



WORKGROUP ON EU PROJECT MANAGEMENT FINAL DOCUMENT

Budva, 11th-12th May 2011

Foreword

The Workgroup on EU project management met on 11th May 2011 at 5 pm at Maestral Hotel in Budva, as foreseen by the official programme of the AIC Forum 11th annual Edition, for the first of its two scheduled meetings. Compared to 2010, when this Workgroup was officially set up, its goal have remained the same. They consist in the promotion of an open dialogue between experts in the field and the sharing of information and knowledge in view of the activation of the new projects, which should be implemented with resources from European territorial cooperation programmes that concern the countries facing the Adriatic-Ionian basin and should be coordinated by chambers of commerce.

Both meetings were held in English, i.e. the official language of the Workgroup.

With reference to the absence of the representatives of the AIC Forum member chambers, which had in the past appointed their own reference person within the EU project management group, which however did not follow the invitations for the Budva edition, it will be necessary to check the reference persons' availability within their chamber and check whether they are really willing to go on with this engagement.

The following two member chambers of commerce showed, though informally, their objective impossibility to participate in this year's meetings, however they expressed their willingness to continue being part in this Workgroup and collaborate with it:

- Chamber of Commerce of Aetoloakarnania (Greece)
- County chamber of Zadar (Croatia)
- Special Agency SIDI Euro Info Centre of the Chamber of Commerce of Ravenna

It is worth pointing out that in spite of the absence of some members of the AIC Forum, the following two new subjects participated as observers:

- Ms. Olivera Kiro from the National Chamber of Commerce of Serbia
- Mr. Nikola Horvat, technical reference person for Croatia of the Forum of Adriatic Cities and Towns.

Strategic guidelines

In comparison to the previous edition of the AIC Forum, the two scheduled events took place in a very informal and strictly technical way.

In the 2010 edition the meetings of the Workgroup on EU project management were held according to the standard organisation of the various theme-specific workgroups of the AIC Forum, i.e.

- number of contributions/evidence following the workshop formula;
- presence of a larger number of participants, specifically 20 people were present in the first edition;
- presence of speakers external to the network: Eurochambres, Marche Region, Brussels Office of the Italian Union of Chambers of Commerce Unioncamere.

Participation was however, poorly dynamic and without significant inputs, and there was scarce propensity to define a modus operandi for people working from remote locations, that could have been adopted during the year.

In 2011 the decision was therefore to have a restricted group of really motivated technical experts, avoiding the presence of external speakers and with a quick and targeted schedule of contributions.

As already pointed out, in 2011 two separate meetings took place:

- the first took place on 11th May and included the presentation of the work plan, an exchange of opinions and an update of the situation of the various member chambers;
- the second meeting was held on 12th May, soon after the conclusion of the AIC Forum theme-specific workgroups and was intended as a meeting for the planning of activities in the short/medium term, as for the assessment of the project proposal opportunities coming out from each individual theme-specific workgroups



of the AIC Forum that saw the participation of a member of the Workgroup on EU project management on that very same day.

The second meeting was the occasion to discuss the outputs emerging from each individual theme-specific Workgroup of the AIC Forum, as well as their feasibility in terms of EU project management.

The individual members of the Workgroup reported on what they had listened within the theme-specific workgroups they had been participating during the day, specifically:

- County Chamber of Sebenico (CRO): Workgroup on Women Entrepreneurship
- Unioncamere Veneto, Rimini CCIAA (Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Handicraft and Agriculture) (ITA), County Chambers of Split and Dubrovnik (CRO), Durres Chamber of Commerce (ALB), Chamber of the Economy of Montenegro (MON): Workgroup on Tourism
- CCIAA (Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Handicraft and Agriculture) of Ancona: Workgroup on Agriculture
- County Chamber of Rijeka (CRO): Workgroup on Fishing and the Environment
- Pescara CCIAA (Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Handicraft and Agriculture) (ITA): Workgroup on Transports

Conclusions

With reference to the final report of the two days of work and the reciprocal commitments undertaken by participants, the following document is herewith presented – it has been shared among the workgroup participants and will be disseminated after the end of the Forum for its full implementation.

- Task 1: define three joint priorities on which to focus the next projects planning activities on the basis of the presentation by each workgroup member and the discussion carried out during the 2011 AIC Forum Annual Edition: the Ancona Chamber of Commerce will e-mail a proposal to all workgroup members. Each workgroup member will answer by mail giving his/her own opinion.
- Task 2: start working on a new partnership and project on tourism to be applied within the next IPA CBC call for proposals: after checking the scores obtained within the first Call for proposal as communicated by the IPA CBC Managing Authority to the lead partner (Marche Region Authority) with official communication no. 1032 of 10.11.2010, the Ancona Chamber will send a draft of the previous project (i.e. ADRION) to the main official project partners asking for any changes and integration. The new draft will be shared with all workgroup members by mail. Each workgroup member will answer by mail giving suggestions and pointing out the needs and interests of its own Chamber and justify the reasons of its candidature as new partner of the project.
- Task 3: start working on a project to be applied within the next “Prince” call for proposals of the DG Enlargement: the Ancona Chamber of Commerce will send workgroup members the 2011 “Guidelines for grant applicants”. Each workgroup member will send a draft of proposal choosing LOT 1 or/and LOT 2 of the Guidelines.
- Task 4: in collaboration with the secretariats of the theme-specific workgroup, the Ancona Chamber of Commerce will check the final documents of each workgroup of the AIC Forum 2011 Annual Edition, to identify some potential ideas/projects to be developed within the framework of joint future partnerships and will send a brief presentation of the same to all workgroup members. Each workgroup member will answer to this proposal giving their availability to be partner, looking forward to the next call for proposal of the Territorial Cooperation Programme (MED, SEE, INTERREG IV C, new Call for proposal under the title “Facilitating Transnational Low Season Exchanges in Europe through the development of social tourism – Grant Programme 2011 – CE DG Enterprise and Industries)
- Task 5: given the partnership agreement between the Central European Initiative (CEI) and the AIC Forum signed during the 2011 11th Edition of the AIC Forum, the Ancona Chamber of Commerce will spread among workgroup members general information and funding opportunities available through the CEI or other EU programme (i.e. IPA Cross Border Programme Component II – BIH/Montenegro 2007-2013), also suggesting possible themes to be developed. Each workgroup member will inform about his/her availability to be partner of a potential consortium by e-mail.