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Minutes
of the XXX meeting
of the kick-off BYSED project meeting
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Premises of Norden Association, Drottninggatan 30

Participants:

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Per Bach - Social Entrepreneurs in Denmark
Gitte Kirkeby - Social Entrepreneurs in Denmark
Vladas Polevicius - Public Institution "Sveikatingumo Idejos"
Andris Izinkevics - Riga City Council
Ruta Klimkane - Riga City Council
Anders Bergstrom - PA Education Coordinator
Mikael Scherdin - EntrepreneurshipLab

Minutes

1. Opening

Magda welcomed everyone at the meeting and introduced herself and the Lead Partner organization.

2. Introduction

All the project partners introduced themselves and presented information about their organizations. We have 7 partners in BYSED project, 5 are NGO's and 2 are local authorities, most of the partners is experienced in EU founded projects, also these related to the social entrepreneurship. Partners from Denmark, Latvia - Riga (Social Innovation Center - who were not able to participate in the meeting) and Estonia are partners in Erasmus+ project on social entrepreneurship. Almost all the partners have connections to the Universities in their area - in Gdańsk, Riga, Roskilde and others. Partners represent not only organizations who prepare research/educational activities on social entrepreneurship, but also have daily contacts with social enterprises - Estonian partner ESAN has 49 social enterprises as their members.

3. Information about the BYSED main project aims and objectives, workpackages etc.

Magda briefly presented information on the mail project from the approved project application, mostly for our guest from the EntrepreneurshipLab, so that he knows the project idea. Partners commented on the possible obstacles and challenges of the proposed project idea, Gitte underlined it is important to stress the state level in the application. We will use the outcomes of the ending Erasmus+ project which was run by 3 of our partners, as they researched social entrepreneurship in the BSR are already i.e. they have information about the legal framework in 7 BSR states. We can also use the definition for the social entrepreneurship they used in the Erasmus+ project, as the definitions in each project partner countries vary. Magda informed the partners, that we should try to submit our project application to two or three programmes, i.e. Erasmus + and European Social Fund, for example it's possible via Polish call for Transnational cooperation to be opened August-Sept 2016.

4. Meeting with the PA Education Coordinator.

Anders Bergstrom introduced himself and he presented information about the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea region and the PA Education - its goals and objectives. Presentation (Appendix 3) is available to all the project partners and will be uploaded on the LP website as a part of the communication activities for the



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BYSED project. Anders informed partners about the idea of the flagships, explained how they work, what are the current flagships and what will be the changes after the Commission confirms new flagships. He informed partners that the Strategy is very active in partnership formation and that our idea for the enhancement of youth social entrepreneurship is very in line with the EUSBSR and the PA Education. Our main aim now is to seek for other stakeholders who are interested in social entrepreneurship aimed at youth and in general and we should concentrate on getting to know each other and preparing the main idea project application. We don't need to go for the flagship, as it should be run by the organization, who can carry on working on the issue without EU founding, but we should seek for contacts with the already existing flagships and cooperate with them in the projects or act as a working group/expert group for the social entrepreneurship. Anders gave BYSED partners tips on how to make our seed money project successful and maximize the effect of it, so that we can establish long-lasting cooperation and partnership after the project ends. He suggested we meet often and get to know each other properly in the beginning of the project and then try to have regular meetings and we keep the balance with the activities implementation (all the partners should be involved).

5. Meeting with the EntrepreneurshipLab representative

Mikael Scherdin introduced himself and the EntrepreneurshipLab initiative. He informed us that they run this programme not only in Uppsala University, but also in Tartu, Riga and soon in Szczecin too. The idea behind the Lab is to be in-between the university and the region. Their motto is "our entrepreneurs can drive any entrepreneurial idea". Mikael informed us that they already applied for the BSR programme founding for their project and to the SouthBaltic programme too (Poland, Germany and Lithuania). They are waiting for the results now. They are also waiting to be confirmed by the Commission as next possible flagship within the PA Education. He presented the basic information on the Lab activities - 9 educational modules/workshops (create-craft-convince). They work based on the Intrapreneurial training. For the Lab they pick the issues, which fulfill the needs of the community, hence the connection with the social entrepreneurship is there, besides they already have some social ideas within the Lab. In Narva the Lab has multiowned concept - it will be run together by the university, business and the city; in other countries they are mostly run at the Universities but with the local authorities involved. They wish to reach for secondary schools too in the near future, which could be another place for cooperation between Lab and BYSED project. Jaan asked Mikael about the similarities to the Junior Achievement, but Mikael says they are not as much developed, as JA does not have the materials (the Lab do) and they create the problems they work with, whereas the Lab work with real problems of the community/ entrepreneurs. Mikael believes that social entrepreneurship may be for example another workshop added to the already existing 9 workshops. We discussed jointly the possible areas of cooperation: train the trainers workshops, secondary schools, common workshop in social entrepreneurship. We discussed briefly possibilities for form working group on social entrepreneurship within Flagship that the EntrepreneurshipLab will create.

6. Information about the project management, financing, required documents etc.

Magda presented information about the project, its duration time, necessary dates etc. The LPGA was signed on 31.03.2016, next week we will ask for the pre-payment. We discussed 5 positions in the budget, only 3 are applicable to BYSED project partners (personnel costs, travel&accommodation, meetings), but City Councils have only two budget positions, as the meetings in their cities will be financed by BISER and SIC. Magda presented info on necessary documents needed to reimburse cost for these three budget positions. Details are in the powerpoint presentation (Appendix 2). Partners agreed we will use the centralized financial management system, which means that LP will keep the money on its bank account and will reimburse the costs to the partners based on the presented documents. Documents will be sent every 3-4 months altogether, to minimize the paperwork and cost of the bank transfer (to be borne by the partner). We decided that the 1st documents will be sent to the LP after 30th June for the time period of 19th Feb - 30th June and LP will reimburse the costs at the beginning of the July. We will decide for the second (and other) date(s) in separate emails in April. It was agreed that since we have 50% pre-payment and the rest of the money will be reimbursed by the Seed Facility after the submission of the final report, we will try to organize the travel&accommodation and the meetings at first, with the possibility that most of the personnel cost

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expenses will be reimbursed to the partners after the project ends. Partners will be informed by the LP about the current financial statement of the project.

6. Discussion about the BYSED project activities, progress of work package(s) and project, upcoming activities, etc.

Partners were informed about the aim of the project and our current workplan as per Workplan document (Appendix 1) send in advance of the meeting. In April methodology for the research will be introduced by the LP and Partner 2 - Social Innovation Centre to the partners. Magda informed about the technical ways of organizing the project meetings/events and present brief information about the upcoming meeting in June in Gdansk (10-11th June, exact date of the workshop tbc). If partners know about even organized in their country directly related to the topic, it is possible to participate in this meeting as a part of the research (travel expenses to be covered with the partners budget). We also underlined the necessity of communication activities - all partners must inform about the BYSED project on their website (other social media channels they use), remembering about the SMF logo, EU flag and information about the project being part-financed by the EU (as per Manual). We will also use Skype for discussing the further project activities, we plan to have 1h Skype at the beginning of May now (date tbc via email). Vladas suggested we also create internal FB group for ourselves, where we could remind ourselves about the meetings and events and inform about new information related to the project and the social entrepreneurship.

7. Closing of the meeting

Magda thanked everyone for coming and Anders for the hospitality and closed the meeting.

Place, Date

Signature

Name and position of the signatory