



Project meeting
Bijeljina University
10-11th May, 2021

Minutes

Continuing the project activities, a working meeting was held in Bijeljina (10th and 11th May). The meeting was organized for the participants of the Erasmus + Viral project, and was hosted by the Faculty of Agriculture of the Bijeljina University. The participants were informed in advance about the most important details of the meeting through the program (agenda). They have completed register forms through an online questionnaire.

During two days 28 participants participated in the meeting considering the range of activities on the project and the need to make decisions in implementation. The participants and discussants were the coordinators and representatives WP 2, WP3, WP4 and WP8. With the consent of all participants, the materials from the meeting can be used for further distribution and popularization of this topic.

During the first working day, after the welcoming speech of the dean of the Faculty of Agriculture of the Bijeljina University, Boro Krstić, PhD, it was discussed about the current status of project implementation as well as the upcoming activity within the WP3 or student competition hackathon.



Photos 1-2. Photos from the introductory part of the meeting

The coordinator of the Viral project, Miljan Cvetković, PhD, as well as representatives of the Technopolis Center, Mariana Jovović, representatives of INTERA Mostar, Ana Bogdanović, and Marko Rosić as a representative of ICBL gave speech on this topic. On that occasion, the basic preconditions for the realization of the hackathon were agreed upon, as well as the dynamics of the realization of the indebtedness of individual participants.



Photos 3-4. Photos from the introductory part of the meeting

After a short break, work continued in parallel groups on WP2 and WP4. Within the WP2, there were discussions on the topic of creating University ToT teams and preparation of application tools for creating student courses in the field of robotics, application of drone technologies as well as mobile applications and GIS systems. The working group for WP4 discussed the topic of organizing EXPO events. The work activities took place in three groups whose participants were representatives from the University of Tuzla, the University of Banja Luka, the University of Donja Gorica and the University of Maribor. Then, Ana Mandić from the University of Mostar spoke about the nature and purpose of the ICT course in agriculture, as well as Aljo Mujčić, PhD, from the University of Tuzla and Zdenka Babić, PhD, from the University of Banja Luka. The WP4 working group discussed the formal aspect of the organization, as well as the activities in this event. Also, during the first working day, the participants of the project meeting had the opportunity to visit a successful agricultural farm near Bijeljina. The visit was significant because this agricultural farm managed to finalize its primary vegetable production by processing and canning and successfully placed its products on the surrounding markets. At the end of the working day, a gala dinner for all participants was organized.



Photos 5-8. Photos from the first day of the meeting

On the second working day, the activities on the work package WP2.3 and WP2.4 continued, and after a short break, we continued with the activities on the work packages WP4.2 and WP4.3, which aim to interpret and collect the founding documents, and providing guidelines and work plans for the upcoming EXPO. After that, the project coordinator Miljan Cvetković, PhD, as well as representatives of WEBIN, Marko Stojanović and Jelena Nastić-Stojanović, spoke on the topic of undertaking the necessary activities regarding the upcoming mid-term narrative and financial report. Before closing the two-day meeting, the participants re-discussed the activities related to the project work packages.



Photos 9-12 Photos from the second day of the meeting

As part of the evaluation of the meeting held in Bijeljina, participants had the opportunity to evaluate individual segments of the work through a questionnaire. When asked whether the content of the workshop was useful and relevant for the participants, a large percentage (94.1%) of respondents agreed (Chart 1). The same percentage of respondents (94.1%) agree that the workshop was properly prepared for the upcoming EXPO event (Chart 2). 88.3% of the participants agreed that the responsible persons of the project were well prepared and instructed in the topic of the work, and that more than 70.0% of the respondents fully agreed that the duration of the workshop was appropriate (Graph 3 and Graph 4). Over 94.0% of respondents agree that the plan, manner, responsibilities and dynamics of the upcoming activities are clear, and that the event met their expectations, more than half of the participants fully agree (52.9%) (Chart 5 and Chart 6).



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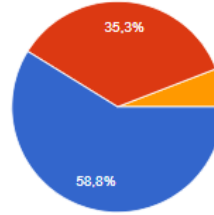
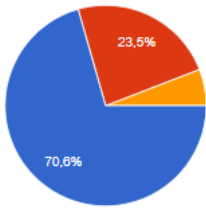


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Chart 2.

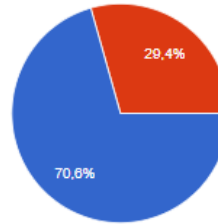
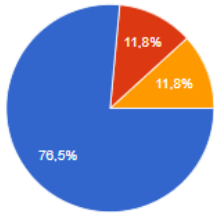


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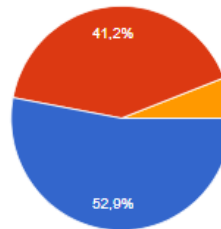
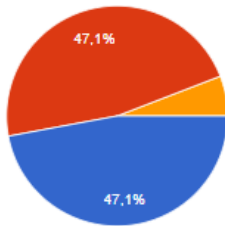


Chart 5.

Chart 6.

The most significant results of the meeting were the following:

- ↳ participants agreed on teams and the upcoming performance in the student hackathon competition;
- ↳ the meeting enabled the introduction of the importance of participating in projects for further scientific research development in the field of robotics, drone technology, GIS systems and mobile applications;
- ↳ participants are introduced to the basic goals and importance of student courses in the field of IT in agriculture;
- ↳ participants agreed on working teams on activities related to IT application courses in agriculture;
- ↳ further activities on the preparation of the EXPO were presented;
- ↳ Participants had the opportunity to get acquainted with the work of a successful production and processing farm and the opportunity to propose further measures to improve it by applying modern IT technology.

More about the meeting activities can be found here:

<https://www.ubn.rs.ba/projekt-ni-sastanak-viral-bijeljina>

<https://www.ubn.rs.ba/uspjesno-realizovana-posjeta-poljoprivrednom-gazdinstvu-lazic>

For all interested parties, who were not able to attend the meeting, the appropriate material will be available on the project website.

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