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Technical Implementation Report

Dear Mr Orovic,

We would like to inform you and your project partners that we have carried out the assessment of your Technical Implementation Report submitted on 14 April 2019 and we are pleased to inform you that it has been approved.

Our assessment looks at the partnership's performance as regards the efficient implementation of the project. It takes into account the Technical Implementation Report but also the desk monitoring conducted by the EACEA since the start of the eligibility period and, where applicable, the field monitoring visits carried out so far. The project implementation should not only respect the CBHE requirements but it should also be in line with the original proposal included under Annex I of the Grant Agreement.

In this context and in accordance with the Grant Agreement and with the Guidelines for the Use of the Grant, your project implementation has been qualified as **GOOD** (please refer to the Categories of qualification below). The Comments and recommendations sheet in Annex of the letter provides more detailed feedback.

In addition, we remind you that your project is now online on the [Erasmus+ Project Results Platform](#), so as to ensure transparency and visibility of EU funding. We invite you to update your project data and to upload your project results. Please note though that these results will become publicly available only after the validation of your final report by the Agency.

Finally, we would like to thank you for your "Statement on the use of the previous pre-financing instalment and Request for Payment" received on 14 April 2019. As highlighted in our previous correspondence, the payment has been already processed.

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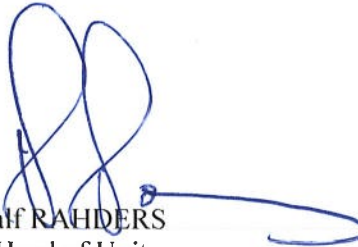
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Please note that the eligibility of the costs incurred (excel file) will only be verified at Final Report stage (art. II.24 and II.25 of the Grant Agreement). Therefore this feedback letter does not imply the approval of the costs declared in this reporting exercise.

Should you require any further information, please contact Giulia Moro (Tel: +32 2 29 56851, e-mail: Giuli.Moro@ec.europa.eu). We also encourage you to regularly consult our Erasmus+ website https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/beneficiaries-space_en.

We wish you a successful continuation of your activities.

Yours sincerely,



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Annex: Comments and recommendations

Categories of qualification:

Very good (at least 75 pts out of 100): the project is implemented in accordance with its original work programme and timetable; the report provides all the information and evidence needed and there are no particular concerns or areas of weakness.

Good (between 74 and 60 pts out of 100): the project progresses in accordance with its original work programme and timetable but some improvements could be made; the report gives clear information on all or nearly all of the evidence needed.

Fair (between 59 and 50 pts): there are weaknesses and concerns in the project implementation; although the report gives some relevant information, details are lacking and/or the information is unclear; there are several areas in the implementation that must be improved during the second half of the project.

Weak (less than 50 pts out of 100): the project is not respecting its original work plan/timetable and/or is not fulfilling the CBHE requirements; the report fails to address important aspects of the project implementation that cannot be judged due to missing or incomplete information; in accordance with article I.10.6 of the Grant Agreement and section 3.5.2.2 of the Guidelines for the Use of the Grant, the maximum grant will be reduced at final report stage if no substantial improvements are observed during the second half of the project.



Project Implementation Report

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Project Number: **585833**

Project Title: **NEXT DESTINATION BALKANS: AGRITOURISM
LANDSCAPES DEVELOPMENT - LANDS**

Coordinating Institution: **Visoka Poljoprivredno-Prehrambena Skola Strukovnih
Studija Prokuplje**

The project seems to be implemented according to the original work plan. The first work packages have been concluded.

We would like to highlight the importance of direct involvement of the non academic partners in the project activities. Given the nature of the project, their participation and contribution is a key success factor.

Equipment purchase has started but not yet concluded at all higher education institutions. We would like to recommend giving priority to this activity in view to install the equipment items and make them available for students, trainers and end users.

The project web site seems to be user friendly and with a variety of pages and sections relevant for the dissemination and the visibility of the project to the general public. It looks complete and enriched with nice pictures in line with the topic of the project (Agritourism landscape). However, while in the intermediate report comprehensive description is given concerning the project activities and work packages already developed, the corresponding outputs/deliverables on the project web site are empty. As it has been highlighted in the latest correspondence with the project coordinator, the following documents have to be updated and uploaded on the project website as soon as possible.

Please find below the list of those documents:

- Implementation and financial management manual
- Progress report 2019
- Report on recommendations on agritourism 2018
- Report on training needs on agritourism 2018
- Report on agritourism developmental potential 2018 and
- Report on agritourism stakeholders 2018

Inconsistency is found in relation to the Quality Assurance Manual. The document attached to the Intermediate report is composed by 8 pages while the document published on the web site is of 15 pages and looks much more complete: it included internal and external quality aspects related to products and processes; quality assurance instruments (evaluations forms) seem to be well structured.

Taking into consideration the nature of the project we appreciate that an external evaluation has



been planned (act.5.5). We strongly suggest, while elaborating the terms of reference to contract the external evaluator(s) to include the evaluation of the content of the courses developed in the framework of the LANDS project and, in case of recommendations from the external evaluator(s) please consider a revision of the content in line with those recommendations.

In relation to the development and implementation of the new courses and guaranteeing the sustainability of those, we strongly recommend to start as soon as possible the relevant procedures linked to the accreditation. Serbia and Bosnia Herzegovina do not share the same legislation in terms of accreditation and a timely initiation of the administrative procedure might avoid generating delays.

We took note of the management organisation and arrangements. It is good that each partner is equally involved in project responsibilities and that special guidance is given to less experienced partners. It is good to share the same information in terms of financial and project management through a specific Project Finance Management and Implementation manual made available for all partners on the project web site.

We read with pleasure about the intensity and variety of dissemination activities, in particular we appreciate the extensive use of local media to disseminate the realisation of activities and related results. We would like to raise your attention to the relevant dissemination and promotion means to reach the students. Their interest and enrolment in the courses is certainly an indicator of success and impact of results.

The constant involvement of local stakeholders in every project activity will certainly pave the way to the long term sustainability of the results.

All the above was confirmed by the Field monitoring visit held in Bosnia Herzegovina on 17 April 2019 by colleagues from the National Erasmus+ Office.

We would like to thank all representatives for the time they devoted to the discussions and for having provided updated information on the progress that is being made towards the achievement of the project objectives.