in rural areas (RB Alto Bernesga + Infocenter, Adesper, Agroinstitut).

Participation of the social partners (stakeholders)

As expected a meeting took place with stakeholders of the province of Leon that will help to the partners Biosphere Reserve High Bernesga and ADESPER. It is expected that each partner will perform in the first six months 6 local informative seminars, explaining the project RURALITY to sign 25 agreements to the project stakeholder (total 175 indirect beneficiaries).

To the following stakeholders that attended the meeting were explained to them the objectives, performances and results expected within the Project ERASMUS + of Professional Training RURALITY:

- Local Action Group Cuatro Valles that are the LEADER group of the area of the High Bernesga Biosphere Reserve. The manager attended.
 - Representing of Cidecot, Collaborating Center of the World Health Organization. Cidecot is dedicated to the sustainable development, investigation, landscape, sustainability, rural development, leonine mountain, public work, spirituality, solidarity, Vadinia project, communitarian health, natural and cultural heritage and works in the Province of León in communitarian development.
 - Representative of Enterprising Orientation that works in the area of the High Bernesga Biosphere Reserve through advising and training to entrepreneurs.
 - Representative of the Pola de Gordón Public School to participate in the training design of RURALITY: "Recognition and validation of a cross competence in rural community development".
 - Representatives of both city councils that compose the High Bernesga Biosphere Reserve: city councils of the Pola de Gordón and Villamanín.
 - Representative of the Association of Bernesga Industrialists with more than 50 industrialists of commerce, agricultural and cattle industries, company services, hostel services, etc....
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16:30 h. Main results expected of the project

RESULTS EXPECTED DURING THE "RURALITY"

- The direct involvement of 175 direct beneficiaries are rural "stakeholder" through 25 accessions of each of the 7 partners.
- Possess a study tool, analysis, research of existing qualifications in Europe to adapt the innovative cross competition that is the aim and outcome of RURALITY Project.
- A cross competition with a complete curriculum as a tool developed, recognized and validated in 6 countries and published in seven languages with structured pilot training course (120 students).
- Creating common learning links between direct beneficiaries, businesses, educational authorities and social partners in rural areas through innovative pedagogical approach based on ALTERNATION OR TRAINING IN DUAL.
- Transversal competence to promote and improve communication between different individuals and groups of the rural population of "bottom up".

EXPECTED RESULTS ONCE COMPLETED PROJECT

- Creating OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES "RURALITY" (REOs) with documents and multimedia material for teaching, learning, assessment and research.
- Allow free use and reuse by other organizations directly or indirectly linked to the rural world.
- The inclusion of the new cross competition in several professional families related directly or indirectly to agricultural or rural professional families.
- Achieve professional certificate "rural community development technician HORIZON 2020" in clear complementarity with the European Skills Passport (Europass).

Tuesday, 1st December:

9:00 h. Program guide explanation

The manager of the High Bernesga Biosphere Reserve, Beni Rodriguez transmitted to the partners of Project RURALITY the most important points of the meeting celebrated in Madrid on the part of ERASMUS+ Spanish Agency with all the approved projects.

She insisted on the necessity to use the Platform VALUE that tries to assure the transparency showing the general public the information of the projects. In addition, it will allow an extensive compilation and diffusion of the results of the activities financed by the programs Erasmus+ and Creative Europe, as well as by previous programs.

The objective is to provide to the public a information tool about the contents that can be excellent and interesting in relation to the projects of the Executive Agency in the audio-visual and cultural educative fields, as well as to indicate some projects considered as "good practices" and "histories of success", so that they serve as source of inspiration for organizations and institutions, as well as data base of projects (summaries of projects, main products and results).

MOVILITY TOOL platform as a web tool developed by the European Commission for collaboration, management and reporting of mobility projects within the Erasmus +, whose main beneficiary organizations users and National Agencies program.

Partners and users of Mobility Tool + will find all the information about the projects they manage, including on the grant agreement signed with the National Agency. They can also update the project information identifying the participants in the mobilities, products etc. and shall complete budget data.

The tool generates reports of individual participants and the intermediate and final reports of the beneficiary's aid; These reports are generated based on mobility data entered by users of Mobility Tool +.

1. 6 days of information training and awareness of (two annual ones to reach the stakeholders of rural areas).
2. To translate to the language of each partner the intellectual products to help the diffusion in the rural areas.
3. Accomplishment of the diffusion of the pilot course of the tested action.
4. The active participation in the writing of 7 intellectual products of the stakeholder that have signed the adhesions the diffusion of the results (25 stakeholders by partner of the project).
5. In the organization the 5 transnational meetings of the project is expected an activity in the specific work plan of diffusion of the obtained results.

10:00 h. Administrative and financial project management

Proposed by Gaziosmanpasa University, the travel expenses for attendance at international meetings have changed.

The High Bernesga Biosphere Reserve coordinator, Beni Rodriguez, briefly explained the content of the agreement signed between the High Bernesga Biosphere Reserve as coordinator of RURALITY Project and SEPIE which was transferred to the Agreement signed between the Coordinator and each of the remaining six members who form part of the Transnational Consortium.

A copy of the Grant Agreement of is enclosed to the partners where appears the General Conditions (Annex II) and the Contractual Conditions (Annex III) that will serve as guide to fulfill the Legal and Administrative Dispositions, as well as with the Contractual and Financial Rules.

- **First payment of pre-financing:** The AN will pay to the coordinator in the 30 following days after the implementation of the Agreement, a first pre-financing payment daily of 197.441,60 EUR, correspondent 80% of the maximum sum of the subvention specified in Article 1.3.1.
 - **Intermediate reports and new pre-financing payments:** Till the 15th of July of 2016, the coordinator will have to complete an intermediate report on the execution of the Project in the Tool of Mobility (Mobility Tool+), if available, which will have information since the beginning of the execution of the Project defined in Article 1.2.2 until the 15th of June of 2016.
 - **Final report and order of balance payment:** In the 60 following days after the finishing date of the Project, the coordinator will have to elaborate a final report on the execution of the Project in the Tool of Mobility and load all the documents in the Platform of Diffusion VALUE as specified in Article 1.10.2.
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12:00 h. Activities calendar and next meeting planning.

Individual reports of the partners are sent to High Bernesga Biosphere Reserve every four months. The intermediate report which is binding and needs to be included in the Platform MOVILITY TOOL will be sent August 31, 2016.

The Partners agreed to hold the next transnational meeting in Florence (Italy) from 3rd to 5th of May 2016.

- 1st transnational Meeting (November 2015) in Alto Bernesga (Leon) to guarantee the adhesions and participation of the stakeholder.
 - 2nd transnational Meeting (June 2016): presentation of the results of the intellectual products O1 and O2 (University of Turkey)
 - 3rd transnational meeting: November 2016 in CORANE (Portugal): diffusion of the results of the products intellectual O3, training modules of the cross-sectional competences for the adhesions of stakeholders (175 altogether)
 - 4th transnational meeting: June 2017 in Florence (Italy) diffusion of the results of the intellectual Product O4, O5 and O6.
 - 5th transnational meeting: May 2018 in Leon (Spain): presentation and diffusion of the results of the intellectual Product O7.
 - Presentation of the TIC platform for the transference of results and sustainability.
 - Approval of the Sustainability Plan and Transference of Results.
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