



7th ICoSCIS MEETING -MINUTES

Project Name	“Interregional Cooperation at Scientific Computing in Interdisciplinary Science” (ICoSCIS)		
Programme	European Territorial Cooperation Programme “Greece-Bulgaria 2007-2013”		
Date of Meeting	27.09.2013	Locations:	Main Building of SWU, room 114

The meeting has been organized in the 27th, in the premises of SWU. The meeting was opened by Assist. Prof. Anton Stoilov (on behalf of the hosting Institution) with a general overview of the meeting’s agenda.

1. Workshop in Thessaloniki

Action 2.4 that concerns the organization of a research entrepreneurship workshop was the first issue to be discussed. UoM, represented by Michael Maragakis (after the suggestion of Assist. Prof. Kyrtsoy) and being in charge of this action, has presented the preliminary work that was done until now. Several of the companies and industries that will be invited to participate and contribute in this action were presented. Overall, sectors that deal with software for mobile devices, social media applications, consulting, as well companies that are on the lookout for innovative ideas (GIS apps etc) were estimated to be the best target companies for such an action.

UoM presented an indicative list of partners that will be invited to participate in the workshop. SWU has also contacted a number of companies and about 5 of those have expressed intense interest to participate.



The tentative date and venue for the event was proposed. The workshop will be held in Thessaloniki on early January 2014 in the premises of the LP. A preliminary flyer will circulate among the partners and distributed to those interested in mid October and a second circular early November.

2. Second series of courses

SWU has presented an analysis of the participants for the second series of courses. Participants' analysis was based on the background they have. The total number was estimated to be smaller than that of the first series (of the order of 30). Most people come from Natural Sciences and Economics, while others come from fields as diverse as Sports, Language and Pedagogy. Additionally, most participants have little programming experience which is necessary for scientific programming. Courses will be held in the same place (SWU computer rooms). The weekdays selected for teaching are Friday and Saturday instead of the weekends used in the first series.

SWU suggested that each course instructor prepares a questionnaire with 10 questions to get an estimate of the level of knowledge of complexity science. This way we will also be able to understand the expectations and needs of the participants.

3. Discussion on the project budget.

Regarding the project budget, each partner reported their progress on budget spending. AUTH (LP) reported having spent 75% by the meeting date. This amounts to exactly $\frac{3}{4}$ of its budget with only 5 months left until the project's end. Additionally, a 5% of the budget (10800 €) will not be spent since it is money left from the equipment procurements. UoM, has spent about 61% in the same period. UoM has encountered problems in the spending of equipment (which is currently on its final stage), travel expenses (which are lower than projected) and overheads where the Institutional authorities have not supplied the team with resolute answers on how these money will be spent. SWU will be at about the same level with UoM in a few weeks, once the



equipment is purchased, whose procurement is on its final stage. The institutional authorities have also agreed to shift overheads money to other categories (namely others) since it has encountered difficulties to spend the money as overheads. Although they are low on travel expenses spending they have taken action and foresee that most of the money will be spent in this category. SWU projections are that they will reach a level of 95% by the projects end. AUBG will be at about the same level with SWU. The institutional authorities have reported problems spending money from overheads and others. They also agreed to shift these money to other categories (namely travel expenses and equipment). AUBG projections are that they will reach a level of 90% by the projects end.

4. Equipment procurement

The second topic was examined on a similar note. It was mentioned that no other than the clusters of P2 - SWU and LP - AUTH equipment has been bought. The delay was attributed by partner P3 to the fact that the suggested changes to the JTS were not put into effect. Prof. Kyrtsov has already taken the necessary actions to procure the equipment of P3 by late October . Similarly, P4 has promised to proceed in the procurements by the next two months. SWU has also mentioned that the additional equipment of 7000 euro (non cluster related computers) will be shortly procured.

It was clarified to all partners that equipment procurement money not spent in the actual procurements will return to JTS and cannot be shifted to other categories.

On this topic, Anton Stoilov has brought up the issue of the cluster procurements in both countries. AUTH has mentioned that the procurement had recently finished and the equipment was delivered and it is now up and running. SWU has finished with the selection procedure and is now in the process of receiving the equipment from the selected company. The payment details will be handled within the next month or two depending on possible delays from the supplier



and/or the appearance of objections from other contestants. AUBG has already bought the equipment a few weeks ago.

5. AOB

The closing event for the project was discussed. The Lead Partner notified in the meeting all other partners of its intention to hold a closing event meeting 3-4 weeks before the projects end. This event will be the final one for the project and must therefore have a greater publicity than other simple meetings. It will focus on summarizing the local and regional results and its effects on the communities of Blagoevgrad and Thessaloniki. It will thus play a dual role of both synchronizing all partners for the project closure and disseminating our outputs and outcomes.

The meeting will take place in Thessaloniki, in the premises of the Lead Partner and a preliminary date was set for the 10th of February 2014.

Another issue mentioned in the meeting is the subject of the certificates which must be issued and provided to the participants of the project (the students). Several templates were studied and a final one was picked. The certificate will list all of the courses and will be signed by the project's scientific responsible, prof. Panos Argyrakis. All participating institutions will be also listed.

The final issue discussed in the meeting was the date and place of the next meeting. The next meeting will be held in Thessaloniki and it will be combined with the research entrepreneurship workshop. A tentative date was set for early January. The coordinating team of this meeting will be AUTH.

The project meeting was closed by Assist. Prof. Anton Stoilov.

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7th Meeting for ICoSCIS project Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria September 27, 2013

Friday, September 27 Meeting Program

- 14:15 – 14:30: Arrival of participants
- 14:30 – 15:00: Workshop in Thessaloniki – news, date and schedule
- 15:00 – 15:30: Second series of courses – presentation from SWU about current situation and possible schedule
- 15:30 – 16:00: Discussion on the project budget
- 16:00 – 16:30: Equipment procurement
- 16:30 – 17:00 AOB
- 17:00: End of Meeting



Cumulative list of Participants:

	Name	Organisation
1.	John Galletly	AUBG
2.	Stoyan Bonev	AUBG
3.	Anton Stoilov	SWU
4.	Radoslav Mavrevski	SWU
5.	Nevena Pluvdieva	SWU
6.	Pavlina Sheytanska	SWU
7.	Panos Argyrakis	AUTH
8.	Michael Maragakis	UoM
9.	Nikolaos Bastas	AUTH
10.	Paraskevas Giazitzidis	AUTH
11.	Fatima Sapundzhi	SWU
12.	Metodi Tzaykov	SWU
13.	Ivan todorin	SWU

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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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Scientific Coordinator of project ICoSCIS