Minutes of the third transnational project meeting (TPM3)

Environmental Education – OERs for Rural Citizens (EnvEdu-OERs) project 19-COP-0038

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TPM3 was organised by Transilvania University of Brasov, Romania, during 9-11 March 2023, in the HUB room, Rectorate building. At TPM3 participated representatives from the project partnership: Transilvania University of Brasov, Romania (UNITBV), Reykjavik University, Iceland (RU), Bucharest University for Economic Studies, Romania (BUES) and Gheorghe Asachi Technical University from Iasi, Romania (TUIASI).

Camelia Draghici, the project coordinator, together with the UNITBV team welcomed the participants. Because some of the participants did not met before face-to-face, she invited them to have a short presentation of their competences/ expertise together with their contribution to the project.

Eugen Butila, the representative of UNITBV responsible with the electronic platform, opened it, invited the participants to connect themselves to the platform, where all the meeting documents were uploaded. The meeting Agenda, covering the activities for the following three days, was presented, than approved by all the participants, without any changes.

According to the TPM3 Agenda, the activity of the first day (9 March 2023) was dedicated to the Status of the project, especially of the intellectual outputs (IO) development: O1 – teaching modules (TM1 – TM6); O2 – conference papers; O3 – learning platform; O4 – policy recommendations.

Camelia Draghici made the presentation about the EnvEdu-OERs project status. The stages of the development of the first intellectual output (O1): O1/TM1, to O1/TM6 was than presented.

Based on the O1 related presentations, a group discussion on the actual status of the TM development (TM1 to TM6) followed, where the participants gave their opinions, involvement/ contribution to the teaching module development.

Following the TPM3 Agenda, the four published papers were presented (O2), of which the last three ones were published in the proceedings of the International Management Conference 2022.

The participants at TPM3 discussed about the e-Learning platform (O3). Anca Vasilescu and Eugen Butila gave more details about the facilities offered by the learning Moodle platform hosted by the UNITBV. For each project event (meetings, multiplier events, workshops) a dedicated course was created, where the participants uploaded their contributions to the events. This was a good exercise to proper use the platform.

Uploading the information on the project website is work in progress, being adapted according to the suggestions received from the Program Operator (the Erasmus+ National Agency).

The first meeting day ended with the presentations of the status of the intellectual output O4, Policy recommendations. There will be published two brochures (booklets). One of the brochures will be edited by the TUIASI group, entitled "Waste management in rural communities. Legal Requirements and Recommendations". The second brochure will be edited by a group from BUES

and UNITBV, entitled Policy Recommendations for the Conception, Planning and Implementation of Environmental Projects as well as for the Involvement of Citizens in Maintaining a Clean Environment in Rural Communities.

The second TPM day started with the discussion and the conclusions on the status of the intellectual outputs development.

About O1 (Teaching modules) the discussions reviled the fact that all the TMs are under development at different stages (ppt presentations, videos, text-based learning resources, evaluation tests), in both versions, in Romanian and English languages. The involvement and contributions to the teaching modules will be:

- TM1: Sustainable communities and social communication, responsible UNITBV, with contribution from RU (case studies).
- TM2: Environmental Quality, responsible UNITBV, with contribution from RU (case studies).
- TM3: Environmental Management, Impact and Risk Assessment, responsible TUIASI; this module will have one subunit more, Circular Economy;
- TM4: Waste Management in Rural Communities, responsible TUIASI, with contribution from UNITBV
- TM5: Water Resources and Water Balance for Sustainable Community, responsible RU, with contribution from TUIASI (as a novelty).
- TM6: Environmental Projects Management, responsible BUES

About O2 (Conference papers) it was concluded that four papers are already published in open access publication, with contribution (authors) from all the partners, including RU.

About O3 (Learning platform) it was concluded that all the partners' groups are already familiar with working on the platform.

About the project website, the project coordinator informed the participants (all the intellectual outputs developers) that all the IO should be uploaded on the website, with open access to all the interested persons. A special situation is for the teaching modules, for which the e-learning platform was created. It was agreed that the platform is offering more facilities for the beneficiaries, including the evaluation tests, or communication.

About O4 (Policy recommendations) it was concluded that this activity is already finalised, the policy recommendations were formulated and will be published as brochures.

The second TPM3 day continued with short presentations and discussions about the project events organisation: TPM1, TPM2, M1, M2, M3, C1, C2.

TPM1 was organised online, due to the restrictions generated by the Covid-19 pandemic.

TPM2 and the first workshop (C1) were organised at RU. Apart the presentations and fruitful discussions during the TPM2, both evens were offering the Romanian participants an outstanding experience in Iceland.

The first multiplier event (M1) was organised by TUIASI and the most relevant concussions were presented. Due to the interest shown by the rural local administration representatives the multiplier

event to be organised by UNITBV was split in to two events (M2 and M3). The UNITBV team presented the most relevant achievements of the two events.

The financial support for the M2+M3 made possible the publication of a guide (Romanian language) and the two policy recommendations brochures (Romanian and English languages), with contribution from the partners, as dissemination printed tools, besides of the electronic ones available on the website and/or the platform. The contents and contributions to these publications were also presented during the TPM3.

Finally, the second workshop (C2) organised by BUES partner during the International Management Conference 2022 was presented.

The second day of the TPM3 ended with a group discussions and conclusions on the events organisation.

After discussions, the following were already agreed by the partners:
1. the extension of the project for one more year – 36 months (vs 24 months); UNITBV will prepare the required documents, including the new timeline of the project (Annex 9 – Timeline EnvEdu-OERs for 3 years), to be sent to the Romanian National Agency (NA);

The following subjects will be discussed in detail during the next meeting (workshop) that will be organized in April 2021. The discussions and decisions will also be based on the results arisen from the questionnaires/ surveys addressed to the local administration representatives.
- target groups to which the teaching modules will be developed for;
- teaching modules (topics);
- OERs development (contents);
- type of Creative Commons license to be chosen and agreed by the partners;
- target groups to which the policy recommendations will be addressed for.

Any other questions will be addressed to the project coordinator, by e-mail, and the answer will be given as soon as available, especially those for which the NA answers are required.

All the documents (Annexes 1 – 12) are available on the project google drive, at the address (https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1yrFh6SyXZhkqzFqV3yxUQm8xgWqF1lWV).

After the agreement of the partners, the Minutes will also be uploaded on the google drive.

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