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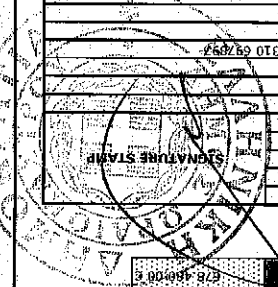
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Project Title	Application of innovative techniques for improving drinking water quality in urban areas
Project Reference	Aqua-ility

18.8	10/5/2019	10/11/2017	10/11/2017	10/11/2017	10/11/2017
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Municipality of Oraiakastro Greece 436,000.00 €	Municipality of Dimitrygrad Bulgaria 242,480.00 €
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2. A Sustainable and Climate adaptable Cross-Border area 06 - Preserving and protecting the environment and promoting resource efficiency 6f. Promoting innovative technologies to improve environmental protection and resource efficiency in the waste sector, water sector, soil protection or to reduce air pollution. 6f. To enhance water management Application of innovative techniques for improving drinking water quality in urban areas. Priority 82,96.02 Municipality of Oraiakastro Greece
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**SECTION 2 - PROGRESS ACTIVITY REPORT**

**2.1 Summary of the project's achievements so far**

Please describe the main achievements from the start of the project until today with reference to the relative work packages, actions, outputs and results. This section should include the experience gained and the added value of cooperation.

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Since this is the beginning of the project, all project beneficiaries have been focusing in proceeding with the all the necessary preparatory actions (both in terms of administrative and tender procedures) for the upcoming actual implementation of the project, which will begin in the following reporting period. In particular, LB has already prepared the tender documents (Tender 1 according to the submitted procurement plan) for the deliverable "1.1.2 Project Management & Coordination" and "1.1.3 Project Meetings"(total amount: 16,600,00€) and in parallel, the Open Summary procurement (Tender 3 according to the submitted procurement plan/ total amount: 58,000,00€) is expected to be announced till the end of the next month.

PB2 has made preparatory activities to hire the staff experts and pre-contracting the external expertise for project management support.

**2.2 Summary of the project's achievements during this reporting period**

Please describe the main achievements during this period.

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During this reporting period all PBs have been working for the drafting of the call for tenders for external expertise and services, as well as for staff hiring. LB has already prepared the tender documents (Tender 1 according to the submitted procurement plan) and in parallel, is working for the preparation of the Open Summary procurement (Tender 3 according to the submitted procurement plan/ total amount: 58,000,00€) that is expected to be launched till the end of the next month. LB has also uploaded the Application Form to the MIS. Moreover, PB2 is preparing the procedures for the hiring of the staff experts and for the pre-contracting of the external expertise for project management support according to the Bulgarian legislation. All PBs have proceeded with all administrative tasks necessary for the implementation of the project and have been focusing in all preparatory actions for the smooth implementation of the project.

**2.3 Analytical description of the implemented actions, outputs and results during this reporting period with reference per work package and Beneficiaries' involvement.**

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The first reporting period (30.11.2017 - 31.12.2017) of the project was mainly used by PBs in order to make the necessary preparations for the actual implementation of the project. They focused on the administrative aspects of the project which had to be taken care of, according to the respective national legislation. PBs have also participated in the two Info Days of the Programme, held in Drama and Blagoevgrad respectively. Specifically: LB has already prepared the tender documents for the Work Package 1 "Project Management & Coordination" and particularly the deliverables "Del. 1.1.2 Project Management & Coordination" and "Del. 1.1.3 Project Meetings" (total amount: 16,600,00€). In parallel, LB is preparing the tender documents for the Open Summary procurement (Tender 3 according to the submitted procurement plan/ total amount: 58,000,00€), which is expected to be announced till the end of the next month.

The deliverables involved are: Del. 2.1.1, Del. 2.1.2, Del. 2.1.3, Del. 2.1.4, Del. 2.1.5, Del 4.1.1, Del. 4.1.3, Del. 4.1.4. PB2 has nominated the staff experts and has issued the relevant orders for their appointment to work (WP1; D1.2.2). PB2 has carried out the necessary actions related to the pre-contracting stage for the external expertise for project management support (WP1; D1.2.2). No expenditure has been made within the reporting period.

2.4

**Next steps to be taken for project's implementation**

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LB will proceed to the publishing of the Tender 1, the documents of which have already been prepared and will complete the preparation of the Tender 3 (according to the submitted procurement plan). PB2 project staff experts will get fully involved in the project management. The contract for the external expertise for project management support will be signed by the end of January 2018 that will allow to start with the preparation of the procurement procedures for Tender 2 - Project information and publicity, Tender 3 - Services and 4 - Equipment. Tender 2 will be launched in February 2018. After that, consecutively, Tenders 3 and 4 will be launched, too. PBs are also planning to organise the kick-off meeting of the project in Oraiokastro, Thessaloniki

**2.5 Problems encountered and proposed solutions**

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Project Beneficiaries have not encountered any problems with the implementation of activities during this reporting period.

**2.6 Changes in the Implementation**

Please state if you consider making any modifications of the approved Application Form. The project implementation must strictly follow the implementation plan of the approved Application Form. Under no circumstances changes should be made without the knowledge and approval of the Managing Authority while important changes may require the submission of a revised application form. Furthermore, important changes/modifications of the project may require the approval of the Programme Monitoring Committee. Please follow the instructions provided in the Project Manual as in force. The maximum total number of characters is 1500.

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PBs have not requested or planning to request any changes in the implementation of the project at the time being. The project's implementation is proceeding as stated in the approved application form.

Priority	Category	Title	Description	Status	Start Date	End Date	Responsible Party	Progress	
								Actual	Target
1	2.4 Sustainable and Climate Resilient Cross-Border Area	06 - Preserving and protecting the environment, and promoting resource efficiency		Completed				100%	100%
2		6c - Promoting innovative technologies to improve environmental protection and resource							
3		6 - To enhance water management							





Code	Description of expenditure	Current	Original	Percentage	Code	Description of expenditure	Current	Original	Percentage
01/001	Insurance	20000000000	20000000000	100%	01/002	Travel	20000000000	20000000000	100%
01/003	Medical	20000000000	20000000000	100%	01/004	Other	20000000000	20000000000	100%
01/005	Other	20000000000	20000000000	100%					
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>VERIFICATION</b>	<b>20000000000</b>	<b>20000000000</b>	<b>100%</b>					

4.3 Deviations from the original plan  
 Please explain and justify any financial deviations that occurred in this reporting period such as any over- or underspending compared with the original budget by indicating the maximum total number of characters is 1000

Section 5-NOTICE	
<p>Please enter the number of children and / or members of the household who have been employed in the past 12 months. If you have any additional children or members of the household who have been employed in the past 12 months, please provide an explanation.</p> <p>The maximum total number of characters is 500. Please do not exceed 1500 characters in each box.</p>	<p><b>YES</b></p>
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