



**"IN GREEN SHAPE"
EVALUATION REPORT
UK MEETING OCTOBER 2-3, 2014**

Methodology

11 questionnaires have been submitted by steering committee members and learners.

All the scores of each question were added and divided by the number of valid answers. The average rate is showed in the table.

To get the final score of each meeting, all the average scores have been added and divided by the total number of questions. The answers with the highest score have been highlighted with green characters, whereas the answers with the poorest score are in red.

Question	Average
<p>1. To what extent did the meeting reach your expectations?</p> <p>COMMENTS: All expectations met and understood. It met all of our expectations and achieved all goals. It was my first one and I got a really good impression on the progress and involvement of all partners in the project. The project manager-meeting and the meeting with the designer were two key-actions for me to get on in the working process. Julie and Nick provided us an insight into their work and the progress of their "in green shape"-project.</p>	9,0
<p>2. Evaluate the way in which information was shared during the meeting, the methods that were used e.g.: presentation; group work; discussion, practical workshop.</p> <p>COMMENTS: We shared information through various techniques, talking presentations and illustrations. I feel we shared everything efficiently and effectively. Everything was smoothly arranged. I really enjoyed the mixture of methods, especially the meetings in the office and in the hotel and the afternoon on the farm. The mixture of methods made the meeting very interesting, so that people in all levels could follow. (learning person as well). Presentations, insight into workshops of Growing Rural Enterprise, insight into the organisation/ office of Growing Rural Enterprise, group discussions, working together and the balance of theory and exercise. really liked the meeting with Julie Thomas, workshop with the wellies, presentations on the farm, group work in the hotel.</p> <p>The mix of working methods during the meeting was really good: we listened to partners presentations about progress in project activities, visited best practice places, participated in entrepreneurship practical workshop with participants from WELLIES project, got acquainted with GRE office and Community Farm Walled Garden.</p>	9,27
<p>3. Evaluate the general organisation and administration of the meeting, e.g. information sent in advance, venue, hotel accommodation etc.</p> <p>COMMENTS: We thought everything went well! No need for further questions. Thanks for the organisation! (Transport and organisation of the meeting). The meeting, as mentioned, was organised in a great balance of theory and exercise. Get enough information, everything was fine.</p>	8,36



<p>4. Do you believe this meeting has contributed in a substantial way to the planned progress and sustainability of the project?</p> <p>COMMENTS: Yes, the meeting was very useful in brining our goals together. Yes we had a good meeting that helped us to draw together our aims and objectives. Without the international meetings couldn't we get a common product out of this project. During the meeting it was very interesting to get to know all the other organisations and how they work. Growing Rural Enterprise reaches big things with small aims. They set themselves aims, which are achievable. Simplicity is a sign of knowledge. The meeting surely contributed the progress of the meeting, because we worked together on ideas for the next month always with the thought of our final product/meeting. Also everybody presented what they have done by now and what they would suggest for the next time. Yes, I´m sure. I had the feeling that after this meeting everybody knows what to do. The meeting with designer Julie Thomas was extremely productive. Also steering committee discussions clarified many things for the future work on the project.</p>	<p>8,63</p>
<p>5. After this meeting, evaluate how clear it is to you the final tasks of the project.</p> <p>COMMENTS: All clear and understood (2). The tasks of further development have been clearly formulated through workshops and meetings (like the one with the designer). The tasks of further development have been clearly formulated through workshops and meetings (like the one with the designer).</p>	<p>7,27</p>
<p>6. How do you evaluate the cooperation among partners? (commitment to the project by each partner, communication among partners, sharing roles and responsibilities and etc.).</p> <p>COMMENTS: We all worked well together and shared information and tasks (2). Very open partnership, very good cooperation among all partners, you always get answers to your questions, good association. Julie and Nick worked perfect together and organised and leaded the meeting very well. Sehr offene Partnerschaft, gute Zusammenarbeit, Antwort auf Fragen, nette Umgangsart. The partnership now feels like working in a big family. Everybody respect the ideas and thoughts of the others and we could find a realistic decision. In my opinion everyone pitched in with the work. It´s really a good team.</p>	<p>8,63</p>
<p>8,52</p>	

7. Could you list one (or more) item that it is still **not clear** even after the meeting?

I think the steering committee was useful to clarify the still pending doubts about the outputs of the project and the objectives so I think now it is clear.

8. What was the **strongest element** of the meeting?

The tea room and the shop of Julie's friend. I think the strongest elements were the places we had visited near the city. The good atmosphere among the partners and of the hosting partner. Honest and effective communication. Friendly cooperation. The organisation of the different activities. Simplicity at the farm: Cooking potatoes for lunch or homemade apple-juice. Insight



into the office/ organisation, the workshop. Meeting with the designer. Project manager meeting (setting deadlines, discussing about itineraries etc.). Spent time on the farm with the wellies.

9. What was the **weakest point** of the meeting?

The didactic factory. The factory we visited....too much time in the afternoon.... Not so much time to clarify the doubts. Everything was alright (2).

10. What **comments/suggestions** do you have **for further implementation of** the project?

Make more practices and less theory. There should be the possibility for the people that aren't involved in a part of the meeting...to spend their time in other things. Be clearer and do not hesitate to ask even several times if you have any doubts. Better to ask twice than being confused. Just keep talking and communicating (2). Keep insights into the organisations and project work of the partners and their organisation. Best-Practices and insights into workshops, which are going on makes it interesting and everybody can learn out of it. Every country has different examples to show. During next meeting in Bulgaria to dedicate more time for discussions about developing of maps.

SUMMARY:

- Meeting met expectations of all partners. It shows high evaluation score - 9.
- The highest score got working methods. The way in which information was shared was really very various: partners' presentations on the project progress, entrepreneurship workshop with WELLIES project participants, study visits to best practice places, steering committee meeting, work in GRE office and Community Farm Walled Garden.
- It was very useful and important to meet designer Julie Thomas at the hotel lobby and discuss face-to-face all maps' designing and printing issues.
- Steering committee meeting in Community Farm was very productive, because we agreed on the structure and content of maps as well as we set up "green „aspect of our main product.
- The perfect cooperation among partners describes the best this quote of partner: "The partnership now feels like working in a big family. Everybody respect the ideas and thoughts of the others and we could find a realistic decision."
- It was valuable to look insight into GRE daily activities.

SUGGESTIONS:

- To have more time for steering committee discussions.
- During next meeting in Bulgaria to dedicate more time for developing of main product of partnership - green itineraries and maps.
- To keep talking and communicating among partners, clarify and ask all things, which are still unclear.
- To suggest for learners activities while steering committee is holding the meeting.

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