RURAL / ITER LdV TOI Project

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# 1st SIX MONTH REPORT

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The Project has started as planned on November 01, 2012 and the preparation of the Kick Off Meeting has been immediately started.

The KOM has taken place, as planned, in Rome (Italy), at the Headquarters of "Agricoltura é Vita" - CIA, partner of the Project, on the days 22-23 November, with 14 participants representing all Partners, but the COPA-COGEGA. During the Meeting, the Working Packages have been revised and approved, as well as the duties and the time schedule for the whole project and for each Partner. The KOM has been evaluated through an ex post questionnaire, managed by CeSAR, and the outcome has been largely positive.

## ACHIEVEMENTS AND PROBLEMS

### Work package 1, RCVLL Achaia, Management and coordination

The website is under construction and will be made available at latest by next May 15th 2013, to be used by the Partner Agricoltura é Vita during the LINQ (Learning Innovation and Quality) 2013 Conference in Rome at FAO premises, on May 17th 2013. The website will be then analysed together during the next meeting in Vila Real - Portugal, foreseen for May 28th and 29th, 2013.

A Dropbox in internet has been activated, with access reserved only to Partners, to facilitate the exchange of drafts and documents.

The State of the Arts document, titled "Employment opportunities in European Rural Areas", with contribution by all partners, has been finalized in December 2012, as planned. The last version still misses the name of Author (or Editor), the Agency and Town. This needs to be decided during the next meeting in Vila Real.

A very long delay is bing experienced in the transmission of the 1st tranche of financing, from the RCVLL Achaia to the partners. The financial agreement, which had to be approved in Rome during the KOM in November, was not ready. Afterwards, some of thie delay could be attributed to snail mail problems (wrong address) and some to the lack of experience of this partner. At today, April 30, 2013, the funds still have not been accredited to the Partners and this delay has surely affected and jeopardized the smooth implementation of the project.

**Work package 2, Agricoltura è Vita, Training needs analysis**

The first draft of a questionnaire has been submitted by Agricoltura é Vita during the KOM, as basis for discussion, but the Partners have decided to implement the survey through two questionnaires: one addressed to innovative farmers and the other one to "informed parties", i.e. advisors, agricultural experts, researchers, etc.

After several exchanges over internet, the final version of both questionnaires was ready by mid-January 2013, with only a small delay.

The data collection and interviews (50 – 60 people in each country) had to take place in January-February 2013, followed by national Reports elaboration in March, to allow Agricoltura é Vita the final wrap-up in a Summary Report to be discussed and approved in Vila Real, but as at April 30 only Agricoltura é Vita has managed to upload the data, accompanied by a short and insufficient text.

CeSAR has invited Agricoltura é Vita to send a reminder to all Partners, and to stimulate them to conclude this important task.

The absence or the incompleteness of the Training needs analysis might represent a major obstacle for the further evolution of the project. The next WP 3 is actually based on the outcome of WP 2. Without the needs analysis, it is difficult to imagine how to adapt and develop the teaching materials.

**Work package 3, UTAD - Adaptation and development of teaching materials**

Nothing to say: the start month of this Work package will be June 2013 after the Vila Real meeting and the end month has been fixed to June 2014.

UTAD is organizing the 2nd meeting of the project, to be held in Vila Real.

**Work package 4, PASAGES – Pilot testing of the training system**

Nothing to say: the operations of this Work package will begin in January 2014 and will be concluded in April 2014.

**Work package 5, CeSAR – Quality assessment and internal evaluation**

The start month of this Work package was anticipated during the KOM to November 2012, with conclusion in October 2014. The following activities have been performed by CeSAR:

- Elaboration of the Minutes of the KOM
- Evaluation of the KOM through a questionnaire and elaboration of short report
- Elaboration of the Italian Country report for the State of the Art
- Correction of 1st and 2nd Draft of the State of the Arts (with RCVLL Achaia)
- Collaboration with Agricoltura é Vita for the elaboration of the two questionnaires for the training needs analysis, for the design of data analysis, and for the strcture of Country reports
- Collaboration with UTAD for the organization of the 2nd Meeting of Partners.

**Work package 6, CEJA – ToT in Bruxelles**

Nothing to say: during the KOM the start month of this Work package was anticipated to November 2013, with conclusion in April 2014.

**Work package 7, RCVLL – Dissemination and Valorisation**

News about the project was published by Agricoltura é Vita, in its portal and CeSAR has done the same.

More information should be elaborated and sent to the agricultural press, by ALL partners.

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