



The i-COIN Project

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Newsletter #2

Report from Lead Partner.

Dear project members!

I have got some questions about the not yet signed contract and the status of progress. So here come a report from the lead partner.

About contract

For 2,5 months ago we had a meeting here in Svenljunga. At that time I thought we soon would have the Subsidy contract with the joint secretariat in Rostock. We were told that this contract should be ready latest in March.

The Subsidy contract is the contract the secretariat and lead partner sign. This contract is about the liability that the lead partner has for the project partners and the obligations the lead partner has for the project. When we (municipality of Svenljunga) have that contract, we (all project partners) can sign our partner contract.

These two contracts are the final legal documents which guarantee that we all get the contribution that we all expect us to get from the Joint Secretariat. The contract also does us all responsible to follow what's described in the application form and that our expenditures are eligible costs.

Why we haven't got subsidy contract yet, we just can speculate. The project is approved and in the programme foundation there is made an allocation of relevant funds for i-COIN. We did get this letter from the Joint secretariat in February. Because of this there is no doubt that we don't get the contract, but in legally terms we can't sign the partner contract until we have the Subsidy contract. West Sweden will help us with the partner contract.

I'm aware of some of us have problems because of this and cannot open an account until the contract is signed. This is of course not good. But this is the real world that we must live with and try to compensate later in the project.

The project has started and the work has begun. The expenditures you have had and the travel you have done within the i-COIN project are eligible costs for milestone 1. (And don't forget the startup meeting, these costs are eligible too).

About progress

The most important in our preparation is to get our user panel groups together. Here in Sweden, University College of Borås now have basis for two groups.

From the tours at the countryside and the meetings with the local householders associations we have created one group. The discussions we have had at these meetings have been very interesting and have given us new inputs.

The other group is an "authority group". How the civil servants perceive to communicate via e-services to the citizens.

UCB will also try to put together a group consisting of vulnerable groups in the community.

About reporting period

You have all got some information from Christina concerning the approaching end of milestone 1. We have had some misfortune with the late subsidy contract and the joint questionnaires, but from my point of view we have had success in our partnership, bearing in mind the engagement you have



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showed in our discussions, questions and the resulting solutions we have had. This work is eligible to report.

About the continuation

You have all showed me that you want to make a good work and are serious interested in making the i-COIN project successful.

I understand if you are worried of the lateness in the subsidy contract and its affect to the project and how we shall catch up the time we have lost. From my point of view we are just 2 months late in the project.

To succeed we must find some shortcuts and take influence from other technical advances so we can use to win time.

I have been in contact with a city in England who have experiences in an other technical project to see if we can use some of their experience in i-COIN.

I have also some ideas how we can exchange experiences from another EU-financed project in Örebro (in Sweden) which is developing e-education solutions.

Of course I see problems but in my daily work I am used to solve unexpected problems. I'm sure you also have some ideas how we later can speed up the work in the project.

This was the overall description of the status today.

Please send me a short report about your progress and status in your work.

Have a nice weekend!

Best regards

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