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3rd SIX MONTH REPORT

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The third semester of the project has been characterized by the progressive development of the activities of the project, whose partners have been actively involved to catch up the delays experienced in the previous two semesters of the Project.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PROBLEMS

Work package 1, RCVLL Achaia, Management and coordination

The overall quality of Management and coordination, as performed by RCVLL Achaia, continues to be generally low, since it did not show a pro-active attitude and lost control of the monitoring of activities. Only in the last weeks we have seen some more presence and activities.

This lack of guidance was close to jeopardize the final outcome of the project and it was only thanks to the efforts of Agricoltura é Vita and of CeSAR that the project received the necessary inputs to stay on the track.

On the other hand, RCVLL Achaia was able to submit the progress report of the project and all necessary documents to the Greek Authority and hopefully the second financial allocation will take place in short time.

Work package 2, Agricoltura è Vita, Training needs analysis

This WP had to be concluded before May 2013, to be discussed during the 2nd Workshop in Portugal on May 28th - 29th 2013, but only Agricoltura é Vita came to Vila Real with the data from the Italian survey.

The other partners submitted their data during the summer and Agricoltura é Vita was able to complete the Transnational Synthesis Report only on August 30th, but on September 30th the final decision about the contents of the training program was not yet taken (See 2nd semester report).

CeSAR consequently expressed its worries about such delay, which was reducing the time available for WP 3, the most important one, by at least two months.

Finally, in October 2013 the decision was taken, with the following contents:

- 1) Self evaluation tool: to be elaborated by CeSAR, including both technical and socioeconomic issues
- 2) Module on farm food processing and direct selling, by PASAGES
- 3) Module on Agrotourism and related multifunctional activity, by Agricoltura è Vita
- 4) Module on biodiversity and organic farming, by UTAD
- 5) Module on Farm use of renewable energy sources, by CeSAR
- 6) Module on CAP updated measures on good agricultural practices, by CeSAR
- 7) Module on Farm management for competitiveness and sustainability, by CeSAR

All Modules have to be accompanied by Case Studies, for a total of 48 Cases: 12 from Greece, 12 from Portugal, 12 from Italy and 12 from Northern countries. They have to be chosen as representative of innovative and successful farmers belonging to the three categories of users: young entrants, women and second chance adult farmers.

The programme will be concluded with a Business Plan Platform, where the user can simulate their hypothesis for innovations.

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

The starting month of this Work package had to be June 30th and the First Template had to be sent by July 15th, with Final Template planned for July 30th, but on September 30 nothing had been yet proposed.

At this point, during the month of October 2013, the partners CeSAR and Agricoltura é Vita have advanced their proposals and suggestions, concerning both the contents of the Modules and the whole training program, including some specimen for the templates and their proposals have been accepted by the other partners.

During the months November 2013 – March 2014, all the partners have shown the correct amount and quality of engagement and the accumulated delay has been largely recuperated.

The English version of the Working Program (Business plan platform excluded) is at today almost ready and will be tested in the next weeks in the partners' countries and in Bruxelles.

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

The operations of this WP had to begin in January 2014 and to be concluded in February 2014, but due to the delays of WP3 the pilot testing of the training system must be rescheduled to May 2014, after the inputs received also through the Training of Trainers to be held next 9-11 April 2014 in Brussels (see WP6 here below).

Work package 5, CeSAR – Quality assessment and internal evaluation

The starting date of this Work package was anticipated to October 01, 2012, with conclusion by September 30th, 2014.

The following activities have been performed by CeSAR during the third semester:

- Power Point Presentation about innovation and training for competitiveness and sustainability, presented by Santucci on October 3rd in Perugia.
- Monitoring of project advancement and follow up of partners
- Revision and quality control of the contributions of the partners
- Elaboration of this progress report

Work package 6, CEJA – Training of Trainers in Brussels

During the 2nd Meeting in Vila Real, the starting month of this Work package was anticipated to October 2013, with conclusion in April 2014.

CEJA has shown a high level of commitment and professionalism, by beginning the organization of the 3rd Workshop and ToT, scheduled for April 2014 well in advance. As at today, it seems that all organizational details have been taken into consideration and it is very likely that both events will take place as planned and will bring useful results to be incorporated into the training program for the last semester of the project.

Work package 7, RCVLL – Dissemination and Valorisation

During the Vila Real meeting, Mr. THEODORATOS had illustrated to the Partners the website (<http://www.ruraliter.eu>) with all its different parts. This was slightly in delay, because the original deadline had been established on May 15. On September 30th, the website was still activated only in English, but during the months of November and December 2013, included in this 3rd Semester of the Project, the Portuguese, Greek and Italian versions have been uploaded.

A leaflet in English has been elaborated and can be downloaded from the website (<http://www.ruraliter.eu/images/files/leaflet-ruraliter.pdf>)

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

The partner CeSAR had a Power Point Presentation about innovation and training for competitiveness and sustainability, presented by Santucci on October 3rd 2013 in Perugia during an international meeting.
