

SESP Logo

Meeting Evaluation – Results

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| <i>Subject of the meeting</i> | First partner meeting |
| <i>Venue / Date</i> | Graz, AT / 3.-4. November 2011 |

Summary

Five participants answered the questionnaire on the first SESP partner meeting which took place in Graz, Austria, from the 3rd to the 4th of November 2011.

Expectations – “Reality” – Future

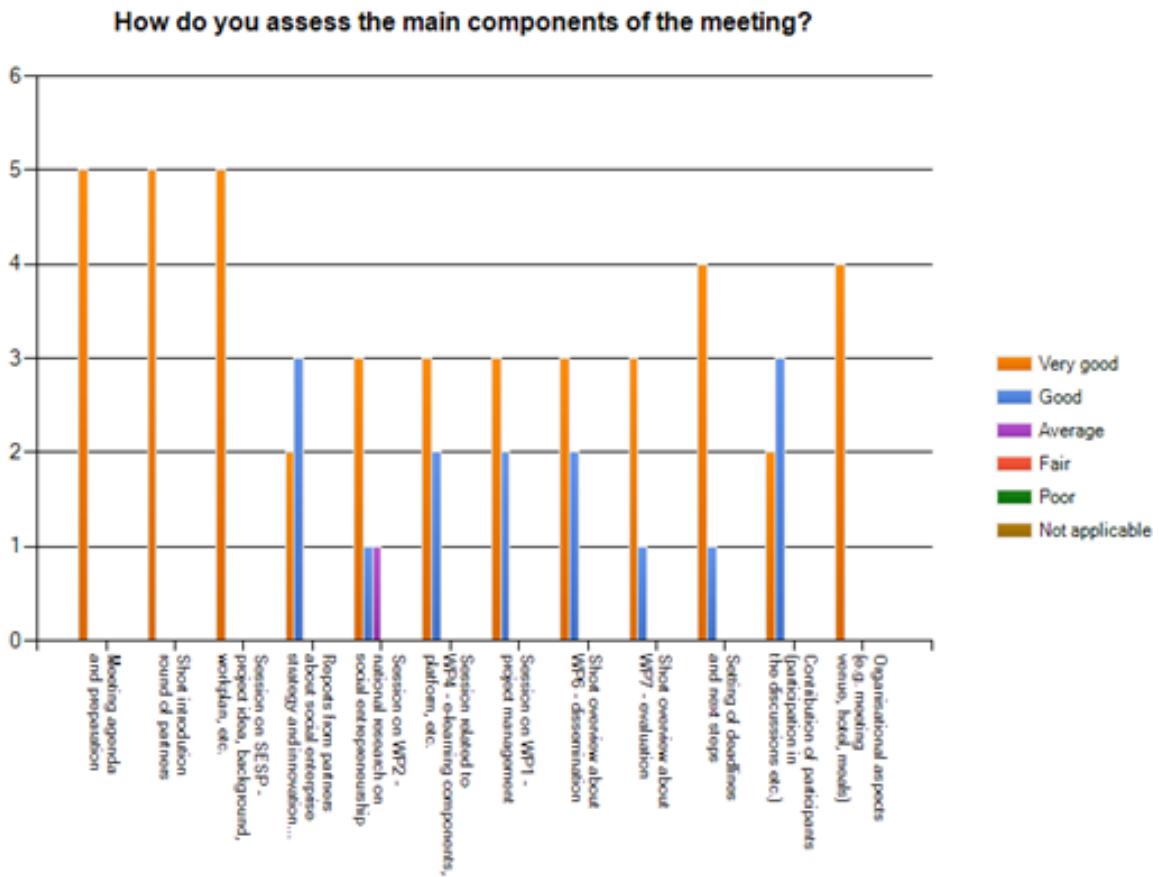
The main hopes and expectations of the participants for the meeting were manifold. Respondents expected to learn about the professional experiences and the backgrounds of the project partners they did not know yet. They also expected that the specific activities, milestones and the schedule of the work packages as well as the next steps would be precisely defined. The specific roles of the partners were expected to be clarified as well. Respondents also hoped to be able to work on a joint project vision and that clear statements on the final products would be made.

These expectations were met to a very large extent. Only the absence of the Portuguese partners was mentioned as a shortcoming.

Respondents were also asked to assess single components of the meeting with the marks 'very good', 'good', 'average', 'fair' and 'poor'. All components were rated with marks from 'very good' to 'average'. 'Meeting agenda and preparation', 'Short introduction round of partners', 'Session on SESP – project idea, background, work plan, etc.)' as well as 'Organisational aspects (e.g. meeting venue, hotel, meals)', received a 'very good' from each respondent (!). The other components were rated high as well with an average mark between 'very good' and 'good' each.



A detailed overview of the ratings of the single meeting components can be found in the graph below:



Respondents learned a lot during the partner meeting. They learned about the previous experiences of the partners, also in the field of LdV, their current activities and the history of the project to be performed. They also got a better idea about the implementation of the work packages.

As a result of the meeting partners will among others follow the steps agreed to be done before the next project meeting and concentrate on WP 2 activities. One respondent will send the presentation of his/her organisation and the photos taken to all partners. He/she will also discuss the outcomes of the meeting and the possibility of an involvement of other professionals in the implementation of the project activities with other managers of the organisation. Another partner will do research on existing portals for social organisations in Germany.

Critical comments

There were almost no parts of the meeting partners did not enjoy. One respondent mentioned that a detailed schedule of activities for WP 3 has not been developed.



Positive critiques

Respondents enjoyed most during the partner meeting the good and co-operative, friendly working atmosphere. Everything was very well organised and the meeting went great. Respondents also enjoyed the efficiency of the meeting. Partners who were involved in ST contributed a lot and supported the project management and the other partners. It was also appreciated that AidLearn would stay in the consortium and that the lack of partners from Portugal was compensated by SZREDA.

Concerns

Respondents were asked about their concerns about the main discussion points of the meeting in relation to project management, timing of activities, clearness of the next steps as well as completion of agreed tasks.

Almost no concerns were mentioned. One respondent stated that strategic management might be a challenge considering that the learning material will be produced for social organisations.

On the following pages the results of all questionnaires are compiled:



| 01 02 | What were your main hopes and expectations for the partner meeting? | To what extent were these expectations met? |
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| | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. My main expectations for the partner meeting were to personally meet all of the project partners, to find out more details about their working, professional experiences and also their background concerning the implementation of the specific project. Other expectations were the accurate definition of the specific activities, milestones and schedules of work packages. I also anticipated the specific role and participation of the Samaritans Association in the implementation of the work packages to be clarified. 2. To learn to know persons and partner organisations we've not worked with before and meet those again whom I know. To clearly define next steps. To work on a common project vision. 3. Planning the upcoming work packages. 4. To have a positive and fruitful KoM. To propose and discuss concrete steps to follow in the next months. 5. Get to know partners that I haven't met before and see their competencies; clear vision and statement about the final products. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. My expectations were met almost completely. The exception was some missing information connected to the Portuguese partners who did not attend the meeting and the possibility of inclusion of new partners from the same country was discussed. 2. Fully. 3. Fully. 4. Fully met. 5. To a sufficient extent considering the absence of one very important partner. |

| 03 | What did you enjoy most during the meeting? |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everything was very well organized and the meeting went great. • We had a good working atmosphere. • Efficiency. • The friendly atmosphere. • Co-operative working atmosphere; partners who were involved in ST contributed a lot and supported the project management and other partners. |

| 04 | Was there any part of the meeting that you didn't enjoy? |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I think, no. The lack of partners from Portugal was compensated by SZREDA, but a detailed schedule of activities for WP3 has not been developed. • No. • No. • No. • Not at all. |

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| 05 | What did you learn during the partner meeting? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I have learned about the previous experiences of the partners, their current activities and the history of the project, which will be performed. During the workshop the implementation of several project work packages was discussed and planned in detail. Also the responsibilities of each partner organization were clarified. Range of previous experiences in the field of LdV. Useful details about the new partners' activities. Better idea about the implementation of WPs. Strategic management in context with social organisations might be a challenge for the production of the learning material. |
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| 06 | How do you assess the components of the meeting? | | | | | | |
| | Meeting agenda and preparation | 5 Very Good 😊😊 | 0 Good 😊 | 0 Average 😊 | 0 Fair 😐 | 0 Poor 😞😞 | 0 Not applicable |
| | Short introduction round of partners | 5 Very Good 😊😊 | 0 Good 😊 | 0 Average 😊 | 0 Fair 😐 | 0 Poor 😞😞 | 0 Not applicable |
| | Session on SESP - project idea, background, work plan, etc. | 5 Very Good 😊😊 | 0 Good 😊 | 0 Average 😊 | 0 Fair 😐 | 0 Poor 😞😞 | 0 Not applicable |
| | Reports from partners about social enterprise strategy and innovation - experiences | 2 Very Good 😊😊 | 3 Good 😊 | 0 Average 😊 | 0 Fair 😐 | 0 Poor 😞😞 | 0 Not applicable |
| | Session on WP2 - national research on social entrepreneurship | 3 Very Good 😊😊 | 1 Good 😊 | 1 Average 😊 | 0 Fair 😐 | 0 Poor 😞😞 | 0 Not applicable |
| | Session related to WP4 - e-learning components, platform, etc. | 3 Very Good 😊😊 | 2 Good 😊 | 0 Average 😊 | 0 Fair 😐 | 0 Poor 😞😞 | 0 Not applicable |
| | Session on WP1 - project management | 3 Very Good 😊😊 | 2 Good 😊 | 0 Average 😊 | 0 Fair 😐 | 0 Poor 😞😞 | 0 Not applicable |
| | Short overview about WP6 - dissemination | 3 Very Good 😊😊 | 2 Good 😊 | 0 Average 😊 | 0 Fair 😐 | 0 Poor 😞😞 | 0 Not applicable |
| | Short overview about WP7 - evaluation | 3 Very Good 😊😊 | 1 Good 😊 | 0 Average 😊 | 0 Fair 😐 | 0 Poor 😞😞 | 1 Not applicable |
| | Setting of deadlines and next steps | 4 Very Good 😊😊 | 1 Good 😊 | 0 Average 😊 | 0 Fair 😐 | 0 Poor 😞😞 | 0 Not applicable |
| | Contribution of participants (participation in the discussions etc.) | 2 Very Good 😊😊 | 3 Good 😊 | 0 Average 😊 | 0 Fair 😐 | 0 Poor 😞😞 | 0 Not applicable |
| | Organisational aspects (e.g. meeting venue, hotel, meals) | 4 Very Good 😊😊 | 0 Good 😊 | 0 Average 😊 | 0 Fair 😐 | 0 Poor 😞😞 | 1 Not applicable |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No. | | | | | | |



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| 07 | Do you have any concerns about the main discussion points of the meeting? | |
| | Project management | Concerns: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No. • No concerns so far, especially since it turned out that AidLearn will stay in the consortium. • No. • No. |
| | Timing of activities | Concerns: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No. • No concerns so far. • No. • No. |
| | Clearness of the next steps | Concerns: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No. • No concerns so far. • No. • No. |
| | Completion of agreed tasks | Concerns: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No. • No concerns so far. • No. • No. |

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| 08 | What are you going to do as a result of the meeting? |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As we already agreed, I will send the presentation of our organization, which I introduced during the workshop, and the photos taken during this time to all partners. Also, I will present the outcomes and the important issues discussed to other managers of our organization. We will discuss the possibility of involvement of other professionals who would be useful for the implementation of project activities for which a detailed schedule was drawn up during the meeting. • WP2 activity. • Follow the steps that we agreed to complete before the next PM. • Research on existing portals organising activities of social organisations in Germany. |

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| 09 | Anything else you would like to say? |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Let's wish ourselves the best partnership, successful implementation of project activities and achieved project objectives. :) • Thanks for your assistance and hospitality. |