



GreenPOP mid-term seminar, Skopje, Macedonia, 24.02.2016

## Report

From the Mid-Term Seminar of the GreenPOP Project,  
Held in Skopje, Macedonia 24.02.2016

### Mid-Term Seminar (46 Participants)

Venue: Hotel (Russia) - Jane Sandanski sport Centre.

#### Agenda of the Seminar:

Starting hours: 12.00

- Project presentation and Conclusions of survey (Ljupcho Toshev)
- Practical training in AgriVET (school farms – farm placements) (Igor Nikolov)
- Course programs (for farmers) (Bas Timmers)
- LO's of ToT Spain. (Beatriz Urbano)

Around 15.30 hours - Joint Lunch.

At 12.00 guests had attended the meeting held at the Jane Sandanski complex.  
46 participants attended on the event. ( see a list of attendees with signatures)

The invitation letter and the Agenda is attached to the report.

The goal of the GreenPOP Project is to enable VET Providers in Macedonia to deliver innovative training programs and courses for sustainable (organic) agriculture with focus on practical (on-farm) training for:

- Students from agriculture VET schools (from year 2, 3 and 4) as future farmers/employees, but also
- Develop vocational short modular courses for agriculture entrepreneurs/farmers/workers.

The project will enable delivery of the courses through capacity building of the teachers/trainers and potential work-mentors/organic farmers using innovative model of work placements for the learners.

The objective is to create an operational and accredited (verified) vocational education program in terms of lifelong learning modular courses for organic agriculture in Macedonia, implemented by trained and experienced educational staff.





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The **objective of the Mid-term Seminar** is to present the achieved results of the GreenPOP Project so far, in front of the wider public (interested stakeholders). The participants on the Seminar were representatives of all partners in the Project, as well as representatives from relevant Ministries (For Agriculture and for Education) from Macedonia, representatives from 8 (out of 10) Agricultural VET Schools in Macedonia, Universities, the Centre for Adult education, the Centre for vocational education and training, farmers that produce organic products, as well as processors of organic products, NGOs dealing with agricultural development and other institutions.

The facilitator of the event was Mr. Ljupcho Toshev - executive director of FACE, and coordinator of the GreenPOP Project.

Mr. Ljupcho Toshev began by welcoming everyone and shortly introducing the purpose of the meeting.

Mr. Darko Dimitrov, the director of the National Agency for European Educational Programs and Mobility, responsible for implementation of the Erasmus+ Program in Macedonia, also welcomed the Participants on the Seminar. He talked about the program and the possibilities of projects.

Ljupcho Toshev presented the partners of the project and the agenda for the meeting.

A presentation of the project using slides about the purpose of the project and the work that has been done and the work left to do. This document is available on the website.

Mr. Igor Nikolov, representing one of the Partners from Macedonia (VET School from Sveti Nikole) talked about the education and the system used for practical education in school and at the farms.

One of the questions about the agricultural education was about organic methods if they have been teaching these only in theory, or if they also are teaching these methods in practice to prepare students for using these in work.

The students should be able to use the methods, but the practical side should be stronger. Some responses from the guests confirmed that schools are inserting organic methods into their teaching. Organic methods is more of a selective and therefore it is more difficult to provide practical training.

One suggestion from the audience is that there should be a link to this project and in future between organic agriculture and rural tourism. (This is related to one of the courses the project is suggesting about event management.)

- Coffee break for 15 minutes.

Ljupcho introduced the short courses. (All the Presentations are attached to this report) Showing the format used for the courses and the list of courses suggested.





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Mr. Bas Timmers (representing IFSAT Partner in the Project from the Netherlands) introduced the workshop to be held in Valladolid in Spain in May 2016, in regards to the training of trainers.

Mrs. Beatriz Urbano introduced the venue of the training and the institution INEA (as Partner organisation from Spain). Beatriz introduced the use of online resources for example MOODLE.

Mr. Jóhannes Arnason (representing the Partner VMA from Iceland) introduced the projects Workmentor and Workqual, as a basis or innovative tool that is implemented within the GreenPOP Project.

Some pictures from the event:



A part of the 46 Participants attending the event.





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The NA Director welcoming participants.





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