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Associated partners:



## “Co.Co.Tour” Kick Off Meeting

The “Co.Co.Tour” project Kick-off Meeting took place at Vlora Llogara Tourist Village, on June 4th 2018. Representatives from all Project Partners participated, introducing themselves and their organizations. The meeting focused on the project vision, program priority, specific objectives, financial instruments, work packages and activities foreseen. All Project Partners agreed to establish the Steering Committee to approve all relevant project decisions. The Steering Committee is composed by six members, the Legal representatives from the Project LP and the project Partners.



Participation was all-inclusive, with representatives of the Central Government, institutions of the Local Government, the municipality of Vlora, project partners, academics, NGOs of cultural and natural heritage. The meeting and discussions provided a great opportunity for all partners to plan the work for the future and to anticipate the difficulties in implementing the project. It was a positive and collaborative meeting and looking forward to the work ahead.

## “Co.Co.Tour” 2<sup>nd</sup> Consortium Meeting

On 12th February 2019, Albanian Development Fund, as Lead Partner, organized the 2<sup>nd</sup> Consortium Meeting of “Co.Co.Tour” project in Tirana where representatives from 5 out of 6 project partners from Albania, Italy and Montenegro participated. Colleagues from the Municipality of Herceg Novi could not participate for well justified reasons. This was a key meeting to agree on some important project implementation components. Project partners presented also their point of view on ecomuseum establishment and its promotion.



### **“Co.Co.Tour” 3<sup>rd</sup> Consortium Meeting**

On 31st July 2019, the “Co.Co.Tour” project held its 3rd Consortium Meeting in the Municipality of Herceg Novi in Montenegro, with the participation of 6 project partners from Albania, Italy and Montenegro. The meeting opens with Mr Stevan Katic, Mayor of Herceg Novi, that welcomed the participants by highlighting also the relevance of the project for Herceg Novi municipality and the entire region. After initial greetings, Mr Endri Teta, as representative of Lead Partner, Albanian



Development Fund, holds a brief presentation. After the ceremonial part, the project manager Ms Mirbana Lame presents the work progress for Work Package Management and Communication, emphasizing the importance of regular communication and joint efforts to organize project activities and achieve deliverables on time. Particular focus was placed to management issues, communication and visibility pointing out achievements so far and challenges ahead.



The second part of the meeting was dedicated to the development of a cross-border eco-museum model for enhancing the cultural and touristic potential of coastal communities. The third part of the meeting was dedicated to the development of diversified, accessible and smart products by a “Community tourism strategy”. The last part was dedicated to the renovation, physical accessibility, and preparation of the ecomuseum spaces in Himara, Herceg Novi and Tricase Municipality. In conclusion, was presented the Action & Work plan prepared for the 4th Period in synergies with work package presentations of project partners and followed by discussions for each activity or deliverable.

### **“Co.Co.Tour” 1<sup>st</sup> Steering Committee Meeting**

On 1<sup>st</sup> August 2019, “Co.Co.Tour” Project held its 1<sup>st</sup> Steering Committee Meeting in Herceg Novi. Representative of the European Integration Office of Montenegro, Srdjan Ćetković greeted the Steering Committee members and pointed that “Co.Co.Tour” project is one of the most interesting with valuable content. This meeting was useful, for all Project Partners whom opened a lot of discussions and made valuable conclusions to improve the implementation of the project.





According to the 1st Steering Committee meeting agenda, following the monitoring and evaluation of the project progress by the Lead Partner, the first issues to be discussed were the management and financial procedures. The next logical step of the discussion theme was about accessibility training and meeting with stakeholders. At the end of the meeting, according to the conclusions and steps forward, all partners agreed on some common project implementation decisions to streamline its management. Meeting minutes were distributed to all

Steering Committee Members. Project Leader ensures follow up of all decisions taken.

## About "Co.Co.Tour" Project

The "Co.Co.Tour" project aims at securing a smart, inclusive and sustainable growth of the coastal communities in the target areas through the development of a cross border eco-museum model and a common strategy focused on community tourism.

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### **"Co.Co.Tour" Project**

Safeguarding, enhancing and promoting the natural and cultural heritage of COastal COMMunities by boosting the eco-museum model aiming at smart and sustainable TOURism management