New CUrricula in Precision Agriculture using GIS technologies and sensing data (CUPAGIS)

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CUPAGIS coordination meeting – Minutes

Date	07 June 2021
Format	Zoom meeting
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Agenda:

1. Information about application for prolongation of the project
2. Information about status of the delivery of equipment
3. Completed master classes and credit point certificates
4. CBHE virtual fair
5. Plans for physical training
6. Any other business

1. Status of the application for prolongation of the project

The coordinator informed that application for prolongation of the project was submitted to the EACEA on 24 May. The application is finance-neutral. Adjustments to the budget will be made, if necessary, when the physical travel options will be clearer.

2. Status of the delivery of equipment

The coordinator, University Oran1 and the forwarding agent in Oran are currently performing the final check of paperwork. It is expected that the equipment will be sent out within a few days and will arrive Oran seaport by the end of June.

3**. Master classes and training certificates**

Exolaunch and EU partner universities have organized already 29 sessions of master classes, each session containing about 3 contact hours. The partners agreed that this amount of teaching is equivalent

to 3 European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) credit points for the participants. The partners were asked to provide the full list and necessary data of persons who have earned the credit points to Mrs Svetlana Jasic.

4**. CBHE virtual fair**

The coordinator informed the partners that in October 2021 the Erasmus+ National Offices (NEO) with the support of the European Education and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) organise a Virtual Fair to showcase best results and inspiring practices emerging from Capacity Building projects in Higher Education (CBHE). It is strongly encouraged that Algerian partners (i) share their experience (e.g. developed new curricula) at this fair and (ii) participate in presentation and discussion sessions of this fair. The deadline of applications for a presentation is 27 June and application should be made using an internet-based submission form.

5. Plans for physical meetings and training

The partners unanimously agreed that for successful run of the projects physical meetings and re/trainings should be restored as soon as possible.

The epidemiological situation in Algeria and in EU is still unclear. There is moderate hope that travel options will be restored by late autumn (November) and there is still hope that we can organise two training sessions as foreseen in the proposal. As planning of a training event takes 3–4 months, the decision about strategy of training events will be made in August. If the situation is unclear by that time, the partners may consider application for a pause in the project execution (if acceptable according to the rules) in order to provide all planned outputs of the project.

6. Any other business

The new curricula have been submitted to the ministry for the national registration from all partner universities in Algeria. It is hoped that the registration procedure will be completed in July and pilot teaching will be launched this autumn.

The next coordination meeting is tentatively scheduled to August when the equipment has arrived and launched, pilot teaching is about to start, PASENSO units are equipped with necessary items, and travel options are more clear.

Notes taken by Svetlana Jasic

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