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## Project partners

- LB - PB1 UNIVERSITY OF IOANNINA- RESEARCH COMMITTEE (UOI) <http://www.rc.uoi.gr/> (Lead partner)
- PB2 REGION of EPIRUS (ROE) <http://www.php.gov.gr/>
- PB3 ISTITUTO SCIENZE DELLE PRODUZIONI ALIMENTARI (ISPA/CNR) <http://www.ispacnr.it/>
- PB4 CIHEAM - ISTITUTO AGRONOMO MEDITERRANEO – BARI (IAMB) <http://www.iamb.it/>
- PB5 CONSORZIO PER LA BONIFICA DELLA CAPITANATA (CBC) <http://consorzio.fg.it/>
- AP1 REGION OF PUGLIA (ROP) <http://www.regione.puglia.it/> (associate partner)



## Introduction

The 4<sup>th</sup> Closeout Management meeting of the project was scheduled for Tuesday 12 November 2020 and was organized by the Region of Epirus (PB2) in collaboration with the University of Ioannina (LB). Due to COVID – 19 pandemic safety measures the meeting was held via the web meeting platform MS-Teams. The meeting accounted for 12 participants.

## Meeting agenda

### **Tuesday, November 12**

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MS-Teams Web Meeting Platform

Coordination: Dr. I. L. Tsirogiannis, LB Uoi

11:00 – 11:15

- Welcome of participants / Summary of the meeting agenda | Mr. E. Sakkas, PB2 ROE

11:15 - 12:45

- Overview of project's progress with emphasis on physical object implementation | Dr. I. L. Tsirogiannis, LB Uoi
- Overview of project's financial progress | Mr. D. Mareas, LB Uoi
- Presentation of project progress by partner – need for modifications
- Project closure procedures | Mrs. V. Vitali, IR2MA project officer, Interreg V-A Greece –Italy Joint Secretariat

12:45 - 13:00 Break

13:00 - 14:00

- Discussion on the following topics:
  - Progress of physical object implementation towards the completion of the project
  - Dissemination activities (events and material)
  - Financial issues (financing, payments, verification)
  - Progress reporting
  - Need for modifications (duration extension, budget reallocation)
  - Project closure
  - Post project sustainability of deliverables

## Participants

### **4<sup>th</sup> Closeout Management meeting (12/11 11:00-14:00)**

LB - PB1 UNIVERSITY OF IOANNINA- RESEARCH COMMITTEE (UOI)

- Dr. Yannis Tsirogiannis, Associate Professor at Uoi, Project Manager
- Mr. Demetrios Mareas, Special Account of Uoi, Project Financial Manager
- Mr. Demetrios Kyrkas
- Mrs Pinelopi Baltzoi

PB2 REGION of EPIRUS (ROE)

- Mr. Evangelos Sakkas

PB3 ISTITUTO SCIENZE DELLE PRODUZIONI ALIMENTARI (ISPA/CNR)

- Dr. Angelo Parente
- Dr. Francesco Montesano
- Mrs Mariella Quarto

PB4 CIHEAM - ISTITUTO AGRONOMO MEDITERRANEO – BARI (IAMB)

- Dott. Mladen Todorovic
- Dr. Andi Mehmeti

PB5 CONSORZIO PER LA BONIFICA DELLA CAPITANATA (CBC)

- Dr. Nicoletta Novielo

Mrs Valeria Vitali Branch Representative Officer- Joint Secretariat, Interreg V-A Greece-Italy Managing Authority of European Territorial Cooperation Programmes

## **Minutes**

### ***Tuesday, November 12, 2020***

The 4<sup>th</sup> Management (closeout) Meeting was held via the web meeting platform MS-Teams and the meeting started at 11:00 am.

Mr. Evangelos Sakkas (PB2) welcomed all participants and launched the closeout meeting of IRMA project. He gave a brief presentation of the meeting agenda.

Dr. Tsirogiannis Yannis L. (LP PB1) made a presentation – overview of project's progress especially on the on physical object implementation and he raised the issue of the extension of the project duration.

The Financial Manager of the project, Mr. Demetrios Maretas (LP PB1) presented the amounts and percentages of the paid out and certified expenditures for all beneficiaries.

Mrs Valeria Vitali seized the opportunity to ask from all beneficiaries an updated version of the project's Final Forecast regarding the paid out and certified expenditures until the end of the project.

Dr. Tsirogiannis Yannis highlighted the fact that the budget of PB2 is in high risk not to be used and an extension of the project's duration is deemed necessary. Mr. Evangelos Sakkas supported this view in order for PB2 to complete its deliverables (procurements and physical object activities).

Dr. Francesco Montesano expressed his agreement with the extension of the project duration and proposed a six month extension. He mentioned all the delays that PB3 faced on the implementation of the physical object due to COVID – 19 pandemic, like measurements in the framework of field experiments, elaboration of analysis of the results and reporting and most of it, organisation of extended dissemination activities that will provide added value to the project and the programme. Finally, he highlighted the fact that an extension of the duration will not affect the financial status of the project.

Dr. Tsirogiannis Yannis agreed with the need of a six month extension for the completion of the dissemination activities for PB3 and PB4.

Dr. Mladen Todorovic declared that PB4 completely agree with the extension of the project's duration for implementing the dissemination event.

Dr. Angelo Parente stressed the fact that the general situation is extremely precarious due to the pandemic and a six months extension of the project's duration is necessary.

Mrs Valeria Vitali mentioned that an extension of the project's duration can be allowed as soon as the certified expenses are satisfied.

Dr. Tsirogiannis Yannis stressed the fact that PB4's dissemination event is of great importance because IAM Bari is an Organisation with a great impact on International level and this will offer great value to the project.

LB, PB2, PB3 and PB4 agreed that a six months extension of the project's duration is deemed necessary in order for all the experiments and dissemination activities to be completed.

After this discussion, Mrs Valeria Vitali asked from beneficiaries to prepare the extension request with a strong documentation included and stressed once again the fact that the level of the certified expenditures must stay high.

After the end of the discussion for the extension of the project's duration, Mrs Valeria Vitali made a presentation regarding the administrative Project closure procedures. After the end of the presentation Mrs Vitali suggested beneficiaries to submit the extension request until the end of November.

Dr. Tsirogiannis Yannis made an overview of the dissemination events that must be organized by PB3 and PB4 and the dissemination material that must be purchased by PB2 which will be distributed to all beneficiaries. Dr. Mladen Todorovic suggested that PB4 organizes the relative workshop for next May. Dr. Francesco Montesano suggested that PB3 organizes the relative workshop for next March.

After the end of the discussion, Dr. Tsirogiannis Yannis stressed the fact that LB faces a great difficulty regarding human resources and asked from all beneficiaries to complete all the financial issues and the closure procedures that Mrs Vtali mentioned to her presentation.

### ***Presentations and material***

All the presentations and indicative photos are available at:  
<https://www.interregir2ma.eu/communication-ir2ma#event06>

The project manager

Dr. Tsirogiannis Ioannis  
Associate Professor, UoI

## Annex – I Selected photographs (screen shots)





50:01

Francesco Fabiano Montesano (CNR - SPA) (Osipite)

Ατομα

Αυτή τη στιγμή στη σύσκεψη (12)

- Penelope (Επισκέπτης)
- ΔΗΜΗΤΡΙΟΣ ΚΥΡΚΑΣ (Διοργανωτής)
- ΔΗΜΗΤΡΙΟΣ ΜΑΡΕΤΑΣ
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- Andi Mehmeti (Osipite)
- Angelo Parente
- Francesco Fabiano Montesano (...)
- Mariella Quarto (Osipite)
- Mladen Todorovic (Osipite)
- Nicoletta Noviello
- Sakkas Evangelos Region of Epiru...
- Valeria Vitali

58:56

Angelo Parente

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Mladen Todorovic (Osipite)

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