



Leading and Managing Change in Higher Education (La MANCHE)

5th ONLINE STEERING COMMITTEE CONFERENCE

MINUTES

Date: 28^h April 2015

Time: 1 pm CET

Venue: online session at oovoo.com

Attendees: Christina Armutlieva, IUC Bulgaria

Lilit Torchyan GSU, Armenia

Valentina Grigoryan, ANAU, Armenia

Vadim Sirkeli, CSU, Moldova

Tetyana Shtanko, LAC, Ukraine

Pantelis Skayannis, UTH, Greece

1. Recent project developments between October 2014 and April 2015

Christina welcomed the participants in the online meeting. During the last seven months project partners in the five Partner Countries involved had been busy organizing their networking events in WP7 at institutional level. The networking events aimed at engagement with internal and external stakeholders and promotion of the La MANCHE VTT platform.

During the indicated period the project coordinator visited Armenia, Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine and participated in project coordination meetings with the partners from the countries concerned. The main purpose of these meetings was to streamline the process of WP7 implementation and to improve project management and administration as well as evidence collection and collating. During the four meetings in the four Partner Countries the project coordinator discussed the progress with the La MANCHE VTT. The elaboration of the La MANCHE Strategy and its prospective implications in the four countries were also a subject to discussion. At the partner meetings the project coordinator presented the project sustainability plan which includes, inter alia, the implementation of the La MANCHE Strategy, provision of consultation through the La MANCHE VTT, access to project outputs and deliverables through the website, organization of annual

trainings in leadership and change management, facilitation of public lectures and initiatives dedicated to grassroots leadership and student engagement.

2. Organization and facilitation of the five La MANCHE National Conferences

Based on the information collected at the four partner meetings, it could be concluded that the project is progressing according to the initial plan. Some minor delays are expected to occur in regard with the National Conferences organization and facilitation in the five Partner Countries. These delays will not have an impact on the overall project implementation process. The five La MANCHE National Conferences are scheduled as follows:

12th May 2015: SAUM, Moldova

22nd May 2015: BSEU, Belarus

19th June 2015: NPUA, Armenia

End of June 2015: IBSU, Georgia

Early July 2015: CSTU, Ukraine.

Draft agenda of the national conferences and lists of prospective participants in these were also discussed.

3. Final project meeting

In the light of the instable political situation in Ukraine, many project partners have expressed their concern to travel to Odessa for the purposes of the final project meeting in September 2015. The project coordinator confirmed IUC readiness to host the final project events, provided prior authorization is received from the Executive Agency. Project partners will be kept informed on the issue. On the other hand, the agenda of the final project events is already clear. According to the application form the three-day meeting will include a day dedicated to project management and final reporting issues, a one-day workshop Women in Leadership as well as the Final Dissemination Event. The latter will be live-streamed and its agenda will include presentation of the project outcomes by the project coordinator and the WP leaders as well as panel discussions dedicated to the impact of the project at both institutional and consortium level.

Participants in the online meeting agreed to arrange a new meeting in the near future if found necessary.