

COOPERATION PROGRAMME INTERREG V-A GREECE - BULGARIA 2014-2020

**“THE HEALTHY MUNICIPALITY”
TRANSNATIONAL MEETING**

AGENDA

Monday, 3rd of February 2020
Momchilgrad, Bulgaria

10:30 - 11:00	Registration
11:00 - 11:15	Welcome Speech by the Mayor of Momchilgrad, Ms. IlknurKyazim
11:15 - 11:30	Presentation about the municipality of Momchilgrad
11:30 - 12:00	Review of the project progress /Key Points/
12:00 - 12:15	Coffee Break
12:15 -13:30	Analysis of WP1/Management & Coordination/ Analysis of WP2/Communication and Dissemination/ Analysis of WP3/Stocktaking/
13:30-14:00	Lunch Break
14:00-15:30	Analysis of WP4/Developing Tools - EWS/ Analysis of WP5/Designing Local Prevention Policies&PT Analysis of WP6/Evaluation and Mainstreaming/
15:30 - 15:45	Coffee Break
15:45-16:00	Project Steering Committee/Sum-up & Conclusions/
16:00	Closing of the Meeting

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LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

Body / Beneficiary	Participant
LB: Regional Development Agency of Rodopi	Vasilki Athanasiadou
PB3: Municipality of Arriana	Spyridon Arseniou Eleni Fotiadou Georgia Kontogianni Ioannis Chatzivasilou
PB4: Municipality of Iasmos	MouminOter Bouka Christina
PB5: Agency for Transnational Training and Development - Transcoop	Athanassios Karamoschos DespinaKaramitopoulou
PB6 Regional Health Inspectorate - Haskovo	Teodora Pehlivanova Teodora Hristozova
PB7 Association of Rhodope Municipalities	ZlatkaNikolova
PB8 Municipality of Krumovgrad	Leyla Karaibryam IvayloMitkov AsenHadzhiev
PB9 Municipality of Momchilgrad	Sevdalin Ognyanov Gyusyum Nurtin NebahatYusein AzhdaFerad
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MINUTES

On Monday 3rd of February 2020, the Municipality of Momchilgrad hosted the 5th Transnational meeting and the Project Steering Committee (PSC) of the Project: “Policies for Enhancing Access to Health Services in Deprived Areas” (acronym: ‘THE HEALTHY MUNICIPALITY’). Meeting venue: Municipal Council Hall, Duration: from 10.30 to 16.00, Participants: 20.

Starting with a welcoming speech, Mr. Sevdalin Ognyanov - Project manager of the PB9 - expressed his sincere pleasure to meet the project representatives and passed the floor to the mayor of the Municipality of Momchilgrad, IlknurKyazim who also welcomed the participants to Momchilgrad Municipality. She underlined the importance of the presence of representatives by all the beneficiaries and wished for a useful meeting. The mayor of Krumovgrad was also present at the meeting. She heartily thanked the experts working on the project and also underlined that this project eliminated the shortcomings of the hospitals. Mr. Ognyanov then gave the word to the Mayor of Iasmos, Moumin Onter. He congratulated all the participants and noted that they would work hard for the progress of the project. And added that once the project is completed, we can partner on other programs and projects.

Right after that, Mrs. Gyusyum Nurtin made a short presentation about Municipality of Momchilgrad, by focusing in the History, Geographical characteristic and the potential for tourism development. The purpose of this presentation was to share with the PBs an overview of the main characteristic of the area.

Mr. Athanassios Kamoschos, Director of the “Agency for Transnational Training and Development”-“TRANSCOOP S.A.” (PB5), took the floor and analysed in detail the activities of WP1: “Project Management & Coordination”, for which there were not comments, remarks or spotted deviations. Mr. Kamoschos emphasized the importance of the project, which is expected to become a flagship project, as it designs and tests on the ground local prevention policies, a policy objective of the state which could not be reached so far. With regard to the project deliverables they can be viewed by the PBs on the management portal of the project (Del. 1.3) developed by the LB.

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He continued with the WP2: “Communication & Dissemination”. With reference to the communication material the two flyers, as prepared by the responsible PBs were presented. Brochures and USB sticks will be prepared after initiation of the pilot actions, so as to include and disseminate a significant project achievement. As far as the local information seminars are concerned, Mrs. Gyusyum Nurtin by the PB9 informed the experts that the local information seminar was successfully hosted in Momchilgrad Municipality on February 2019.

As far as the progress of WP3 is concerned: “Stocktaking” the representative of PB5 mentioned that activities 3.1 and 3.2 have already been completed in both countries. He requested updates by the PBs and specifically the local authorities of the participating countries which are foreseen to implement the primary medical exams.

Referring to Del. 4.4 (supply of equipment) initially Mr. Arseniou, on behalf of PB3 - Municipality of Arriana, pointed out that last week the total quantity of the equipment was delivered by the contractor, while the open tender for the external services (Del. 3.3) has been approved by the MA in regard to the pre-contractual control and is expected to be launched in the very next days. Rest of the representatives by PB3 informed the JS that the foreseen publicity period for an open tender under the Greek Legislation (L.4412) is fifteen (15) days and thus it is not going to cause further significant delays. Mrs. Christina Bouka on behalf of PB4 - Municipality of Iasmos also replied that PB4 has a contractor for the equipment (expected to sign immediately after the economic committee decision of the Municipality) while the documentation of the open tender has also been approved by the MA and is also expected to be launched the very next days.

On the other hand, Municipalities coming from Bulgaria and more specifically PB8 - Municipality of Krumovgrad and PB9 - Municipality of Momchilgrad informed the partnership that they have implemented the activities linked to the blood examination and are proceeding with the analysis of the results in order to provide them to the beneficiaries which are responsible for conducting the morbidity map. In this context a screenshot of the platform for the morbidity maps of the project area and with the elaborated statistical and socioeconomic data with respective diagrams, as developed by the LB (Del. 3.5), was presented. The platform is planned to be enriched with further data from the partners until the end of the project, so as to become a useful planning tool for the partners and the health authorities in the project area.

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At that moment, Mrs. Dinkova by the JS asked for clarifications regarding the interconnectivity of the activities and pointed out the impact of the delays of specific deliverables to other beneficiaries, an aspect on which the beneficiaries agreed. More specifically, the reasons for certain delays were explained while at the same time estimations about the time frame needed in order to catch-up with the project timetable were made. Both representatives of the JS expressed their worries about the sound implementation of the pending activities and also highlighted the importance of the project for the wider targeted area as a motivation for the PBs to achieve the expected results.

A short break followed, during which the participants had the chance to communicate in a non-formal way about the priorities of each beneficiary, also to share ideas and recommendations.

The meeting continued with the WP4 “Developing Tools - Early Warning System” for the Effective management of the health information and effective response of the health services where the representatives of the involved PBs took the floor in order to give an overview of the status of the progress. PB 6 has completed the development of the Data Base for the two BG Municipalities and of the digital patient card, as discussed in the last SC meeting. A similar digital card has been also designed for the two Greek municipalities and remains to be digitized.

After that, the meeting moved on with the WP5: “Designing Local Prevention Policy and Pilot Testing” (the overall responsible is PB6 which is in close cooperation with PB2, PB5 and PB7 for the proper implementation of the actions). Mr. Karamoschos outlined that the particular WP cannot be accomplished as the data from the medical exams are missing. However on the hand of the Dels. 3.1 and 3.2 the morbidity in the project areas can be approached, the policy plans can be drafted and as soon as the results from the medical exams will be available, policy plans can be finalized. Latter should be envisaged by the responsible partners so as to save time and catch up with the delays.

As far as the WP6 “Evaluation and Mainstreaming” is concerned it was commonly agreed that is indeed early to examine the progress of the actions since previous actions (on which the specific WP is based) are not yet implemented. However, a brief review was made in order to check the foreseen activities and deliverables. In this context, an open discussion about the Cross-Border Lab was held when Mrs.

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Dinkova requested to be informed about the key-elements of the specific activity. Activity 6.4 (Cross Border Lab) is planned to support the sustainability of the project results. A network, where issues regarding the efficient implementation and the enrichment of the designed/ field tested primary health policies will be examined and the results wider disseminated is expected to help to maintaining the developed policies and to contribute to their improvement.

Before the closure of the PSC meeting a discussion was held about potential further extension of the project lifecycle as well as about the possibility of financing further activities so as to capitalize the outputs of the project. Almost all beneficiaries expressed their view on this matter, while the JS representatives asked the PBs to speed up for the foreseen deadlines in order - right after that - to think about potential extensions of the physical object of the project.