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AHEAD

KICK-OFF MEETING

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MONDAY FEBRUARY 26

- 9:00 - 9:30** | REGISTRATION AND COFFEE
- 9:30 - 9:35** | **Welcoming note by the hosting partner**
Prof Antonio DE CRISTOFARO | Dept. Vice-Director | University of Molise (UoM, IT)
Prof Arturo ALVINO | Project Coordinator | University of Molise (UoM, IT)
- 9:35 - 9:45** | **Welcoming note by the Project Coordinator**
Overview of the agenda
Prof Liviu MOLDOVAN | Petru Maior University of Targu Mures (UPM, RO)
- 9:45 - 13:30** | **AHEAD project overview**
Overview of work packages, intellectual outputs and activities, work programme and schedule of the project
Dr Gergana DIMITROVA | European Center for Quality (ECQ, BG)
- 13:30 - 14:30** | LUNCH
- 14:30 - 16:00** | **Financial management**
• Partnership Agreements
• Project financing: Budget, eligible costs, co-financing and reporting mechanisms • Project monitoring: 6-month monitoring reports
• Interim and final reporting to the Executive Agency
Prof Liviu MOLDOVAN | Petru Maior University of Targu Mures (UPM, RO)
- 16:00 - 16:30** | **Financial management**
Questions and answers session | All partners
- 16:30 - 16:50** | COFFEE BREAK
- 16:50 - 17:00** | **Communication, coordination and collaboration between partners during the project**
Skype working meetings, emailing, shared google drive, working groups, etc.
Prof Liviu MOLDOVAN | Petru Maior University of Targu Mures (UPM, RO)
- 17:00 - 17:30** | **Universities as actors in the regional and national innovation systems**
Dr Eng. Elena HARPAL | Petru Maior University of Targu Mures (UPM, RO) & Dr Gergana DIMITROVA | European Center for Quality (ECQ, BG)
- 17:30 - 18:00** | **Inclusive innovation for development**
Overview of the concept of inclusive innovation and inclusive innovation strategies
Dr Gergana DIMITROVA | European Center for Quality (ECQ, BG)
- 18:00 - 19:00** | FREE TIME
- 19:00** | SOCIAL DINNER

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 27

- 9:00 - 10:00** | **Guidance and benchmarking tools for** • national innovation system analysis • institutional self-assessment
Presentation of the first version of the tools (performance metrics and benchmarking areas)
Prof Izabela WARWAS | SAN, PL
- 10:00 - 11:00** | **EU universities as actors in the regional and national innovation systems:**
- Good practices from Birmingham City University - Good practices from University of Molise
Dr Charlotte CAREY Birmingham City University (BCU, UK) & Dr Simona ZAMPINO University of Molise (UoM, IT)
- 11:00 - 11:20** | COFFEE BREAK
- SESSION ON NATIONAL INNOVATION SYSTEMS**
- 11:20 - 11:40** | **Kenyan innovation system**
Prof Vincent ONYWERA | Kenyatta University (KenU, Kenya)
- 11:40 - 12:00** | **Ugandan innovation system**
Mr. Onan MULUMBA | Makerere University (MU, Uganda)
- 12:00 - 12:20** | **Tanzanian innovation system**
Dr Yahya SHEIKH & Dr Umayra EL NABAHANY | The State University of Zanzibar (SUZA, Tanzania) &
Dr Joseph MATIKO | Dar es Salaam Institute of Technology (DIT, Tanzania)
- 12:20 - 13:00** | **Discussion and joint development of the template for background reports on National Innovation Systems in Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania**
Applicability of the performance metrics and benchmarks to the context of the Partner Countries
All partners, discussion moderated by Prof Izabela WARWAS (SAN, PL)
- 13:00 - 14:00** | LUNCH
- SESSION ON INNOVATION ECOSYSTEMS AT PARTNER UNIVERSITIES**
- 14:00 - 16:40** | **Kenyatta University** (KenU) | Prof Frederick GRAVENIR | Kenya
Kibabii University (KibU) | Dr Paul OBINO | Kenya
Makerere University (MU) | Dr Alison A. KINENGYERE | Uganda
Catholic University of Eastern Africa (CUEA) | Prof Joseph ONGERI | Kenya
Kisii University (KisU) | Prof Alfred SHITANDI | Kenya
Dar Es Salaam Institute of Technology (DIT) | Dr Joseph MATIKO | Tanzania
The State University of Zanzibar (SUZA) | Dr Yahya SHEIKH & Dr Umayra EL NABAHANY | Tanzania
Kyambogo University (KyaU) | Dr Lawrence ERON | Uganda
Lira University (LU) | Prof Okaka Opio DOKOTUM | Uganda
Mount Kenya University (MKU) | Dr Peter G. KIRIRA | Kenya
- 16:40 - 17:00** | COFFEE BREAK
- 17:00 - 17:30** | **Joint development of the Guidance and benchmarking tool for institutional self- assessment**
Working in groups; assessing applicability of the tool to the institutional context
Discussion moderated by ECQ, BG
- 17:30 - 17:40** | **Joint development of the Guidance and benchmarking tool for institutional self- assessment**
Summary of results of group sessions, sharing and discussing improvement suggestions
All partners, discussion moderated by Prof Izabela WARWAS (SAN, PL)
- 17:40 - 18:00** | **Joint development of the template for Institutional Innovation and Research Capacity Self-Assessment Reports**
All partners, discussion moderated by Prof Izabela WARWAS (SAN, PL)
- 18:00 - 18:30** | **Next meeting arrangements**
Discussion moderated by Prof Liviu MOLDOVAN (UPM, RO)
- 18:30 - 19:30** | FREE TIME
- 19:30** | SOCIAL DINNER

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 28

- 09:00 - 09:30** | **Work package 1 upcoming activities & deadlines** • National innovation system analyses (Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda)
• Institutional innovation and research capacity self- assessment reports • Fine-tuning and priority roadmap • Deadlines
All partners, discussion moderated by Prof Izabela WARWAS (SAN, PL)
- 09:30 - 10:30** | **Dissemination, Visibility and Exploitation of the Project** • Dissemination plan • Erasmus+ requirements for project dissemination
• Visual identity of the AHEAD project • Dissemination activities of all partners in the following six months
Dr Evgenia NIKULINA (ECQ, BG)
- 10:30 - 11:00** | **Planning of stakeholder involvement in the project**
• Lists of stakeholders to be involved in the project • Approaches for stakeholder involvement • Commencement of the stakeholder update process
All partners, discussion moderated by Dr Evgenia NIKULINA (ECQ, BG)
- 11:00 - 11:20** | COFFEE BREAK
- 11:20 - 12:00** | **Evaluation panel**
• Providing feedback about the working sessions • Debriefing and end of the working sessions
Dr Gergana DIMITROVA (ECQ, BG)
- 12:00 - 13:30** | **Working meetings between the coordinators and individual partner organizations**
Individual consultations
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- 14:30 - 16:00** | **Working meetings between the coordinators and individual partner organizations**
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- 16:00 - 19:00** | **Networking activities**
- 19:00** | SOCIAL DINNER

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