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Dear partners and friends of AGRO SEVI project,

This is the second edition of the newsletter with hopefully interesting information on the progress of the project. The current issue reviews the successful meeting in Spain, organized by our friends and partners in the Burgos Region. It was the first physical meeting of the partners as previously there were restrictions due to the pandemic. Thus it gave us special joy as the personal contact is very important in the strengthening of the relations between the partners and in achieving comprehensive exchange of views.

On this base, we are looking forward for the 3rd meeting of the project which will take place in Finland next month. We are sure that once again there will be the same wonderful and productive exchange of experiences and views.

Meanwhile, of particular importance is the constant interconnection of the partners during the time in between the working meetings. That is why the 2nd WEB Café is organized at the beginning of November and we hope that it will have the same warm acceptance from the participants as did the 1st one earlier in September.

We once again thank dearly our colleagues in Burgos for the hospitality and the experience we have gained from life visits.

We look forward for the 3rd meeting in Finland!

Sincerely,

Spyros Papaspyrou,

project manager of AGRO SEVI project (Region of Western Greece)

Sofia Karveli,

communication manager of AGRO SEVI project (Region of Western Greece)



Overview_ 2nd Meeting of AGRO SEVI Project

On Tuesday 06 and on Wednesday 07 October the 2nd Meeting of the AGRO SE VI project was held in Burgos, Spain. It was the first live meeting since the beginning of the project organized with great success by the project partners from the Provincial Government of Burgos.

During the opening session, project partners discussed on the best practices of Social Enterprises that were earlier presented on behalf of the representatives of each region. The participants evaluated these practices using the evaluation tool (Assessment Grid) that has been developed through the project based on criteria for applicability and transferability in the partners' countries.

Later on the 1st day of the Meeting and during the 2nd day, on site visits were made to companies with a special social character located in Burgos and the wider area within its Region.

Partners were guided tour at the facilities of:

- **Morcilla de Burgos "San Lesmes"** (Burgos - Spain) processing plant according to the required standards of IGP (Protected Geographical Indication – quality label). The social enterprise has a distinctive roles as part of the REUSAD Job Integration Company – Lesmes Foundation.

In fact this was one of the good practices with high evaluation score during the proceedings of the evaluation made using the assessment grid.

- **Salt mines in Poza de la Sal** and the local "Las Salinas" Friends Association. Partners were introduced to process of the salt extraction from the mines which surround the municipality and also to the role of the association which concentrates on the conservation, defense and promotion of the old salt mines in the municipality. On social economy terms, they also intend to integrate as many people as possible interested in the conservation, defense and promotion of the historical, artistic, archaeological, geological, biological and ethnographic heritage of the old salt mines.

- **Apimara Honey Producer** located in Arconada de Bureba (Burgos). Apimara is based on sustainable issues, avoiding as possible greenhouse gases due to transport and selling abroad. It was established under a quite new legal form (national level) in agricultural holdings named "Shared Ownership". Apimara also was created to encourage women – usually working in the agri-food familiar business selflessly – to tax on the Social Security system.

During the closing session of the 2nd meeting partners had the chance to engage sharing their views for the progress of the project and future actions. The session opened with Mr Papaspyrou, project manager of AGRO SEVI, making the draft with the indicative content for the creation of the blueprint for the Virtual Incubator. Then, there was a discussion on the publicity actions and the planned future actions for the project completion early on 2022.



PHOTO ALBUM Overview_ 2nd Meeting









RESULTS OF THE VALUATION

Based on the methodology of the assesment grid

SCORING (average) - GREECE	
AGROINNOECO - A Balkan Med Interregional Innovation Ecosystem	23/33
AKARNANIAN SUSTAINABILITY Social Cooperative Enterprise	25/33
LIOFYLLO Social Cooperative Enterprise	24,4/33
MELISMATA Social Cooperative Enterprise	23,2/33
Agricultural Dairy Cooperative of Kalavryta	25/33
REUSADJOB INTEGRATION COMPANY	28,4/33
North Merindades Beekeeping Services Cooperative	27,2/33
Social Employment Centre - Fundación Conde Fernán Armentález	24/33
La Solanilla Shared Ownership	25,4/33
Alma de Luna (Moon Soul) Extra Virgin Olive Oil Company	26,6/33
FOOD FARM 4.0, Emilia Romagna (Italy)	28,2/33
Matmissionen; Food Mission' Social Supermarket	27,2/33
REKO Ring	25/33
Tilalta.fi platform	25,2/33
Omenasieppari	25,8/33
Ruokaosuuskunta - Urban Co-operative	25,8/33

SCORING (average) - FINLAND	
AGROINNOECO - A Balkan Med Interregional Innovation Ecosystem	22/33
AKARNANIAN SUSTAINABILITY Social Cooperative Enterprise	23/33
LIOFYLLO Social Cooperative Enterprise	26/33
MELISMATA Social Cooperative Enterprise	19/33
Agricultural Dairy Cooperative of Kalavryta	26/33
REUSADJOB INTEGRATION COMPANY	29/33
North Merindades Beekeeping Services Cooperative	27/33
Social Employment Centre - Fundación Conde Fernán Armentález	27/33
La Solanilla Shared Ownership	22/33
Alma de Luna (Moon Soul) Extra Virgin Olive Oil Company	27/33
FOOD FARM 4.0, Emilia Romagna (Italy)	27/33
Matmissionen; Food Mission' Social Supermarket	26/33
REKO Ring	27/33
Tilalta.fi platform	26/33
Omenasieppari	25/33
Ruokaosuuskunta - Urban Co-operative	23/33

SCORING (average) - SPAIN	
AGROINNOECO - A Balkan Med Interregional Innovation Ecosystem	30/33
AKARNANIAN SUSTAINABILITY Social Cooperative Enterprise	20/33
LIOFYLLO Social Cooperative Enterprise	29/33
MELISMATA Social Cooperative Enterprise	20/33
Agricultural Dairy Cooperative of Kalavryta	25/33
REUSADJOB INTEGRATION COMPANY	28/33
North Merindades Beekeeping Services Cooperative	20/33
Social Employment Centre - Fundación Conde Fernán Armentález	22/33
La Solanilla Shared Ownership	28/33
Alma de Luna (Moon Soul) Extra Virgin Olive Oil Company	25/33
FOOD FARM 4.0, Emilia Romagna (Italy)	31/33
Matmissionen; Food Mission' Social Supermarket	23/33
REKO Ring	21/33
Tilalta.fi platform	26/33
Omenasieppari	22/33
Ruokaosuuskunta - Urban Co-operative	22/33

WHAT'S NEW

Spain, Burgos partner_ Press Coverage of the 2nd Meeting

DIPUTACIÓN | PROYECTO EUROPEO

Burgos, Finlandia y Grecia crean una incubadora virtual para la agroalimentación

P.C.P. / BURGOS

La Diputación Provincial, a través de Sodebur y Burgos Alimenta, trabaja junto a los gobiernos de las regiones Occidental de Grecia y Oulu en Finlandia en el diseño de una incubadora virtual para proyectos agroalimentarios, que además sirva a las administraciones públicas para brindar apoyo a proyectos de la economía social (existentes o de nueva creación), en zonas rurales o escasamente pobladas de Europa. El proyecto AGRO SE-VI ha recibido 109.081,61 euros de la convocatoria Misiones de Economía Social del Programa COSME (Competitividad de las empresas y las Pymes) de la Comisión Europea. Los diputados Lorenzo Rodríguez y Jesús María Sendino recibieron al equipo de trabajo de los tres países ayer en el Monasterio de San Agustín. La reunión técnica se complementará con visitas a la Fundación Lesmes, la Destilería Reina de Castilla, en Poza de la Sal, y al productor de miel Apimara, en Arconada de Bureba.



El equipo de trabajo de los tres países, en el claustro del Monasterio de San Agustín. / PATRICIA

BURGOSconecta

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Diputación de Burgos

La provincia acoge un taller de trabajo para apoyar el emprendimiento social en el sector agroalimentario

Las instituciones europeas de tres países se citan en Burgos para trabajar en la puesta en marcha de un anteproyecto de incubadora virtual para el sector agroalimentario



Representantes y participantes del proyecto AGRO SE-VI en Burgos. /ac

BURGOS CONECTA
Burgos
Miércoles, 6 octubre 2021, 12:37

La provincia de Burgos acoge durante este miércoles y el jueves, 6 y 7 de octubre, el segundo taller de trabajo transnacional del proyecto AGRO SE-VI. Se trata del primer taller realizado de manera presencial. Este proyecto, AGRO SE-VI, tiene la finalidad de intercambiar experiencias y buenas prácticas para conocer un anteproyecto de incubadora virtual que potencia la creación de empresas de economía social en el medio rural, con especial atención a aquellas que puedan operar alrededor al **sector agroalimentario**.

Este proyecto celebra durante estas dos jornadas el segundo taller presencial, aunque ha habido otros telemáticos. Las reuniones se completan con **visitas de estudio** a la Fundación Lesmes, a la Destilería Reina de Castilla en Poza de la Sal y al productor de miel Apimara en Arconada de Bureba.

BURGOS NOTICIAS

PROVINCIA

La UE aprueba el proyecto AGRO SE-VI de Diputación Burgos para apoyar el emprendimiento social en el sector agroalimentario



El proyecto europeo AGRO SE-VI reúne a 3 socios europeos para trabajar en la puesta en marcha de un anteproyecto de incubadora virtual para el sector agroalimentario.

burgosnoticias.com | 25/02/2021 - 09:28h.



El proyecto AGRO SE-VI responde a una necesidad europea y a un reto territorial compartido, más aún si cabe derivado de las consecuencias económicas y sociales producidas por la pandemia de COVID-19, con el objetivo de potenciar y facilitar la creación de empresas de economía social, principalmente en el medio rural o áreas escasamente pobladas de la Unión Europea, para contribuir al desarrollo sostenible y al crecimiento económico en estos territorios.



Finland, Oulu partner_ Centre of Expertise for Social Enterprises

The Finnish Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment has allocated EUR 3 million in discretionary government grants to a new Centre of Expertise for Social Enterprises in accordance with the Government policy outlined in its mid-term policy review. The center's operations will begin immediately and continue until the end of 2023 with funding from the discretionary government grants. The European Social Fund will also participate in project funding.

The center of expertise provides guidance and advice to Finnish entrepreneurs and organizations that are involved in or starting up social business, regardless of the type of company or sector. At the same time, it creates network-based expert services to strengthen the operating conditions for social business and to increase the employment of people with partial work ability.

For more details you can visit the official site of the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment following the link

<https://tem.fi/en/-/centre-of-expertise-for-social-enterprises-starts-operations>



UPCOMING

Greece, RWG partner_ 2nd WEB CAFÉ

8 November 2021, 11:00pm (Athens time)

Following the 1st Web CAFÉ, the team of Region of Western Greece organizes the 2nd web-café session in order to discuss on the subject:

“Needs of social enterprises and findings from AGRO SE VI (so far)”

- A 2hour discussion about the needs of social enterprises, the opportunities and interactions with other existing forms of social responsibility
- Specialists active in social enterprises and social non-profit cooperative

Are you willing to take part?

Then please complete the following RSVP form and address it to the following email.

s.papaspirou@pde.gov.gr

We will be glad to have an interaction.

Finland, Oulu partner_3rd Meeting

The 3rd Meeting of AGROSEVI project is going to take place in

Oulu, Finland on the **17th** and **18th** of **November 2021**.

The Agenda is on the making.

We are all looking forward for another fruitful gathering among partners.