



4th Newsletter

Final Conference



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**Immigrants'
Entrepreneurship for
Socioeconomic Cohesion
and Improvement of Living
Standards**



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PROJECT'S PROGRESS

The 4th newsletter of the IMMENSITY project aims at illustrating the actions implemented by the consortium for the period **November 2007 - February 2008**. During the reporting period the cooperation among the project partners was fruitfully and successfully continued. The deliverables produced, followed the action plan of the Application Form. The analysis for the **project activities' implementation** will include an overview per Work Package.

The actions of **Work Package 1** "Existing Situation Analysis (Problems & Needs)- Synthetic Diagnosis- Good practices Investigation- Benchmarking" have been finalized.

For the action plan of **Work Package 2** "Development of Strategic & Operational plans for establishing Pilot Structures in the regions- Analysis of Impacts", all actions have been successfully finalized.

Activities of **Work Package 3** "Establishment of Pilot Structures- Development/ Integration of Services & Systems for Information, Consulting & Training" have been successfully finalized. During the 2nd day meeting in Athens (**5th Project Progress Meeting, Athens 17th & 18th December 2007**) PP2 (OPEN EUROPE) made an online presentation of the functionalities of the portal. When the user enters the system, depending on his nationality and country of residence he/she will be able to view on the bar language the language (s) of his preference. Through the functionalities the user will find information for training material and news, consulting through sending a message to the administrator of his country and a service called as Frequently Asked Questions. With FAQs the User will be able to find answers to previously asked questions by other users. Useful links will be also presented as an offered service to the portal and the log out button for safely leaving the system. The portal has been launched on the **15th of January 2008**, as scheduled.

Referring to the **Dissemination Activities** of the project (**Work Package 4**) the following actions are included: the

updating of the project's website was continued in the reporting period. The **3rd online newsletter** was prepared and uploaded on the website in the reporting period. Rest of actions have been finalized. During the 5thPP meeting, the LP (REGION OF CENTRAL MACEDONIA) and PP2 (OPEN EUROPE) have presented the draft of the **Info-packs and CD-ROMs** that afterwards have been produced (in **5000 copies**) and disseminated during the Final Conference. The material includes information and presentation of the Pilot Structures' format and functions. The literature has been available to all Project partners for dissemination in EU regions.

Regarding the "Evaluation of the project- Formulation of Plans for Immigrants' Return- Follow up plan" (**Work Package 5**) all Project partners have finalized the Return Plans of Economic Immigrants to their origin countries, followed the guidelines prepared by both PP2-OPEN EUROPE and PP7- IOM, Germany.

With regard to the **Project Management (Work Package 6)** all activities have been finalized within the reporting period.



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PROJECT MEETINGS & FINAL CONFERENCE

The 5th Project Review & Steering Committee meeting of the IMMENSITY project was held at Athens in Greece at the 17th and 18th of December 2007. The meeting was attended by representatives of all project partners. Presentations, for the project management and the technical and financial status of actions of each work package were made by the Lead Partner. A testing version of the Portal was also presented.



6th SC & PR meeting in Thessaloniki
31st of January 2008

The 6th Project Review & Steering Committee meeting of the IMMENSITY project was held at Thessaloniki in Greece at the 31st of January 2008. The day after (1st of February 2008) the Final Conference was held at the Thessaloniki Chambers of Commerce, attended by Project partners, local representatives and stakeholders.

Mr Nikolaos Tsotsolis, General Director of the Region of Central Macedonia instead of Mr. Georgios Tsiotras, Secretary General of the Region of Central Macedonia, Mr. Dimitrios Bakatselos, President of the Thessaloniki Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Mr. Evaggelos Vidalis, Head of Unit B of the Managing Authority of CIP INTERREG initiated the final Conference of the IMMENSITY project by welcoming everybody and making an introduction to the issues to be presented and discussed in the Conference. Moreover, Mr. Alexandros Zavos, President of the Hellenic Migration Policy Institute (IMEPO) presented the research "Immigrants' Entrepreneurship in Greece in the Recent Years".

Mr. Panagiotis Georgopoulos, Advisor to the Secretary General of the Region of Central Macedonia and Mrs. Melina Lazaropoulou, Technical Consultant of the Region of Central Macedonia presented the achieved results, activities, and follow-up strategy to guarantee continuity to models and instruments experimented during the Immensity project.



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Mrs. Danijela-Jelena Medved, from International Organisation for Migration – IOM Germany presented the speck "Labour Migration into the EU – Chances and Challenges". As regard the issue "Social Inclusion, Migration and Equal Opportunities in the New Programming Period 2007-2013", Mrs. Raffaella Triponi from the Marche Region (Italy), Mr. Jan Sienkiewich from the Regional Development Agency in Bielsko-Biala (Poland) and Mrs. Sanja Cukut from the Scientific Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Socialmedical Institute (Slovenia) made a presentation on the different local situation. Finally, Mr. Kosta Barjaba from the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs & Equal Opportunities (Albania) introduced "Trends and Challenges in the New Programming Period 2007-2013" about Migration issue in the Context of Social and Economic Development of Albania; then Mr. Plamen Gerginov from the Ministry of Labour & Social Policy (Bulgaria) presented the Bulgarian Experience in Managing EU Funding in the Social Sector.

The Final Conference of the IMMENSITY project was also covered by Press and closed in the hope that the Consortium can be able to co-operating together in new initiatives/projects.

MAIN MILESTONES OF THE PROJECT



- **Kich off meeting :Thessaloniki (Greece) 12-13/07/2006**
- **Public Presentation: Ancona (Italy) 27/11/2006**
- **1st Progress Review & Steering Committee Meeting: Ancona (Italy) 28/11/2006**
- **2nd Progress Review & Steering Committee Meeting: Bielsko-Biala (Poland) 19-20/03/2007**
- **3rd Progress Review & Steering Committee Meeting: Senigallia –AN (Italy) 31/05/2007**
- **Central Conference: Senigallia – AN (Italy) 01/06/2007**
- **4th Progress Review & Steering Committee Meeting: Postojna (Slovenia) 3-4/10/2007**
- **5th Progress Review & Steering Committee Meeting: Athens (Greece) 17-18/12/2007**
- **Launching of the Portal: 15/01/2008**
- **Demonstration of the Pilot Structure in each region: within 15/01/2008**
- **6th Progress Review & Steering Committee Meeting: Thessaloniki (Greece) 31/01/2008**
- **Final Conference: Thessaloniki (Greece) 01/02/2008.**
- **Website updating: continuous with the contribution of all project partners**