

3. NEWADA NEWSLETTER

General information from the SEE programme

The LP received the Subsidy Contract and forwarded a copy of it to the project partners. A LP training event took place in order to explain how to use the web based reporting tool. Furthermore the SEE annual event took place in Sarajevo on October 14-15 2009.

The IPA Status has also changed. Plovput was able to get the contract signed, hence their expenditures are eligible. Our second IPA partners – APP has not received its contract so far. Within autumn some steps could be taken into the right direction but the contracting procedures are more complicated than expected.

Reporting issues

As already reported within the last newsletter the SEE programme defined the following reporting procedure:

- Each PP has to prepare a partner report (*see Annex 4 of the Control Guidelines*).
- This report has to be delivered to the FLC and the LP
- The FLC body checks and approves the report as well as the expenditures

None of our project partners had a problem of drafting the partner report. In some cases the national deadlines were so strict that not all of costs could be handed in.

Once the report has been finalised it had to be sent to the First Level control body (FLC), where the costs had to be approved. In some countries we had to experience some delay with the certification of costs mainly because of the fact that the control bodies had to get used to check the projects. As soon as the project partner received their certification it had to be sent to the LP together with the final partner report.

It was the task of the LP to compile a Progress Report out of all partner reports. The deadline for the electronic submission was December 1st 2009. A main issue of this report is always the spending forecast, which outlines which amount of money the project has to spend within a project period. For the first period we promised to spend 143.481 EUR. In reality we claimed 139.614,88 EUR for the first period, which is a perfect match. It can be expected that the money will be reimbursed until April 2010.

Achievements and next steps

The document “Description of Work” was finalised and is now available on the NEWADA intranet (intranet.newada.eu), which has also been launched since September. All project members have received a username and a password. The intranet is the main information portal of the project. You will find all necessary information like contact details, calendar and relevant documents there. A user guide was created which will help to get to know the intranet platform. Furthermore RSOE was able to launch the NEWADA website (www.newada.eu). The communication handbook as well as the dissemination plan can now be downloaded on the intranet in final version.

In the meanwhile a project brochure has been designed which will be printed until the end of the year. This brochure shall be presented at the BoD meeting in December. The DISC was organised in Linz from October 28-29 2009, where nearly 60 experts participated. NEWADA activities and objectives were presented there. Until

the end of the year all project partners are asked to have a project information on the website of their own companies.

In the run of an EU-funded project PR articles have to be produced. RSOE – as work package leader – coordinated this activity and come to the following agreement with the project partners.

Project partner	PR item
via donau	table flags (SEE, EU, NEWADA)
SVP	T-shirts
RSOE	vignettes, posters, roll-up design
Vituki	calendars
VKKI	roll-ups
CAN	umbrellas
AFDJ	notepad and pens
EAEMDR	mousepads, keyholders

In WP 3 the draft version for the status quo report on hydrological and hydrographical activities had to be delivered. In addition a meeting took place where draft versions of the reports have been presented. Furthermore, necessary amendments for the final version were discussed and agreed. The final report shall be delivered until end of November.

Within WP 4 the draft versions for waterway maintenance had to be delivered. The coordination meeting will take place on December 7th 2009.. The final version of the report has to be delivered until February 2010.

Within Act. 5.1, 5.2 and 5.3 the draft version of status quo reports had to be prepared as well and as a next step their finalisation is planned. A meeting regarding Act. 5.3 issues took place in Regensburg at the beginning of September. An additional meeting was prepared for Act. 5.5 (WLAN) at the beginning of October.

For Act. 6.1 a template regarding the status quo for waterway maintenance was prepared. The reports will be presented in the run of the BoD meeting which will take place in Budapest on December 10, 2009. The day after, the first Advisory Council meeting will be organised. Within Act. 6.3 efforts were started to launch the expert exchange programme.

Next Meetings

A WPL meeting will be organised in Budapest on December 9th 2009. The next days a BoD meeting (Dec. 10) as well as an Advisory Council meeting (Dec. 11) will take place. Detailed information has already been distributed.

Currently there are plans to have an Act. 5.2 (ENC) meeting on February 8th 2010 in Austria. Detailed information will be sent out by the Activity leader.

The next status meeting will be organised in Austria on February 9th 2010 prior to the GIS Forum Danube meeting.

Another WPL meeting was scheduled for March 16, 2010 in Bratislava.