



The i-COIN Project

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Newsletter #3

Report from Lead Partner.

Dear i-COIN:ers!

I hope you have had a great summer, time for your families and time for enjoying the weather, which I have understood have been warm and sunny all over Europe.

We are in the middle of milestone 1 reporting period. What we can see so far is that our spending rates are below budget, but also our outputs are not equal to what we planned. You will have feedback from milestone 1 report in Aalborg on the 3rd September.

Contracts

I apologize for the rush with the partner contract, but some of us asked for the Partner Contract to the report of milestone 1. The major reason to this rush was the lateness in the Subsidy Contract, which we finally received the first week in July. The Joint Secretariat pleaded pressure of work and sent their excuses.

The partners shall have the same obligation to the project as the lead Partner has to the Joint Secretariat. The partner contract shall almost be "a mirror" to the subsidy contract. Therefore we waited for the Subsidy Contract before writing the Partner Contract. Now when we have all the facts about how long time it took to get the Subsidy Contract we could have handled the Partner Contract in another way.

Change in the project set-up

Just now we are dealing with four changes in the setup of the i-COIN project. There are three minor changes, which do not have any affect to you as a partner. These three changes are:

- The municipality of Tamsalu has merged their organisation with another municipality. It doesn't affect the work with the i-COIN project in Tamsalu.
- Kymenlaakso Polytechnic has changed their English name to Kymenlaakso University of Applied Sciences.
- Cities on Internet Association has changed where their pilot project will be launched from the region of Malopolska to the region of Mazovia.

Responsibility for WP 1 (Change 4)

North Denmark EU-office, has lost their local partner who would have done their pilot project concerning improved environmental information and services. They have looked for a new partner with another approach. They are nearly ready, but this partner can't help them with the coordination of the WP1 in the way that the previous partner would have done. To solve the problem, we have had discussions with Denmark and the Joint Secretariat in Rostock. The solution will be to move the responsibility for WP 1 from North Denmark EU-office to Municipality of Svenljunga. The Municipality of Svenljunga will contract a consultant for the responsibility for WP1. North Denmark EU-office stays as a partner, will do their pilot project and manage the workshop the 4-5th September, but will not coordinate WP 1.

We have discussed these changes with the Joint Secretariat. The changes will be clarified at the end of August. The Joint Secretariat has been very helpful in these matters. Because of the changes from the approved application form and legal documents, some of the changes mean that some of us must send in new Co-finance statements and we as Lead Partner must send in a formal request for "change in the project set-up" and a new application form. The partners concerned will get instructions this week.

Meeting in Aalborg on the 4th-5th September and steering/management group meeting on the 3rd September

Don't forget to report your participation to this meeting (see attached invitation)



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It's of most importance that you or your organisation is represented in this meeting. We are in a delayed situation, were we must find shortcuts and delimit the i-COIN project but still follow what is written in the approved application form. We must agree and discuss how we shall work, what we shall do and when we shall do it. We must have an agreed specific scheme were outputs and deadlines for delivery is specified. (I will prepare a draft scheme).

The main point in the Workshop is to get the answer:

- What are the demands/experience from the user panel reports?
- The survey of good or bad examples.
- Discussions about what the platform is.

If you haven't sent your notice for participation to Denmark: Do it now!

New members in Lead Partner Project team

In June we introduced Jonas Widerström as an official member to our project team. He is operative in the implementation of the i-COIN project here in Svenljunga.

In August we have employed Malou Thor as an assistant for the project. She will follow up how the work among the partners proceeds, in order to facilitate the managing of the project.

You will meet both of them in Aalborg.

If you can't come to Aalborg: make sure someone from your organisation is there!

Best regards

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