

Agreement on 5*nature -Transnational Leader-project 2017-2019

Programming period 2014-2020

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Article 1. Objects of the project

Nature and rural cultural tourism is a quickly growing but still innovative segment of the global tourism market. From a mere niche it has during the last years became an important segment that involves millions of travellers each year. The developing of this type of tourism is a very important possibility to rural areas and their stakeholders. We have, however, a lot to do in this sector and specially in combining of the nature and cultural values as well developing multi sided travelling opportunities for different tourist segments.

The potential benefits produced by nature and culture tourism for the host regions and the involved stakeholders are huge and many sided. Nature tourism is an important opportunity to diversify local rural economies that have lost part of their economic base.

Moreover, natural and cultural tourism supplies important financial resources and of course contributes thus to the overall livability of the destination area and obviously tourism contributes to the visibility of the region as such (the so-called territorial brand) but also contributes to raise awareness that operating touristic firms are an important part of the social and economic texture of a region and the attractiveness of the region for the different stakeholders is supposed to be boosted.

The development of natural tourism therefore not only leads to a concrete injection in terms of high quality jobs, but it also enhances the image of the places, contributing eventually to the civic pride of the local inhabitants.

In practice, this proposal addresses the possibility of participating regions to innovatively engage in nature and rural cultural tourism development, either pursuing the valorisation of their heritage or through the utilisation of it. The project actions aim to exchanging best practices and at generating a Europe wide network of nature tourism experiences that helps in creating flexible itineraries that link different nature and rural cultural tourism destinations with each other.

One of the focuses of this project is also to research and test participating areas as "ecoactive" tourism areas and to examine if the context could be applied within the participating areas.

The project aims to develop the potential benefits produced by nature and cultural rural tourism for the host regions and the involved stakeholders

- Identification of best practices and intensification of entrepreneurial collaboration in local level
- Educational sessions on tourism as follows the local entrepreneurs needs (locally)
- The project works like an umbrella-project. Every participating area is permitted to implement own measures under the thematics and as follows the proper areas needs like education of nature guides, training courses, special touristic packages etc

One of the key aspects is to take advantage of the multicultural approach of the participant regions, belonging to 5 different countries, to learn the standard needs of the future tourists of the products that are put in value under this project.

The development of accessible and experiential tourism, with the aim to structure a
tourist offer addressed to persons with disabilities/difficulties (not only disabled people
but also, for example, the elderly, pregnant women, people with food intolerances and
other target target groups of this

Article 2 Working languages

The common project working language is English. In national measures every partner can use own national languages. The translation of necessary documents from English to proper language whenever needed is on partners own expenses.

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Article 3

General clauses relating to entry into force, duration, closure and place of implementation

 The clause on entry into force of the agreement (from the date of approval of the project and notification thereof by at least two Managing Authorities - or other national/regional authorities responsible for TNC project approval) relevant to the territories in which the cooperation partners operate

The duration time of this agreement is three years and enters in vigour when the partners have signed the agreement. The submission of project applications of partners can be not contemporary as the European national/regional authorities timing for bureaucratic timing is different. The TNC project will finish when the final payment request related to TNC project is approved by relevant national/regional authorities

 The maximum implementation duration/time frame of the agreement which can start from the planned dates when project partners submit their respective project proposals in relation to the TNC project to the relevant national/regional authorities and finish when the final payment request related to the TNC project is approved by the relevant national/regional authority. The technical implementation time varies between partner countries and is not considered in active implementation time of the TNC projects common part.

Article 4 Obligations, responsibilities, liability

There are guided phases carried out on behalf of the Lead Partner Aktiivinen Pohiois-Satakuntary but which operatively involve all partners. Activities will mainly be oriented to the coordination and management of the project as a whole both from an organisational and a financial point of view and during the programmed meetings, each team manager will have to bring the other team members up to date regarding the activities carried out in his area when needed.

The project doesn't foresee coordination expenses paid to the lead partner. Every partner covers proper expenses and ensures the funding for the actions classified to be done as common actions. If one of the partners will do the action by the part of the other and the transfer of funding is needed this will be decided among the partners.

- There is a limited liability of any cooperation partner in case of force majeure agreed within this project.
- There' no liability of the other project partners due to any damages and costs resulting from the non-compliance of any of the cooperation partners. The partners are not responsible on other partners actions or decisions taken.

Article 5

Changes in the partnership

 The changes in partnership are possible by written amendment agreed and signed by all the cooperation partners in the case of extending of partnership. The changes will be documented in agreement annex documents, if needed.

The modification of budget is possible without specific announcement for partners when treating the national part of the project implementation. When it treats common actions the changes must be communicated for the lead, partner and partners.

Each partner are in charge to notify relevant authorities (nationally) as regards the change/s

in projects schedule and implementing.

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Article 6 Project management

The project management:

- Project management committee with members from each participating LAG and chaired by the lead/coordinating partner. Each LAG can nominate maximum three persons to the management committee
- The secretariat of the project management committee provided by the lead/ coordinating partner in collaboration with project partners as follows common decisions
- At least 4 steering committee meetings will be kept within the duration of the project based on written invitation by the lead/coordinating partner in collaboration with participating partners eventually in charge for organizing locally the premises and program outside of the meeting
- If necessary and not possible within economic/administrative terms, a partner can participate in one of the three meetings also by distance using conference technology appliances.

Article 7 Dispute resolution, applicable law

- First and preferred means of dispute resolution is by amicable settlement.
- In case of failure of amicable agreement, the applicable jurisdiction is of the MS/region of the lead/coordinating partner (Finland)
- For purposes of dispute resolution at court the English version of the text of this agreement and its annexes is applicable

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Article 8 Economical breakdown of project funding

| LAG NAME | Total maximum sum of project funding (in EUR) |
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| Aktiivinen Pohjois-Satakunta, LAG | 25 000 |
| MTÜ Lääne-Harju Koostöökogu (Western Harju Partnership), LAG | 38 000 |
| MTÜ Järva Arengu Partnerid (NGO Järva Development Partners), LAG | 33 000 |
| Asociación Desarrollo Integral del Valle del Ambroz (DIVA) LAG | 40 000 |
| Valli del Canavese LAG | 50 000 |
| Velencei-tó Térségfejlesztő Közhasznú Egyesület, LAG | 76 000 |
| Montagne Biellesi, LAG | 35 000 |
| Total: | 297 000 |

Article 9

Amendment of the agreement

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