



ERASMUS+ PROJECT COORDINATION MEETING 27th - 28th October 2016

PROTOCOL

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TOP 1

Update on the project development:

Update on the situation with the Partnership Agreement

After a short introductory round RR explains the ongoing problems with the Partnership Agreement.

All partners except the Dutch have signed.

This needs to be resolved as soon as possible as the Russian/Kazakh partners require the formal contract for their banks in order to receive the grant money. This means there is now a delay of one year which has put all partners under immense financial strain, in particular the Russian/Kazakh partners as they are not able to rebook e.g. salaries retrospectively.

HE explains the difficulties in Holland, amongst others a change of Rector/Dean at the University. A solution is suggested involving the Master class due to be organised by the Dutch (WP 3), which everyone agrees to and which HE will put to Prof. Smits and the Dean in Nijmegen, with the aim of a signature within the next 2 weeks.

The Master class is planned for November 2017 so the work plan will be adjusted accordingly.

EW highlights the role of Bodensee Wasserversorgung and GT mentions the importance of buildings links with enterprises not involved in the project in a supportive and advisory role.

There is general discussion about budget, work packages und role distribution, RR emphasises that the project needs to fulfil its overall aim and management practices need to be in order.



TOP 2

Report on the official monitoring of the project in Tomsk

EW talks through the findings of the field monitoring in Tomsk sent by Paivi Hernesniemi on 2nd August 2016.

Dissemination needs improvement, all partners are reminded to send any relevant information to AKP to be posted on the official project homepage (<http://treasure-water.eu/>). Partner universities are free to install their own project homepage, those who have already done so should send the URL to AKP to be posted on the official project homepage.

GT mentions that the EU now has a different monitoring system (after TEMPUS). Every project is now monitored 3 times.
General conclusion to date: pleased with outcome, not happy with management.

TOP 3

Summary of the project development at the PC Institutions in Russia and Kazakhstan

GT gives a general overview of the project and explains the work packages. There is a list of modules already being taught at PC Universities. The aim is to establish a catalogue which could be placed on the e-learning platform. Deadlines: 1st year - needs analysis, 2nd year, training staff. e-learning platform functional at end of 2nd year is realistic.

For the record: GT is Project Coordinator Partner Countries (Russian Federation), RB is Project Coordinator Partner Countries (Kazakhstan).

Various meetings have taken place.
WP 1: Interdisciplinary Working Groups formalised in Partner Countries.
WP 2: complete to some extent
WP 3: not feasible at present as equipment cannot be financed without payment of grant money

RB gives a detailed overview of the activities already undertaken by the Kazakh partners.

A discussion ensues on the implementation of modules. Demands from Russian and Kazakh partners need to be conveyed to EU partners in order to develop MSc course. Final list will be sent by GT, deadline end of November 2016. Aim is to develop curricula by Sep 2017, EP states she requires approx. 6 months for this task.

TOP 4

Conclusions and follow-up activities

GT goes through the various mobilities that are planned.
WP 1: Kick off meeting, has already taken place in Tyumen.

WP 2: Working meeting in Barnaul planned between Russian and Kazakh partners before March 2017, provisional date 20th February 2017 is agreed on.

Addendum GT: Proposed dates for workshop in Tomsk 27 February - 4 March 2017 (to summarize WP2 and EU partners to make input in terms of their experience and expertise)



Working meetings March/April 2018 in Astana (+ all EU partners)

WP 3: (April - Nov. 2017)

Nijmegen - Nov. 2017

Thessaloniki - PC plus EU + ALU

Wolverhampton – non-EU staff

Addendum JK: w/c 26 June 2017 and w/c 03 July 2017

Athens – non-EU staff (April 2018) (tbc)

WP 4:

3 day seminars within PC summarising stays in EU countries

5 day training seminar e-learning in Tomsk (+ all EU partners), June 2018 (tbc)

Mobility in Freiburg, moved to Thessaloniki in May 2017 (tbc)

2 week seminar lifelong learning Black Sea coast TSU, end of project

WP6: Tyumen (+ EU partners)

It was agreed upon that mobilities in EU countries would be primarily paid by the country in which mobility takes place and then reimbursed by Freiburg.

TOP 5

Matters arising

Intermediary Report is due in April 2017.

RR will send protocol to Paivi Hernesniemi and ask to postpone intermediary report by 6 months.

Bodensee Wasserversorgung will get a new CEO in November 2016, RR will be in touch with regards to further planning.

Further meetings could be held via Skype.

(Please enter Skype name!)

The importance of supporting documents was briefly discussed.

AKP will send a mail with all relevant links with regards to current staff costs, travel costs, costs of stay and timesheet forms, and the project guidelines.