

Kickoff Meeting 20-02-2018 MOSES

The KoM of MOSES project is held on February 20th by the premises of the Port Authority of Ravenna thanks to the organization of PP3-ITL and with the participation of the whole partnership:

- LP – FVG Region (Mr. Massimiliano Angelotti, Mrs. Irene Cermeli)
- PP1 - Primorje Gorski Kotar County (Mr. Sanisa Rajacic, Mr. Vedran Brajdic)
- PP2 – Molise Region (Mr. Angelo Primiani, Mrs. Miriam Panichella)
- PP3 – ITL (Mr. Andrea Bardi, Mr. Giuseppe Luppino, Mrs. Claudia Sciommeri, Mr. Denis Grasso)
- PP4 - Region of Istria (Mrs. Sanja Labinjan)

Mr. Massimiliano Angelotti as LP of MOSES projects welcomes all present partners and declares the work session of the kick-off meeting opened.

The first working step is about the overview on the main project goal which sees the improvement of maritime and multimodal transport services between Italy and Croatia through the capitalization of the results of EA SEA-WAY project towards sustainable cross-border connections. The LP then presents shortly the pilot activities in MOSES:

- Pilot action for maritime fast-line transport services for passengers between Trieste, Istria (Pula/Rovinj) and Mali Lošinj/Susak improving services for passengers and light infrastructures in the ports of Mali Lošinj and Susak;
- Feasibility study for the reactivation of a clean fuel powered maritime transport service between Termoli and Dubrovnik/Ploče;
- Pilot flexible mobility hub for maritime passengers consisting of electric car/bike sharing system equipped with GPS devices to be used from/to the city and train station of Ravenna;
- Pilot bus connection between Termoli and the ports of Pescara and Bari in correspondence with ferries to/from Dubrovnik/Hvar;
- Bike&bus between Grado, Trieste and Poreč to the use of tourists of the Parenzana, Trieste - Grado and CAAR cycling routes;
- Geotechnical analysis of the seabed of the Port of Pula as first leg of a pre-feasibility study to the realization of a passenger terminal to facilitate the access to the maritime passengers service between Italy and Croatia.

The partnership approves all contents.

Mr. Hrvoje Grancarić, project manager of the Joint Secretariat of the Interreg V A Italy-Croatia 2014-2020 is then called to shortly present the state of the art of the CBC Programme with reference to the call for proposal of Standard+ projects. A remark is made on the key figures of Standard + project looking to criteria as Project per Priority Axis (Axis 4: 22%), ERDF per priority axis (Axis 4: 23%), Project partners per country (Croatian 46%, Italian 54%), Lead partners per country (Croatian 27%, Italian 73%) and ERDF allocated per NUTS III. It is stated that the approved project MOSES has gone through the Condition Clearing Procedure and that the project fulfilled its conditions for approval on the base of the MA official confirmation sent to LP on December 22nd 2017. During this phase SIU systems still presented several operational throwbacks, so there is a concrete possibility for the Programme to converge to EMS system in a short time. The Subsidy Contract between MA and LP is expected to be signed on February/March 2018; the Partnership Agreement will be then signed between LP and PPs after the Subsidy Contract's signature.

About the Factsheet n.6 "Project Implementation" which will provide information on public procurement, state aid, branding rules, horizontal principles, revenues, expenditure outside the Programme Area and not-eligible expenditure, it has to be soon approved by the MC and made available on Programme website while the draft document has already been provided to LPs on January 4th 2018. FLS specifications for Country will be soon available on the Programme website and LPs Workshop is expected in late spring 2018 before the reporting period.

With reference to the overview of the output indicators, the JS specifies that in the context of the Priority Axis 4 – Maritime Transport, MOSES project is the only one who reflects all three output indicators (4.101-Improved multimodal transport services , 4.102-New link established and 4.103-Harmonized services for passengers put in place).

With reference to the project implementation the submission of the first Progress Report has some mandatory attachments: PA signed, supporting documents of the KoM organized and proof of the setting up of the Management Structures. The First Progress Report will include also the Report of the KoM and of the first PSC meeting as well as the request for payment of the preparation costs.

The JS points out also some general eligibility requirements stating that the Programme rules on eligibility of expenditures are developed based on the EC Delegated Regulation No. 481/2014 (Specific rules on eligibility of expenditure for cooperation programmes): expenditure are in line with eligibility rules on EU, programme and national eligibility rules. The relevant procurement rules have to be observed, if applicable. Expenditure are supported by invoices or other documents with probative value directly attributable to a certain beneficiary with the exception of costs calculated as flat rate or lump sums. Expenditure relate to activities that have not been 100% financed from other financial instruments as double financing is excluded and expenditure have to be validated by an authorized FLC.

The JS then provides a short instructions list to be followed to report expenditure correctly which more or less differs depending on the budget line costs. The list of eligible costs is contained in Factsheet n.3. The project reporting is due on a 6-monthly-basis and the LP is in charge of collecting and checking the reports prepared by the PPs and verified by the FLC. The deadline for the Application for reimbursement is fixed on June 30th and December 31st. The deadline for the submission of the Progress Report is 3 months after the end of the reporting period, on September 30th and on March 31st. In the end, about project changes, there could be major modifications subjected to the approval of the MC (modifications of the partnership, budget modifications with increases over 20% or in case of reallocation of funds among PPs/LP, modifications about the workplan and extension of the project duration) or minor modifications (budget changes up to 20%, minor adaptation of the workplan and changes in administrative data).

About project communication, Factsheet n.8 about Programme Brand Manual, Programme Communication Strategy and logo will be made available soon.

The floor goes then again to LP with project manager Mr. Massimiliano Angelotti that clarifies that the Partnership Agreement will be manually signed in 6 copies and that it should be latest signed with the first progress report. The partnership approves.

About the project workplan as well as for the rules of the Steering Committee there should be the approval within February 28th.

With reference to financial activities the LP communicate that in case of budget changes communication by email between PPs and LP is ok.

The partnership approves.

In the context of WP2 Mrs. Claudia Sciommeri of ITL opens its session concerning communication activities starting from the Communication Plan which will define the Communication & Capitalization strategy in the context of the start-up activities which includes: indicators to be achieved, list of media and non-media tools at regional, national and CBC level, target groups for each partner, feedback mechanism and evaluation procedure for the effectiveness. In relation to the internal communication and knowledge transfer there will be at least 3 Skype conferences with partners (the first one should be scheduled at least before the first reporting period and/or in occasion of the starting works related to pilot activities) and an intranet platform as well as a forum with direct messaging option will be established. The digital and printed communication tools will be produced in English, Italian and Croatian and will include 250 brochure with portrait, 5 poster, 12 press release, a printed publication on relevant EU paper magazines, 10 news on partners and operators websites, 2 social media, 3 E-newsletter, an infoboard and a catalogue of services in the Croatian Ports. There are then two other public events scheduled: in Rijeka on November 2018 (Mid-term Meeting) and in Trieste on June 2019 (Final Conference).

The partnership approves all contents of the WP2.

Molise Region with Mrs. Miriam Panichella takes then the floor to present its coordination activities in the context of WP3 to be made in order to set up the framework for successful pilot activities at each partner's location and at CBC level as well:

- Updating of the CBC passenger flow analysis carried out during the EA SEA-WAY project;
- Involvement of the stakeholders of the passengers transport and setting up of the updated network – follow up of the Technical Cross- Border (TBC) and of the Local working groups (LWG) established during EA SEA-WAY project, which focused on the topics of passengers services and info-mobility;
- Definition of requirements and set up of all ICT specifications for pilot e-booking and e-ticketing choice on the Website of the pilot hydrofoil transport service between Trieste, Istria, Susak and Mali Losinj;
- Elaborations of the terms of reference and technical documentation for the realization of the pilot activities;
- Installation of info-boards at the Ports of Trieste, Mali Lošinj, Susak, Pula, Ravenna and Termoli and installation of eavens (shelter with beaches) for passengers on the Ports of Mali Lošinj and Susak;
- Training seminars to the operators and the passenger’s surveys.

In order to better fulfill its obligations, Molise Region will provide to:

- Prepare administrative procedure: contracts to perform the pilot projects and pre-feasibility studies;
- Involve the CBC passengers transport Stakeholders in a Network: letters of invitation and feedback form as well as virtual meetings;
- Wrap up past results and update people tools;
- Upgrade facilities and information for passengers

The partnership agrees all contents of WP3.

Mr. Sinisa Rajacic of County of Primorje and Gorski Kotar presents then in detail its involvement as partner coordinator in WP4.

The two main objective of the pilot actions in WP4 are:

- The restoration of quay in the port of Susak in order to increase the safety of the passenger stay in the port during operation of hydrofoil line connecting Trieste, Mali Lošinj and Pula- Zadar;
- The development of technical documentation for renewal of quay wall in the port of Susak in order to prevent further deterioration of the port area.

There are accordingly three phases of intervention scheduled: the elaboration of technical documentation (procurement procedure for elaboration of technical documentation for restoration of quay wall with execution project and bill of quantity), construction works in the port of Susak (following public procurement procedure and supervision of works) and reconstruction works of quay in port of Susak.

County of Primorje and Gorski Kotar states that no work interventions will occur between June 15th and September 15th and that to start working on time they’re waiting for the PA signature.

The Partnership approves all contents presented in WP4.

The floor goes in the end to Region of Istria with Mrs. Sanja Labinjan providing a short presentation of both WP5 and of the pilot activity.

About WP5 a description about the ongoing and ex-post evaluation and take up of results is presented. The WP5 foresees the following tools and approaches to ensure effectiveness:

- collection of quantitative data related to the type of users, distribution of demand in the different periods, nationality, age, chosen destinations;
- survey on users/customers;
- briefing to decision makers - Technical Commission “Transport, Mobility and Infrastructure” of the Adriatic Ionian Euro-Region, national representatives within subgroup on transport of EUSAIR (TSG2);
- data analysis in an ex-post evaluation report and recommendations.

All partners will duly co-operate to collect figures on passengers using the pilot transport services while surveys will be carried out to passengers on agreed forms and then transferred to the operators. About the ex-post evaluation a report will integrate positive and negative results of pilot actions and feasibility studies together with recommendations for further steps and consolidation of services.

About the pilot activity, Region of Istria will provide analysis of the geomorphological composition of the seabed and an in-depth examination of the coastal zone in the area of the cape Guc Valelunga within the Port of Pula in order to

create the contribute to the quality improvement of passenger services in the Programme area by taking effective measures at the port terminals and above all to create the necessary preconditions for the construction of the new passenger terminal in the Port of Pula.

The partnership approves all contents of WP5.

In the end the partnership provide to present some projects synergies in the context of other ongoing Interreg Programmes. The LP, FVG Region, takes the floor with Mrs. Irene Cermeli firstly presenting some synergies with MEDCYCLETOUR project realized in the context of Interreg MED 2014-2020 cooperation Programme. FVG Region, as project partner of MEDCYCLETOUR projects, underline some important synergies with MOSES especially with reference to intermodal connections applied to the combined transports for passengers and to the cycling routes.

The last intervention is about ITL with Mr. Denis Grasso presenting its "Ravenna case study" which shows the pilot key challenges in Ravenna to reach out through MOSES project in two pilot areas (Cruise terminal and Ferry Terminal).

Mr. Massimiliano Angelotti as LP of MOSES projects thanks all present partners for their attention, participation and co-operation on the working topics and declares the work session of the kick-off meeting closed.