



HUNTING FEDERATION OF
MACEDONIA AND THRACE

Lead Beneficiary 1st project meeting minutes – CEA

Location: Municipal Administration Hall, Sokratous7, Kato Nevrokopi, Greece

Date: 09.02.2018

Time: 10:30 – 14:00

Participants: The legal representatives of the project partners, contact persons, administrators and financial officers from the beneficiaries

The Hunting Federation of Macedonia and Thrace organized the 1st project meeting within the approved project "Certified Environmental Actors - CEA", supported by Cooperation Programme "INTERREG V-A Greece-Bulgaria" 2014 - 2020. The 1st project meeting was hosted in the PB3 in the Municipal Administration Hall, Sokratous7, Kato Nevrokopi, Greece on Tuesday 09/02/2018. The 1st project started at 10:30 and ended at 14:00.

Initially, Mr Papadopoulos Konstantinos, Project Manager of the Hunting Federation of Macedonia & Thrace opened the 1st project meeting presenting the partnership agreement of the project "CEA" and coordinating the general discussion. After that, Mr Polychronis Ioannis, President of Hunting Federation of Macedonia & Thrace welcomed project beneficiaries' legal representatives and presented the project's overview and general information of the project "CEA". Moreover, all project partners' representatives made a brief greeting and expressed their desire to implement the project.

Following the project partners' speeches, Mr Kyriakos Fotiadis, coordinator of Joint Secretariat, referred to technical issues of project's implementation as well as the significant role of environment in project. In addition, Mrs Georgieva Galina, Project officer of the project, urged the project beneficiaries to ask her or the Joint Secretariat for any help regarding future issues.

Mr Papadopoulos, presented project's scope, objectives, common deliverables, actions, expected results and target groups. He mentioned that the main objective of the project is to protect and conserve biodiversity and ecosystem by training, motivating and activating environmental actors, which will allow the active participation of them in environmental and biodiversity protection and ecosystem promotion. The idea is to certify, educate and develop skills (wildlife identification, survival skills, etc) to environmental actors (hunters, rescuers,

general public etc) though certification thematic courses combining theoretical and practical training with available infrastructure. In this way, the "Environmental Actors" such as hunters, forest rangers etc. will receive the necessary education and skills in order to contribute to the biodiversity protection in the cross border area. The idea is to provide appropriate education to each group of environmental actors regarding its thematic specialty aided by augmented reality software in Educational and Certification Centers (theoretical training) and develop skills in the common cross-border Environmental Actors Training Field (practical training) useful to contribute to the protection of natural cross border assets. At the end, he mentioned that it is expected that project's publicity and communication plan will focus on changing the existing national and regional policies towards a model that will rely on education, training and raising awareness.

All project partners discussed and analyzed the common deliverables, actions and infrastructure. More specifically, partners focused on the common software (augmented reality software which will be used by both countries) and its technical details and specifications which are necessary for its development.

Furthermore, Mr Papadopoulos analyzed the timetable of the project and each deliverable. At the same time, Greek partners discussed with Mr Fotiadis a technical problem which arose regarding the tender procedure and the needed competition committees for the evaluation of the tenders which be submitted for infrastructure works. Mr Fotiadis proposed a solution which will be followed by Greek partners in order to overcome the above problem.

Finally, Mr Papadopoulos referred to the amendment request that Hunting Federation of Macedonia & Thrace would like to submit in the following days. Moreover, he pointed out that the project includes many project meeting which need to be reduced. Project partners discussed the actions that will be implemented from the Project Partners in the next 6 months and proposed the events' schedule for the whole project.

At the end of the project, Mr Georgieva asked the cash flows for Greek and Bulgarian partners and explained how they can ask money for their payments. She mentioned that the project partners should meet the necessary obligations that they should cover during the 1st year of project implementation.

Minutes submitted by
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