



6th ICoSCIS MEETING -MINUTES

Project Name	“Interregional Cooperation at Scientific Computing in Interdisciplinary Science” (ICoSCIS)		
Programme	European Territorial Cooperation Programme “Greece-Bulgaria 2007-2013”		
Dates of Meeting	21.06.2013	Location:	SWU Neofit Rilski, Main Building, Room 114, Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria

The meeting was opened by Prof. Peter Milanov (host partner scientific responsible) with a general overview of the meeting’s agenda.

1. Workshop in Thessaloniki related tasks

Action 2.4 that relates to the research entrepreneurship workshop in Thessaloniki was the first subject in the agenda. It was proposed that the workshop will take place in late December in the premises of the lead partner. It will be a single day event which will bring together companies from the private sector with the scientific and research institutions of the project. Ideally the event will attract participation from representatives of both countries. A preliminary discussion was held on the title and theme of the workshop.

It was decided that all partners will contact companies related in any way to products or services involving complexity science (techniques, theory, models etc). In particular UoM representative Dr. Michael Maragakis (after the suggestion of Assist. Prof. Kyrtsoy), has identified several companies that might be interested in participating and proposed ways to spark their interest for active participation and get them involved in the entire process.



A short discussion followed on the expected amount of people and companies that will participate. SWU in specific suggested that 5-6 companies from the IT sector of the Blagoevgrad have already expressed interest in private talks. Also, SWU has mentioned that an increased number of personnel and SWU students will participate. It was requested by the partner in charge, UoM representative Dr. Michael Maragakis, that all partners should prepare a list of potential private sector participants which should be contacted. Should the participation/interest level of Bulgarian private sector companies proves to be high, it was suggested as an option to hold a second workshop in the premises of SWU in Blagoevgrad.

Technical issues concerning the exact date, venue, website, catering etc were left to be addressed in the next meeting.

2. Schedule for the second series of courses

Initially the duration and length of the courses was decided not to exceed the end of December in order to allow time for the evaluation of the participants and the courses themselves. Such a procedure usually takes about 1-2 months. It was also decided that courses should be in weekends as far as AUBG courses are concerned, but the Greek partners were open to teaching in other weekdays. Also, as starting dates SWU suggested mid September, while AUBG proposed late September.

SWU announced that it expects the participation level to be of the order of 20 or more people with a background in various disciplines. Due to the smaller number of participants as compared to the previous series of courses, it was mentioned that it is possible to reduce the number of courses. In order to finalize the number of courses we will further review the background of the participants of the next series.

3. Certification of attendance for the students and for staff – technical tasks

SWU has prepared and demonstrated several possible templates regarding the certificate of attendance to be awarded to the participants. Technical issues regarding the content of the



certificate (signatures, logos, paper orientation, courses listed, etc) were discussed. Specifically it was debated whether it is more prudent to have a single signature by the project manager, or more (i.e. representatives of the institutions, or from each lecturer). AUBG suggested that it would be best to limit the certificate award (in the form of a distinction of the participants) to those that attended more than 3 courses. A rough estimate by SWU resulted in the need to prepare more than 60 certificates.

4. Discussion on the project budget - spending levels and predictions for spending.

After a short review of the spending levels of each partner it was concluded that several of the partners have a problem in spending money on some categories. I.e. in the overheads category only the LP has reached the target spending of 5%, while all other partners have had limited or no spending. Similarly, other expenses, such as travel expenses, overheads etc, are at a low level in most partners. Equipment is already spent for the LP, and AUBG is about to spend it as well. Salaries are on schedule for all partners and spending there is at the expected level.

5. Equipment procurement related tasks.

The project implies the creation of two distinct clusters, one in Greece and another in Bulgaria. There has been a complication in the procurement of the Bulgarian cluster. Due to objections submitted by companies there has been a delay in the finalization of the procurement. The process, according to SWU is now on track, and given several additional and unavoidable in this case, bureaucratic delays the entire process will be finished early in the next academic year.

6. AOB

Concerning the educational part of the website, AUTH along with UoM, presented the needs for the creation of a webpage for every course. Specifically, the webpage of each course must list the teaching material, some references, links etc.



It was also decided that the next meeting would occur in the end of September. Whether it will be held in Thessaloniki or in Blagoevgrad will be decided later through e-mail.

7. Issues related to the upcoming ceremony of certificates for the outstanding students.

Several dates were discussed for the ceremony and it was decided that in case there were no additional delays it would happen in mid September. Optimally, it will be combined with a project meeting.

The project meeting was closed by Prof. Peter Milanov.



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- 12:00 – 12:15: Arrival of participants
- 12:15 – 12:45: Workshop in Thessaloniki related tasks.
- 12:45 – 13:15: The schedule for the second series of courses
- 13:15 – 13:30: Certification of attendance for the students and for staff – technical tasks
- 13:30 – 14:00: Discussion on the project budget - spending levels and predictions for spending
- 14:00 – 14:30: Equipment procurement related tasks.
- 14:30 – 15:00: Suggestion for distinction of some students by the teachers
- 15:00 – 15:30: AOB (any other business)
- 15:30 – 16:00: Issues related to the upcoming ceremony of certificates for the outstanding students
- 16:00: End of Meeting



Cumulative list of Participants:

	Name	Organisation
1.	Radoslav Mavrevski	SWU
2.	Panos Argyrakis	AUTH
3.	Michael Maragakis	UoM
4.	Ivan Todorin	SWU
5.	Paraskevas Giazitzidis	AUTH
6.	Anton Stoilov	SWU
7.	Peter Milanov	SWU
8.	Nikolaos Bastas	AUTH
9.	John Galletly	AUBG
10	Nevena Pencheva	SWU
11	Stoyan Bonev	AUBG
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These minutes have been approved by all partners after sufficient deliberations and are signed by the Scientific Coordinator, Prof. Panos Argyrakis of AUTH.

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