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Getting Ready for Capital

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The Getting Ready for Capital project entered its second implementation period meeting all expected outcomes as planned. Project team regularly exchanged their contribution and coordinated their activities successfully.

Main outcomes for the period are the project graphic identity and the agreement on the version of the questionnaire to use for the drafting of the country reports for Poland, Bulgaria and Belgium.

Kick Off meeting

The project Kick Off meeting was organised on 26th -27th February 2013 hosted by Regional Development Agency in Bielsko-Biala and took place in a conference room of Hotel Saski in Krakow (Poland).



Kick Off was the first meeting with of the GReaC project team. The meeting followed definition of the base elements for the project and other project planning activities. Meeting introduced the members of the project team and provides the opportunity to discuss the role of each team member. All partners took part in the meeting which was particularly useful to fix some minor issues in terms of organisation, finances and deliverables.

Project activities included in so called "Work Packages" (from 1 to 7) had been deeply analysed during the encounter, as well as some ameliorations to them were proposed.

GReaC Lead Partner, Regional Development Agency in Bielsko-Biała (ARR SA), presented general rules about project implementation and some changes between original proposal and approved version. In particular, ARR SA focused the attention on financial requirements and deadline to respect during project implementation keeping into consideration that all modifications to the original project plan are mainly connected with budget and work plan. In fact, according to the original idea, all activities should have started in November 2012.

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Due to some delay in providing all necessary documentation, GReaC project started on 1st January 2013 and, therefore, all activities started later (postponed by 2 months).

Work Package 2 and 5 leader (Meta Group) followed explaining to all Partners the core actions and goals aiming at a development of a methodology and tools (multilingual questionnaires and face to face interviews sheets) for regional scan and layout of the regional reports crucial to prepare training toolkit according to transferee countries expectation and needs. Within WP5 Meta Group will provide training toolkit and organise training for trainers with the support of Zernike Group.

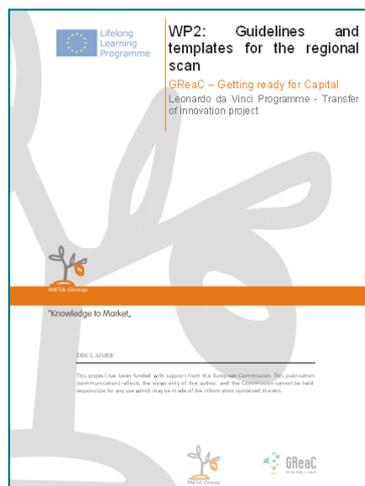
EBN, as a Work Package 7 Leader, while describing strategies and actions aimed at ensuring excellent results in terms of dissemination and visibility, remarked the necessity for all partners to commit themselves in order to ensure appropriate actions meaning to them, both at European and regional level. EBN underlined as well, as main purpose of dissemination, the need to ensure the sustainability of the Investment readiness methodology at regional level, even after the end of GReaC implementation.

The meeting overall met efficiently its goals. No particular problems were evidenced as far as project implementation is concerned and, similarly, no obstacle for the GReaC project in meeting the different deadlines and reaching the planned results have been evidenced.

Cooperation in implementation

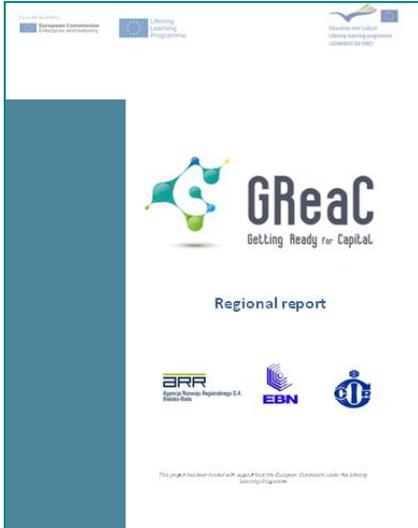
As an result of Kick-off meeting, apart from “realisation process” structure description, another important gained factor was improve of internal partners cooperation, thanks face to face meeting, exchange of knowledge and best practices.

In relation to that, all partners smoothly cooperated during development of project “start-up” activities which was establishing of common methodology and tools for carried out the analysis of the project Partners regions.



The scope of the regional analysis was to identify the actual entrepreneurial profile of the region, its financial system and the institutional framework impacting on both, as well as the existing provision of support services for Entrepreneurs and the perceived and actual mismatch in between training supply offer and entrepreneurs' needs, to be filled by the GReaC project activities. Elaborated initial

methodology & tools including desk research guidelines, field work guidelines and tools, questionnaires in effect allowed Partners to elaborate 3 national reports summarizing the main findings, presenting the local situation and the would be/- entrepreneur's needs.



This final outputs of the regional scans is going be used to customize the project GReaC regional training courses both in terms of programme (target group, contents, delivery methods, ect) and local partnership (organizations to be involved in the delivery phase). In will be possible via common GReaC Partners elaboration of action plan, process and implementation strategy.

This document will be one of the main outputs of the project and firs chance for discuss its contents Partners will have at the upcoming project team meeting which will be held in Amsterdam, Netherlands in the middle of July.