

INTERREG GREECE-ITALY 2007-2013 "TALKING LANDS: talks between the lands of Apulia and Greece"

MEETING Corfù, 05th.06.2012

Registered participants:

Vincenzo Carrieri	Municipality of Monopoli – Project Manager
Aggeliki Rouva	Region of Ionian Islands
Faye Poulimenou	Region of Ionian Islands
Pepi Theodorou	Municipality of Parga
Theodoros Vagenas	Region of Western Greece
Lino Manosperta	Apulian Public Theatre Consortium – Project Responsible

The meeting starts at 10.00 a.m.

The project Manager, <u>Vincenzo Carrieri</u> communicates that representatives from the Municipality of Fasano and Grottaglie would not be able to take part in the meeting. However, they gave proxy to Mr. Carrieri. Authorization proxy letters are enclosed to this report. Verified the attendance of the project partners majority, the meeting is declared to be validly constituted. The meeting is going to start. The following supporting documentation is distributed to the participants in order to lead the proceedings related to the meeting:

- rough copies related to the open calls for expression of interest about cultural activities;
- kick-off Meeting report held in Monopoli on the 19th march 2012;
- detailed sheet on Theatrical Productions and Communication activities, and progress- reporting rules as well.

The Municipality of Monopoli gives out to Greek partners the folders in which the kick-off meeting documents are held. In particular, a copy of the Partnership Agreement signed by every partner is distributed.

Vincenzo Carrieri starts the meeting. He sums up the results of the kick-off meeting held in Monopoli on the 19th March 2012: an exchange of experiences among the partners, a report on cultural and theatrical activities that must be implemented, a list of the rules



for the project management (especially about the financial management regulations). Finally, the importance to respect timetables for the project implementation is underlined and submitted by every Partner.

All the participants in the meeting confirm and approve the report drawn up at the end of the kick-off meeting held on the 19th March 2012 in which all the main regulations about the implementation of the project "Talking lands" are submitted.

The first issue to be faced is related to the submission of the deadlines and timetables in order to implement the project. Vincenzo Carrieri draws the attention to one of the last messages sent by the Managing Authority that invite to respect the budget forecast. Failure to do this means the loss or the decrease of fundings.

About this theme, <u>Lino Manosperta (Apulian Public Theatre)</u> underlines the importance to identify the stakeholders that will manage the cultural and theatrical activities. For this reason all the partners must approve as soon as possible the open calls for expression of interest. The Municipality of Monopoli prepared the appropriate rough copies that could be used as a template for the activities of every Partner. <u>Faye Polimenou (Region of Ionian Islands)</u> refers that by the end of June they are going to approve the open calls in order to know the official stakeholders for the implementation of cultural and theatrical activities by the end of September. The representatives from the Region of Western Greece and the Municipality of Parga confirm the deadlines scheduled by the Region of Ionian Islands.

Partners decide that the open calls must be approved and advertised as soon as possible in order to know within the month of September the stakeholders who will manage the cultural and theatrical activities. The project, indeed, must be completed and fully reported by the following deadline: 31st August 2013. All partners agree and confirm their efforts and the willingness to respect the timetables and the expenditures related to the implementation of the project as defined according to the budget forecast and procurement plan.

The Lead partner asks to the other partners whether they need to change the budget plan of the project. After collecting the proposals of every Partner, the intention of making an only request of change to the Managing Authority is approved. The Municipality of Parga expresses their need to modify the budget, especially to reduce the items related to the staff expenditures instead of the expenditures related to the external



expertises that should be increased. Changes will be required by Italian partners as well. At this moment, Region of Ionian Islands and Region of Western Greece do not need of any modification. However, in case of changes they will communicate subsequently.

The Lead Partner will wait for Municipality of Parga's request in order to send to the Managing Authority the official request of modification.

After the requests made by Greek partners, <u>Lino Manosperta</u> sums up the cultural activities that must be implemented during the project. In details, he explains that the project activities represent the possibility to know the history of our lands and our people. In order to define better the activities, he sums up the experience of the previous edition of the project during which every Municipality told inedited stories related to its own history with the involvement of the schools and cultural associations. This aim will be achieved thanks to two activities:

- 1) the implementation of workshops dedicated to the research and the drafting of tales:
- 2) the implementation of three theatrical productions. Each one will be performed by two partners who will work together both for the choice of the story and for its implementation and performance in each partner territory. Moreover, information and dissemination activities to be implemented are:
- a. Project Press Office made up of press agents, one for every Partner;
- b. Web Journal published on the web-site of the project (realized by the Municipality of Monopoli) where photos and news related to the project will be published by the Project Press Office agents;
- c. Advertisement materials issued by every partner;
- d. DVD collection, made by Apulian Public Theatre in collaboration with the local TV stations from each partner territory.

All the partners agree about the proposal suggested by Faye Polimenou related to the organization of a meeting during which the cultural activities will be argued in details. The meeting will be held in Parga in the month of September in which the operators of theatrical companies selected in order to implement the workshops and the theatrical productions and the journalists selected by the partners as Project press office agents will participate. It could be useful also that Greek partners invite the operators of local Greek TV stations that could collaborate for the production of the project documentary made by Apulian Public Theatre Consortium (T.P.P.).



According to the Talking Lands project plan the next meeting is scheduled in Fasano. For this reason, project partners ask to the Lead Partner to send an official request to the Managing Authority in order to change the town where the meeting should be held and schedule more meetings than those already approved.

Other project activities are argued during the meeting.

Firstly, the setting of Talking Lands Room. After a long debate partners agree to provide the room with several types of publications, books, video, CD (soft copy as well) that describe the history of Greek and Apulian territories.

Then, the website production. The Lead Partner has already prepared a suitable website within the official website of the Municipality of Monopoli. First of all, the other partners ask to share the contents of the website also thanks to a special section for every one of them; they think also that a specific website of the project should be created separately. The Lead partner will verify if this activity could be implemented according to the project budget.

Finally, the partners of the project ask to Lead partner files with the official logo of the project.

Project Manager Vincenzo Carrieri

Enclosed:

Registration form

Authorization proxy letter from Municipality of Fasano

Authorization proxy letter from Municipality of Grottaglie

Talking Lands "logo"