

INTERREG V-A COOPERATION PROGRAMME GREECE – BULGARIA 2014 – 2020 Reinforcing Protected Areas Capacity through an Innovative Methodology for Sustainability – BIO2CARE –

Minutes of 2nd Project Steering Committee Meeting

30-31 October 2018, Venue: Xenia Elisso Hotel, Xanthi Greece

The 2nd Project Steering Committee Meeting of the Project "BIO2CARE" took place in the Xenia Elisso Hotel in Xanthi, Greece on 30-31 of October 2018. In total, 15 participants representing all 8 Project Beneficiaries (PBs) participated in the meeting.

The meeting started on Tuesday 30 of November (1st day). Professor George Gaidajis, project manager of BIO2CARE, welcomed the participants and highlighted the significance of the project.

Then, Dr. Georgios Gaidajis, gave a speech regarding the completed actions during the six months period from the 1st PSC meeting until now, as well as the expected results for the near future. Dr. Gaidajis mentioned, once again, that BIO2CARE combines different scientific fields and produces a wide range of deliverables that can be utilized by various agents increasing the added value of the project. He then proceeded with the presentation of Work Package 1, its timeline and respective deliverables. Issues discussed included (a) the time and place of the 3rd PSC meeting, (b) the 3rd progress report, and (c) the initiation of the procedures for the evaluation of the project.

Following Dr. Gaidajis' presentation, Mrs. Simana Markovska, representative of PB9, Pirin Tourism Forum (Responsible partner for Work Package 2), proceeded with the presentation of Work Package 2, its timeline and respective deliverables. Issues discussed included, (a) the compilation of the final version of the Communication Plan, (b) the compilation of the first and second newsletter of the project, (c) the finalization of relevant promo material, (d) the update of BIO2CARE website, (e) the initiation of BIO2CARE social media campaign and (f) the participation in the first external event, as well as possible future events.





After a quick break, Dr. Komninos Angelakoglou and Mr. Ilias Kakanis, senior researchers/representatives from LB presented a more detailed description of Work Package 3, its timeline and respective deliverables and led a discussion. Issues discussed included (a) fine tuning of Deliverables 3.1 and 3.2 before final submission, (b) tasks and specific contents for Deliverables 3.3 and 3.4.

Following the presentation of WP3, Dr. George Gaidajis concluded the first day of the meeting by summarizing key points discussed for every Work Package.

During the 2nd day of the meeting (31 October 2018), Prof. Maria Michalopoulou Vice-Rector of Democritus University of Thrace, welcomed the participants once again, thanking them for their presence, while whishing a fruitful collaboration. Shortly after, the Project Activity Planning (Part B) continued, including a description of the Work Package 4. Mr. Miroslav Ivanov, representative of PB8 (South-west University Neofit Rilski – Responsible Partner of WP4), proceeded with the presentation of WP4, presenting its timeline and respective deliverables and leading a discussion. Issues discussed included (a) the progress of Deliverable 4.2, (b) the initiation of works for the Visitor Centre, (c) the state of Deliverable 4.4, and (d) the contents and progress of Deliverable 4.5.

Since, operations for WP5 has just started, it was mutually decided that the representative of PB7 (Rila National Park, Responsible Partner of WP5), did not need to present an overview of WP5. In the end of the session, Dr. Angelakoglou and Mr. Kakanis had the opportunity to present the final remarks and conclusions of the meeting.

Overall, the 2nd PSC meeting was very successful and all partners gained a clearer picture of their obligations and the objectives of the BIO2CARE project, in order to move forward with a fruitful co-operation.

Based on the discussions during the meeting the Project Steering Committee decided that:

- The next Project Steering Committee meeting will be held in Bulgaria, between 15/4/19 19/4/19.
- All the necessary actions for the successful submission of the 3rd progress report, will be completed until the end of December.
- All PBs will ensure that by the end of the year the total verified expenditures of the project will be around 25% of the total budget.





- LB will initiate the procedures for the evaluation of the project in due time.
- The Communication Plan must be completed in due time.
- The first project newsletter will be completed within November, while the 2nd until the end of January 2019.
- BIO2CARE social media campaign will begin in due time.
- Every partner is responsible for providing content for the successful operation of the BIO2CARE website and social media campaign. Content that is to be uploaded on the website, includes: (a) static texts introducing the project for this, a working doc will be circulated by PB5 in order for all partners to contribute in finalizing these texts in all 3 languages, (b) content steaming from the social media campaign running in parallel, (c) content from the upcoming 4 newsletters, (d), content from the progress reports, (e) individual news, events and other announcements from each partner. The creator of these types of inputs shall sent their content to PB5 in order to be uploaded on the site (contact person: Alexandros Mourouzis).
- LB will provide the final versions of Deliverables 3.1 and 3.2.
- LB will provide relevant information for Deliverables 3.3 and 3.4 to all the partners involved.
- PB7 will update every PB within a month, regarding the state of the two smart applications
- LB will provide the contents of Deliverable 4.5 in due time.

On behalf of the LB Dr. Georgios Gaidajis

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ANNEX 1 – 2nd Project Steering Committee Agenda

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Provisional Agenda-Kick Off Meeting, 30-31 October 2018, Venue: Xenia Elisso Hotel, Xanthi, Greece

Time	Task	Responsible				
Tuesday 30	/10					
08:30 - 09:00	Registration					
09:00 - 10:00	Coffee					
and respective d done so far, curr deliverables and	10:00 – 15:30, Project Activity Planning - Part A Each WP Leader will present a more detailed description of the Work Packages, timeline and respective deliverables and lead a discussion. Issues to be discussed include the work done so far, current and future responsibilities by all partners, analytical description of deliverables and deadlines etc. Every PB participating in the WP must be ready to present the progress achieved so far (e.g. experts assigned, tasks accomplished, problems etc.)					
10:00 - 10:30	Work Package 1: Project Management & Coordination - Progress - Future goals and activities - Discussion and problem solving	Georgios GAIDAJIS (DUTH)				
	Work Package 2: Communication & Dissemination - Progress - Future goals and activities - Discussion and problem solving	Simana Markovska (PTF)				
12:00 - 12:30						
12:30 - 14:00	Work Package 3: Integrated Management – Decision Support System - Progress - Future goals and activities - Discussion and problem solving	Komninos ANGELAKOGLOU & Ilias KAKANIS (DUTH)				
14:00 - 15:00	Summary – Closing remarks of 1 st day	George Gaidajis (DUTH)				
	20:00 – 22:00, Dinner at Elisso Xenia Hotel					
Wednesday	31/10					
9:00 - 9:30	Registration	[]				
	9:30 – 12:00, Project Activity Planning	– Part B				
09:30 - 09:45	Welcome Messages by: - Representative of Democritus					





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	University of Thrace (Vice-Rector)			
	Work Package 4: Mitigating illegal activities and promoting protected areas Sustainable Development: Circular Economy and Green Entrepreneurship - Future goals and activities - Discussion and problem solving	WP4 Leader (SWU)		
	5 5	Komninos ANGELAKOGLOU & Ilias KAKANIS (DUTH)		
12:00 Coffee/Departure				

ANNEX 2 – Photographic Documentation















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