



**STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING No 4 MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

**Location: DIMOKRITIO PANEPISTIMIO THRAKIS**

**Alexandroupolis, Greece**

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**ATENDEES**

Representatives of partner institutions:

1. University of Novi Sad
2. Kostanay Engineering and Economics University named after M. Dulatov
3. Kazakh National Agrarian University
4. Toraigyrov University
5. Dimokrito Panepistimio Thrakis
6. University of Josip Juraj Strossmayer in Osijek
7. Agricultural experimental station Zarechnoye
8. Kazakh research institute of plant protection and quarantine named after Zhazken Zhiyembayev

**AGENDA**

1. Progress in Equipment Procurement
2. Defining the Lifelong Learning Program
3. Implementation of the Bachelor's Study Program
4. DUTH Proposal for More Efficient Dissemination
5. Action Plan for the Next Six Months
6. Any Other Business

**REMARKS**

1. **Progress in Equipment Procurement – Report from PSU and KazNARU**

Viktor Kamkin and Abzal Abdramanov, representatives of PSU and KazNARU, respectively, stated that all the remaining necessary equipment will be delivered and installed by the defined milestone deadline (August 31, 2024).

2. **Defining the Lifelong Learning Program**

Three Kazakh universities have agreed to define and implement a joint Lifelong Learning (LLL) program in a hybrid format. This program is expected to consist of 72 academic hours and will be offered free of

charge during the project's lifespan, with plans for commercialization afterward. The main topics covered will include soil management, water management, and agrochemistry.

3. **Implementation of the Bachelor's Study Program**

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Development of bachelor program in agroecology with dual education in Kazakhstan  
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All three Kazakh universities will begin implementing the Bachelor's program in September this year, prior to the accreditation of the study program. KazNARU expects more than 10 attendees, PSU plans to offer the program in two languages (Russian and Kazakh) and intends to conduct an aggressive campaign. KEEU, as the smallest university, expects approximately 5 students.

Considering that Work Package 5, which involves the implementation of the program, is scheduled to begin in the 24th month of the project (February 2025), but students will already be enrolled in the new program starting in September 2024, and professionals involved in the Lifelong Learning (LLL) program, the project coordinator proposes to the members of the Steering committee to request amendments from Brussels. Specifically, they propose to initiate Work Package 5 in September this year to visit Kazakh universities shortly after the program's implementation starts in September. This approach will allow any potential deficiencies to be addressed by February of next year.

During this time, it is proposed to conduct user satisfaction surveys (suggested by UNIOS) and for representatives from partner institutions outside Kazakhstan to deliver guest lectures for the LLL course (proposal by KEEU).

#### **4. DUTH Proposal for More Efficient Dissemination**

During the study visit to Greece, Professor Kostas Galanopoulos presented a new demo version of the project website. The idea is to make the new page more user-friendly and visually appealing, ensuring that information is easily accessible. KEEU has agreed that their web designer will take over and deploy the new version of the website by the end of July, with a dedicated student page set to be created by the end of August.

#### **5. Action Plan for the Next Six Months**

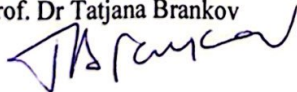
All three Kazakh universities have agreed to expedite the accreditation process, ensuring that all preparatory measures for program implementation are completed by January 31, 2025. PSU is required to submit a draft version of the dual study program by July 31, 2024.

#### **6. Any Other Business**

Zhanat Jabassova from KEEU requested that partners from Serbia, Greece, and Croatia provide the dual education and LLL programs being implemented in their countries. All partners agreed to fulfill this request.

Additionally, members of the Steering Committee noted that due to personnel changes, it is necessary to update the members of the Local Committee. They committed to sending an email to the coordinator with the required information accordingly.

Prof. Dr Tatjana Brankov



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