

PROJECT MEETING AND WORKSHOP

IPC Tehnopolis

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**MEETING MINUTES**

Continuing the project activities on the VIRAL project, a working meeting and workshop was held in Nikšić for two days (July 22 and 23). The meeting and the workshop were primarily intended for the participants of the Erasmus + Viral project, and the host was IPC Technopolis. In addition to representatives of Technopolis, the meeting was attended by eighteen representatives of project partners from Montenegro and the region: INTERA Technology Park, Innovation Center Banja Luka, University of Banja Luka, University of Bijeljina, University of Mostar, Džemal Bijedić University, University of Tuzla, University of Donja Gorica, Plantaže "13 Jul", Jaffa-Komerc; while some partners from the University of Tuzla, the University of Maribor and the Western Balkans Institute online participated in the work of the meeting.

After the executive director of IPC Tehnopolis, Ratko Bataković, welcomed all participants, Aleksandar Janičić, coordinator of the Center for Entrepreneurship Development and Project Management, addressed the audience. Aleksandar stated that Technopolis has become a center for the development of entrepreneurship in Montenegro, and a recognizable and reliable partner not only at the national but also at the regional and international level. He emphasized the importance of such events, which, in addition to the realization of project activities that are in focus, have significant value when it comes to networking and generating ideas for new projects that will contribute to the development of entrepreneurial and innovative ecosystem throughout the region.



During the first working day, after greetings, Miljan Cvetković reminded those present of the activities envisaged by the agenda for the next two days. The first part discussed the status of implementation of project activities, especially in light of the evaluation of the mid-term report submitted by the EACEA. Cvetković pointed out that the project is in the category of good, which is an indicator that more work must be done in the coming period in order to better implement the recommendations from the report:

- procurement of equipment as soon as possible and
- accelerated implementation of part of the activities from work package 2 (WP2).

In the second part of the meeting, the implementation of work package 2, WP2, was discussed, where the course for students, the degree of its implementation, but also the issues of its implementation at the faculties were discussed. They also discussed the development of training materials that will be used in the implementation of training for various participants in the field of agritourism. Representatives of technical faculties as well as other participants who participate in the realization of the activities themselves took part in the discussion.

During the first day, participants had the opportunity to get acquainted with the human and infrastructure capacities of IPC Tehnopolis, especially the part that is brought to the application of ICT in agriculture and other segments.



The first working day ended successfully with a visit to the rural household "Đed Radoš" in the village of Orah, which is engaged in agritourism.

The second working day was dedicated to the activities on the realization of the EXPO fair. Participants had little opportunity to get acquainted with the basic structure of the event itself, as well as the visual identity presented by Ana Bogdanović from INTERA. A number of topics were discussed during the discussion:

- the time of the event itself (it was agreed in principle that it would be the middle of November);
- the structure of the fair during two days;
- lecturers in the plenary part of the fair;

- sections that will be realized in parallel during the fair;
- the manner of organization of the fair work itself;
- companies that will be invited to take part in the fair;
- manner and dynamics of dissemination activities in the following period;
- manner of promotion as well as other things important for successful realization.



During the meeting, deadlines, duties and obligations of individual partners were defined, which should contribute to the successful realization of the fair. The meeting ended with a summary of the agreed activities, as well as an agreement for the implementation of meetings in the coming period in accordance with the epidemiological situation.

As part of the evaluation of the meeting held in Nikšić, the participants had the opportunity to evaluate individual segments of the work through a questionnaire. The largest percentage of surveyed participants evaluated the meeting and the workshop very positively. When asked whether the content of the workshop was useful and relevant, a large percentage (71.4%) of respondents answered that they fully agreed (Chart 1). Respondents also believe that the workshop is properly prepared for new learning on the development of training tools and the organization of EXPO events (Chart 2). Also, a large number of respondents (85.7%) fully agreed that the responsible persons were well prepared and familiar with the topics of the meeting (Chart 3), and a larger number of respondents (71.4%) fully agreed that the length of the meeting was appropriate. (Chart 4).

A large number of respondents fully agree that the plan, type, responsibilities and dynamics of the realization of upcoming events - work packages WP2 and WP4 are clear (Chart 5). Also, 71.4% of participants stated that the meeting fully met expectations (Chart 6).

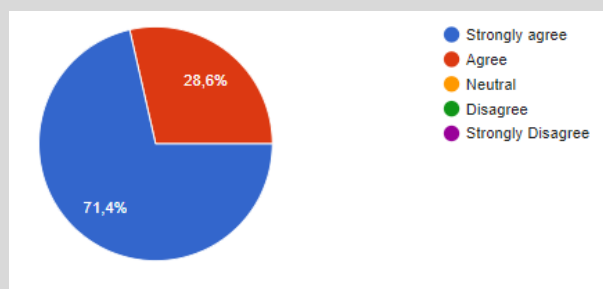


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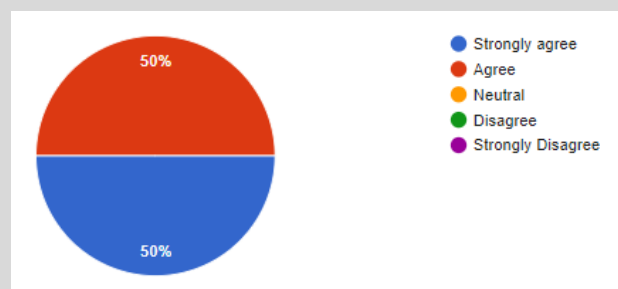


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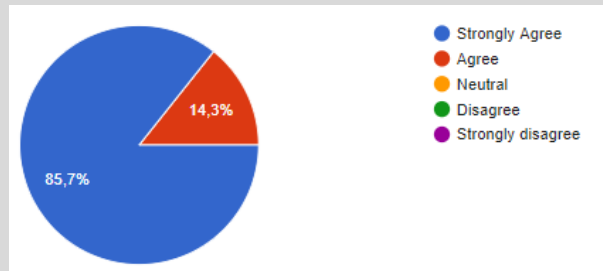


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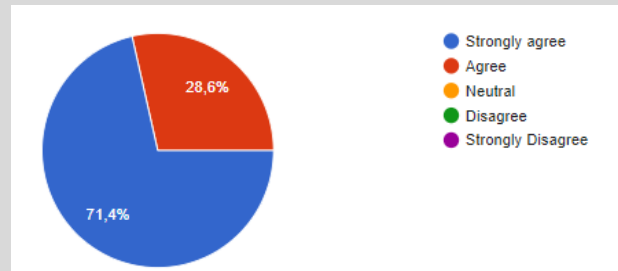


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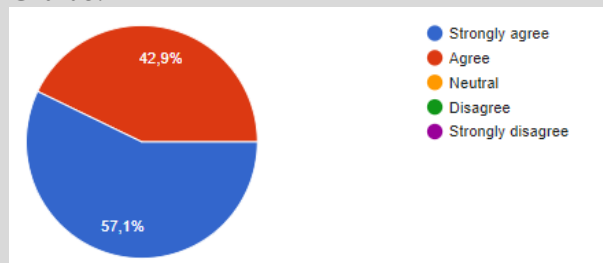


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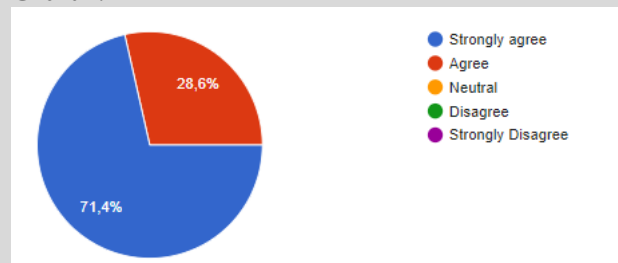


Chart 6.

Positive working atmosphere, well-organized meeting and excellent hospitality are the basic characteristics of the meeting, which are stated by the participants themselves, as positive things that would be especially emphasized:

- *Hospitality, working atmosphere and social activities during the meeting*
- *I like explanation of idea how expo should look like.*
- *Way of working, cordiality of the host*
- *Great organization, wonderful hosts, interesting topics...*
- *Agenda was appropriate planned and great host.*
- *Host, Work load*

- *Everything.*
- *The organization was excellently prepared, as well as the content of the workshop and the activities that were done*
- *Hospitality was great.*
- *A very important meeting before the summer holidays to summarize the activities and a plan for a quick start of activities after the holidays. It is very important that some activities that must be resolved during the summer holidays related to the procurement of equipment have been resolved.*
- *It was very well planned and useful. The hosts from Tehnopolis were great as usual.*

There were no objections to the meeting itself.

The most significant results of the meeting are the following:

- ⊙ the medium-term report on the realization of the project was presented and the directions of further work on the project were defined;
- ⊙ defined activities in order to complete the activities within the work package 2 WP2;
- ⊙ the participants agreed on the sequence of steps in the realization of the EXPO event;

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