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# Deliverable 1.1.3

## Steering Committee Meetings

### 4<sup>th</sup> Project meeting



***Community Center “Yane Sandanski-1928”***



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## I. INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 General Project Details

**Project Title:** *"Local assets exploitation for the development of peripheral intercultural cross border capacity"*

**Acronym:** **RENOVATION**

**Timetable:** 20/1/2020 to 19/07/2023

**Project budget:** € 1,484,978.00

**Partnership:**

- 1) Community center Yane Sandanski- 1928 – LB, BG
- 2) Municipality of Lagkadas – PB2, GR
- 3) Organization of Thessaloniki Concert Hall – PB3, GR

The project is implemented within the framework of the INTERREG V-A program "GREECE - BULGARIA 2014 – 2020".

**Priority Axis 2:** A sustainable and climatically adaptable cross-border area

**Topic priority 6.c:** Conservation, Protection, promotion and development of the natural and cultural heritage

**Specific Objective 4:** Utilization of the natural and cultural heritage of the cross-border area for tourism purposes.

## II. 4<sup>th</sup> RENOVATION PROJECT MEETING

This report concludes and give information about the 4<sup>th</sup> delivered project steering committee meeting, produced within the framework of the project RENOVATION.

Specifically, according to the proposal of the RENOVATION project, the Community Center "Yane Sandanski-1928 (LB) is responsible for the organization of three of the five, in total, project meetings. This reference report presents the actions undertaken by the LB for the participation in the 2<sup>nd</sup> project meeting, as the 1<sup>st</sup> Kick-off meeting was implemented in the city of



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Hadjhidimovo, Bulgaria on February 20 and 21, 2020, by the lead partner, Yane Sandanski Community Center- 1928.

The 4<sup>th</sup> project meeting was organized by the Municipality of Lagadas on 6<sup>th</sup> of December, 2021.

In the context of the organization of the 4<sup>th</sup> project meeting, the following steps and actions were implemented and undertaken:

- Communication with the PB2 and PB3 to define and schedule the date of the meeting.
- Preparation of meeting agenda and invitation in cooperation with the rest partners.
- Preparation of the presentation template as well as details about the progress so far for the project by the LB.
- Participation of the Project management team – The Project manager, the Financial manager and the Technical assistant in the online meeting.
- Compilation of the minutes of the meeting in collaboration with PB2 and PB3
- Communication with the JS and Mrs. Dinkova of the date, sending the invitation, agenda as well as the minutes and the presentation developed for the meeting.



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### III. 4<sup>th</sup> PROJECT MEETING AGENDA

#### 4th **RENOVATION** Project meeting

*Organised by the Municipality of Lagada*

#### **Agenda**

**2021, December 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Venue of the meeting: Lagadas Municipal Council Hall**

*Address: 2, N. Papageorgiou Str., Lagadas*

Time	Point	In charge
10:30 – 10:45	Welcome – Participants checklist – MRS. Dinkova's evaluation on the project progress	<b>LB</b>
10:45 – 12:00	Project execution progress – achieved deliverables, payments, verification of expenditures, challenges/ problems occurred, possible solutions	<b>Presentations of all partners</b>
12:00 – 12:30	Decisions/ Any other business	<b>All partners</b>
12:30 – 14:30	Lunch	<b>All partners</b>



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IV. 4<sup>th</sup> PROJECT MEETING PHOTOS



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## V. 4<sup>th</sup> PROJECT MEETING PRESENTATION



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**Project: Local assets exploitation for the development of peripheral intercultural cross-border capacity**

Acronym: **RENOVATION**

**Project Beneficiary: Municipality of Lagadas**  
Elissavet Pavlidou, LEVER S.A., Sub-Contractor

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Project Progress so far..

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**Achieved deliverables according to the Procurement plan**

- Tender 1: The contract was signed on 31/8/2020
  - Project management (WP1)
  - Organization of 2 press conferences, production & dissemination of 4 press releases and participation in the final event in Hadjimosov (WP2)
  - Organization of the cultural festival in Lagadas Municipality (WP4)
- Tender 2: Production and performance of a symphony with six instruments (Pending)
  - in the project's final event in Hadjimosov (WP2)
  - in the cultural festival in Lagadas Municipality (WP4)
- Tender 3: Purchase and installation of audiovisual equipment to the cultural center of Lagadas (BILIO CENTER) – WP3 (Delayed)
  - The technical specification and the Tender documents are ready
  - The documents were sent for pre-tender check to the Managing Authority (Unit B1) and approved
  - The necessary steps
  - Call of tender will be delayed due to Law 4412/2016 reformation
- Tender 4: Verification of expenditures (pending)
  - Expenditures and Payments made until Today: expenditures 13,244,24€, payments 13,244,24€
  - Additional expenditures during December 2021: 1,952,004€
  - Verification of expenditures: Unfortunately, the threshold of 10,000 Euros is not reached, yet

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**Problems Incurred**

- The call of tenders for the renovation of Bilio cultural center in Sochos was announced on 27-09-2021
- A preliminary appeal was lodged on 15/10/2021 against the tender documents, resulting in the suspension of the tender procedure
- The appeal was examined on 22/11/2022 by the competent Independent Authority and the decision will be communicated to PB2 after 13/12/2022
- Depending on the decision, rejection or acceptance, there will be a smaller or bigger delay, as define in Law 4412/2016
- A project prolongation will be needed

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**Thank you for your attention!**

## VI. 4<sup>th</sup> PROJECT MEETING MINUTES



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## Minutes from 4<sup>th</sup> Project RENOVATION Meeting

December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Project: Local assets exploitation for the development of peripheral intercultural cross-border capacity" with Acronym **RENOVATION****

On 6<sup>th</sup> of December, 2021 the 4<sup>th</sup> Project meeting was held in the Municipality of Lagadas, Greece, in which all three Project partners and the Project officer, MRS. Jency Dinkova, on behalf of the JS participated.

The host Municipality of Lagadas (PB2) was represented by Mrs. Elissavet Pavlidou and MRS. Artemis Papadopoulou.

The "Community center Yane Sandanski-1928" (PB3) was represented by MRS. Gyulfie Parusheva, MR. Iliya Sherbetov and MR. Krastyu Vodenicharov.

The Thessaloniki Concert Hall (PB3) was represented by MRS. Froso Gaki and MR. Panagiotis Kountouris.

MRS. Elissavet Pavlidou also participated on behalf of the LEVER S.A., external expert for Lagadas Municipality.

The Mayor of Lagadas, MR. Ioannis Tachmatzidis greeted the guests.

**Agenda point 2.** Each project partner made a presentation for the project's progress until now. The first presentation was made by MRS. Gyulfie Parusheva – Project manager. She informed the Project Beneficiaries that after the successful resolution of the casus with the first level control and the imposed 100% financial correction, the community center's reconstruction started again and at the moment 95% of the rehabilitation is done.

Last week the LB has started third procedure for verification of expenditures since the project start for the amount of 70 000 Euro, with which it is going to finish the rehabilitation and they are planning to organize an opening event in Hadzhidimovo.

These 70 000 Euro include equipment costs – the fire system, change of the scene and finishing works.



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Next month they are going to have another procedure for verification of the last construction costs.

She also informed about the rest of the tenders, whereas she assured that the dissemination and communication activities are produced – the Project communication plan, Logo, Slogan, Webpage and promotional materials. She will send it to the Partners before she sends it to the JS Communication officer. She stated that even if these activities are delayed due to the 10 months' delay with the verification of LB's expenditures, which threatened the project implementation, still there is a mean of such deliverables, because most of the cultural and communication activities are still not executed, so everything is on time.

The organization of an opening event will be the next step since the community center is rehabilitated. This opening event is not included in the project activities.

PBs agreed to start discussion for organization of an opening cultural event in Hadzhidimovo and possible allocation of savings/unspent funds, which will be used for the organization of this event in the renovated building of the Community center "Yane Sandanski-1928".

MEGARO also stated that they are ready to send the Youth orchestra to participate in the opening event in Hadzhidimovo and agreed to discuss further this opportunity with the LB. Apart from that they asked MRS. Djinkova about the possibility to allocate the saved budget amounts from Opera organization to the participation the Youth orchestra in the opening event

Finally, the activity of the organization of the final event by LB will be organized at the end of the project, May or June 2021, unless the project's timetable prolonged again due to delays might be occurred.

The second presentation was made by **Thessaloniki Concert Hall** representatives -MRS. Froso Gaki and MR. Panagiotis Kountouris, who were also in charge of the organization of the Opera "Don Giovanni" – the first deliverable that has communication and dissemination effect and popularize the project and its outcomes. They informed that despite all the difficulties the Opera performed with a great success.

They also mentioned that the procedure for verification of expenditures has been initiated for the amount of 114.057,70€. It is mentioned also that while an additional amount is required in order to be paid the total expenditures of the opera organization, it is not available by the public investment program creating a significant delay in the payment of the subcontractor.

Mrs. Dinkova advise PB3 to accelerate the verification procedure and she agreed with Mrs. Pavlidou who proposed to upload all the unpaid invoices for the opera organization as a proof for the need of the allocation of extra amounts to MEGARO by the programme.

Then, MRS. Elissavet Pavlidou presented the progress of **Municipality of Lagadas** activities in relation to the procurement plan. She mentioned that a preliminary appeal (objection) has been lodged against the tender documents for the audiovisual equipment for Bilio center



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(D.3.2.1), resulting in the suspension of the tender procedure. The procedure should be followed is specific and is determined by the provisions of Law 4412/2016 as amended and in force. The appeal has been already examined by the relevant national independent authority on 22/11/2022 and it will be communicated after twenty days to the PB2. Depending on the decision there will be a smaller or bigger delay in the completion of the tender procedure resulting in a significant delay in the project's completion. If the decision is in favor of PB2, the procedure will start again in January otherwise the tender documents should be revised and it is expected that the tender will be launch again in March.

Mrs Dinkova mentioned that it is very important for the municipality of Lagadas to act very quickly regardless of what the decision of the independent authority will be in order to minimize the impacts of this development to the project.

So all PBs agreed for the following:

- LB: To start discussion with the stakeholders and the management of the Community center “Yane Sandanski-1928” to organize the opening event in the renovated building. To inform partners and JS for the decision taken in order to launch the procedure for their involvement and the necessary modification request.
- PB2: To act very quickly in order to launch the tender for D3.2.1, regardless of what the decision of the independent authority will be
- PB3: To accelerate the procedure of the verification of expenditures and to cooperate with LB in order to send the Youth orchestra to participate in the opening event in Hadzhidimovo and to make the necessary request to the MA for the use of savings from the opera production.

Minutes taken by: Gyulfie Parusheva and Elissavet Pavlidou

Submitted to: Project Beneficiaries

Date: 09.12.2021



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