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Axe 4: Promotion of a polycentric and integrated development of the Med space

Objective 4.1: Coordination of development policies and improvement of territorial governance

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1. Project information

Name of the project	Integrated Strategy for Sustainable Development of Mediterranean Rural Areas
Acronym	MedStrategy
Reference PRESAGE-CTE	2366
Internal number of management	2G-MED09-282
Name of the LP organization + country	Intermunicipal Consortium "Tindari-Nebrodi" ITALY
Project starting date	2010-02-01
Project ending date	2012-05-31
Administrative closure date	2012-07-31
Total eligible budget	1,091,055.00 €
Total eligible expenditure entered since the previous progress report	68,073.26 €
Total eligible expenditure entered until the end of current reporting period	93,997.73 €
Total eligible expenditure certified and included in the payment claims since the previous progress report	7,645.26 €
Total eligible expenditure certified and included in the payment claims until the end of the current reporting period	7,645.26 €
Total eligible expenditure certified and included in the payment claims within the administrative closing date	110,491.67 €

2. Reminder of project contents

Summary of the project's objectives

MedStrategy project aims to improve and address territorial governance of Med rural areas towards sustainability through an innovative integrated planning model (PM) comprising: integrated social, economic, environmental analysis; assessment of institutional framework and review of success governance modes; establishment of communities participation process; definition of 4 strategic pilot plan patterns and drawing up of 4 key interventions in the involved areas; transnational synergies in PMs' execution.

It experiments an innovative governance process through the setting up of a planning model that encourages the sustainable development of Med rural areas. The process focuses on 3 themes: the integration of economic, social, environmental dimensions of sustainability in planning; the development of integrated & shared strategies and actions through the cooperation of local authorities and the engagement of local communities (key actors, stakeholders) for the innovation of territorial governance; the setting up of common objectives & activities (preservation of cultural and natural heritage,

competitiveness of territorial system, social & gender equality, etc) for local and transnational synergies of rural areas.

The main lines of intervention are:

- Diagnosis of the involved territories: assessment of the 3 dimensions of sustainability (economic-social-environmental) through appropriate indicators and using GIS applications, for identifying trends and conditions, root causes of problems.
- Diagnosis of the institutional framework: audit of local authorities governance systems for identifying weaknesses and strengths of the present institutional system; review of success governance modes and tools.
- Setting up of local forums that involve key actors and local stakeholders (citizens, local administrators and decision makers, opinion leaders, business sector operators, tourism providers, professional associations, environmental associations, civil society groups etc.) in order to elaborate and produce a common vision of future and shared “green economy” strategies.
- Setting up of planning model and drawing up of the Strategic Plans of the involved territories: SPs will be scheduled following strategic axes and objectives. For each strategic axis innovative and integrated actions will be pointed out. The technical and administrative tools, the financial sources/tools and the key actors requested for the implementation of each action will be defined as well as actions’ time schedule. For the monitoring and the evaluation of SPs, a model report will be defined. It consists in the performance indicators that should be monitored for verifying the implementation progress and the effectiveness of the used tools.
- Information and communication activities will aim to raise awareness on development planning and to encourage local cooperation and transnational networks to promote new governance models for Med area’s development.

Critical success factors

The project promotes an innovative territory management pattern which will be tested at a local level to which does not correspond a single institutional entity but which presents territorial and identity homogeneity. The model makes reference to a shared and integrated methodology facing problems which can have different solutions in the different territories connected to different needs and peculiarities.

The integrated approach contributes to the valorisation of local identity factors and to the endogenous and balanced development of rural areas, in order to provide new growth opportunities. In each partner country a Local Operative Plan (LOP) is tested. It is neither fixed nor purely descriptive but it is constantly evolving even after the end of the project through a “circular process” of improvement.

Another critical factor of the project is the adoption of a “bottom up” approach, connected to the community active involvement in the planning process. The process encourages the establishment of synergies among the different local Governance levels, in order to warranty a simplification of the procedures to be adopted during the planning development, and to improve the efficiency and management abilities of the different administrative structures. The innovative approach, through the drawing up of an handbook, is a useful reference for other rural territorial contexts that have similar criticalities and potential.

How the project contributes to the objectives of the MED Programme

Consistently with the Objective 4.1, the project aims to draw up an innovative and shared planning tool (Strategic Plan) for supporting the sustainable development of Mediterranean rural areas. It consists in the construction of a model able to set up innovation procedures and tools, in terms of organization and management, the launching of strategies and objectives through the dialogue between local authorities and actors. The project encourages the cooperation between rural areas, since they face the same problems and they can find common solutions and create synergies at local and European level.

MedStrategy complies with the Priority Axis 4 as it supports the integrated development of Med space and it is clearly oriented

towards the following topics:

- Sustainable development - the planning tool (Strategic Plan) is based on the integrated assessment of the three components of sustainability in order to ensure social and economic growth and environmental protection.
- Transnational cooperation - in order to ensure the achievement of common and shared objectives, to reduce marginalisation of rural areas, to strengthen their competitiveness and to support the cohesion of MED space.
- Innovation - in terms of innovative processes and tools for increasing knowledge as well as in terms of innovative modes of governance for strengthening capacity of local authorities.

3. General progress of the operation towards the set objectives

The first nine-months period of the project went from 1st June 2010 (official beginning of the project) to 28th February 2011 and, as described in the previous progress reports, was characterised at the beginning by the resolution of some of the bureaucratic problems concerning the project contractualisation processes which delayed the beginning of its activities. The first transnational meeting took place in July 2010 and its main aims were to define the structure of work to be implemented and to agree on operative details regarding financial aspects. Moreover, during the first three months (June-August 2010), partnership completed Component 0 (preparation of pre-application and application costs), realised Component 1 – Phase 1 (producing the Communication Plan), planned Component 1 - Phase 2 (Communication Campaigns), started Component 3 – Phase 1, i.e. the activities foreseen for the integrated territorial analysis.

During the second six-months period (September 2010 – February 2011) the MedStrategy partners mainly worked on Component 3 of the project. Also Component 4 started its activities. Moreover activities of Communication (Component 1) and Management (Component 2) were obviously developed, as transversal parts of the project itself.

The main activities developed during the 2nd six-months period were: the final definition of the executive boards of the project, i.e. Steering Committee and Expert Board; the second transnational meeting among the partners in Malta; the start of the integrated territorial analysis; the start of the analysis of institutional framework; the start of the participation process; the design and choice of the project logo and website; the implementation of some other communication activities foreseen within the Communication Plan; the set up of a monitoring system and the execution of the first monitoring activities concerning the project as foreseen by the work plan.

The present reporting period regards the activities undertaken from 1st March to 31st August 2011. According to the project's working plan, they can be summarised as follows:

- 1)□ For Component 1 (Communication) project website homepage was defined, a third press conference realised, project leaflets in double language printed and other communication activities realised
- 2)□ For Component 2 (Management), further to the constant management of the project activities, a second progress report was produced, the third transnational meeting organised
- 3)□ For Component 3 (Territories and institutions) a final draft on territorial context and institutional framework was presented by each region
- 4)□ For Component 4 (Participation and Strategic Common Vision) a first draft of the methodology to be applied was discussed by the partnership, a selection of case-studies was prepared and presented, the first lines for the construction of a transnational

strategic common vision were discussed.

1) Following the Communication Plan defined in the previous project period, MedStrategy partnership agreed on the final aspect of the project's website (www.medstrategyproject.eu). Province of Teruel (Partner responsible for the Communication activities C1-Ph2) made the necessary changes and introduced innovations in the website, according to the communication plan, to what agreed with the other partners and to European Med programme rules. In the private area where partners can have direct access to the menus, partners uploaded documents, deliverables, news, etc.

All the other communication tools were designed and presented to partners during the third transnational meeting in Crete. Moreover leaflets of the project in double language (English and Spanish/Italian/Maltese/Greek) for local dissemination of the project were printed and distributed in each region. This dissemination has been done in a regional and local level: public authorities, policy developers, development agencies, research organizations, entrepreneurs and professional associations, private companies, etc.

A press conference was organised in Crete during the third transnational meeting, and international dissemination was given to the project during two transnational seminars of the project Resater of which Fundación Proyectos Europa is partner, and that took place the 3rd March 2011 in Asturias (Spain) and the 9th June in Aragón (Spain). Those seminars presented projects to improve the quality of life and the attractiveness of rural areas.

2) During the first two months of this reporting period, partnership prepared and submitted on time the progress report.

Concerning the financial reporting, most of the partners filled in the expenditures reporting file created by the LP in order to facilitate the reporting process and included, if done, expenses on Presage system.

The third transnational meeting took place in Peza (Crete) from 27th to 29th June 2011. During the meeting the partners discussed about matters concerning the management of the project (both from a financial and technical point of view) and the communication tools already produced (as logo and website) and to be produced in the future. The main results of territorial analyses were presented by each region, the problems met in applying the methodology were discussed. Moreover the main elements of institutional frameworks were presented and discussed together with remarks/observations on the methodology. Guidelines for doing the SWOT analysis (C3-Ph3) were presented by the partner in charge. The meeting was also useful for planning the participation process foreseen in project component 4 and through the presentation of the first draft lines to be followed for the establishment of the local participation processes. Case studies selected were presented by the Expert Board members and discussed among the partners. Concerning monitoring and evaluation the reporting structure was reminded to the partners together with the scheme of indicators to be regularly calculated. Finally future project's developments and deadlines were agreed.

3) Each region produced a final draft of the Integrated Territorial Analysis. The structure and contents of each final territorial framework document is:

- introductory section with the title "Characterization of the economic and territorial context";
- six thematic sections (the same of the groups of indicators), each one divided into two chapters: an introduction and the description of the indicators themselves;
- fact sheet with the description of the indicators;
- Selection of indicators (according DPSIR Model).

During the reporting period, the partners completed the data collection and produced the final draft of each regional document, which is actually reviewing in order to produce the deliverable within the next October 2011.

Each analysis of institutional framework was also produced in the final draft and will be completed in the next weeks. Data were collected through a scheme to be applied at Municipal level and the methodology applied was the IAD framework as suggested in the Guidelines proposed by the partner in charge (P6).

Finally, also with regard to the Component 3, the partner in charge (P4) presented the main guidelines to be used during the SWOT analysis.

4) The Component 4 (Participation and Strategic Common vision) suffered of some delay due to the late completion of the Component 3. The final draft lines to be followed for the establishment of the local participation processes were presented to the partnership by the partner in charge (P2) during the transnational meeting in Crete. P2 presented to partners the definition of participation and its objectives, the identification and involvement of public and private stakeholders, the creation and management of the public forums through the working groups, the success factors to be taken into consideration in the establishment of the forums, local actors to be involved, proposals on rules and procedures for an efficient implementation of the Forums' activities. In some regions a first approach with local communities already started in order to present the project and try to involve local actors and stakeholders for the future phase of the project. Moreover, as concerns this component, a selection of case-studies was coordinated by P7 and done by the Expert Board to be used during the forums. Case studies were gathered and examined, all focusing on experiences of local authorities and institutions with special emphasis on governance experiences. They were presented and discussed during the third transnational meeting. Finally, on the same occasion, LP discussed with P3 (which is in charge) and Expert Board on the main lines to be followed for the Phase 3, i.e. on how to construct a Transnational Strategic Common Vision. The aim of this phase will be to create an integrated common vision for sustainable development through sharing and increasing awareness in local actors.

4. Publishable information on project (for Programme Med website and general external communication activities)

4.1 Description of activities, outputs and results since the project start

Medstrategy started its process to experiment an innovative governance process through the setting up of a model encouraging the sustainable development of Med rural areas. The process will focus on 3 themes:

- the integration of economic, social, environmental dimensions of sustainability in planning;
- the development of strategies and actions through the cooperation of local authorities and local communities for the innovation of territorial governance;
- the setting up of common objectives & activities for local and transnational synergies of rural areas.

After 15 months from the beginning, the partners met three times, collected data concerning their territories and institutions and almost ended the first part of the project, i.e. territorial and institutional diagnoses. Partners also began to involve local communities for the "participation process" which will define the planning and development activities to be implemented in rural areas.

4.2 Description of activities, outputs and results during the reporting period

The main activities during the reporting period were:

- the full operation of the website and the implementation of some other communication activities, including project's brochures and press conferences;
- the organisation of the third transnational meeting among the partners in Peza (Crete);
- the fulfilment of the integrated territorial analysis for the definition of the criticalities of the local contexts (data collection and final draft of each regional report);
- the fulfilment of the analysis of institutional framework for the exam of the governance systems (data collection and final draft of each regional report);
- the start of the participation process for informing and involving local communities in the project;
- the selection and description of a set of successful case studies to be presented during the participation process to local authorities and stakeholders;
- the continuous monitoring activities concerning the project results / outputs as foreseen by the working plan.

4.3 Next steps to be taken

Partners will publish the final reports concerning integrated territorial diagnosis and local institutional frameworks. The two analyses will be summarised in a diagnostic report including a SWOT matrix singling out the factors encouraging or impeding the implementation of integrated development strategies.

A community participation process will start in local reality, structured according to a precise methodology. Forums will be aimed at informing and involving local communities in the project

4.4 Publishable material and eventual copyright

With the submission of these data, the project agrees that the programme uses this material for its communication activities.

Project's brochure in double language describing project's contents, aims and activities.

5. Status of project's activities financed by the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA)

Our project does not include activities financed by the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance.

6. Involvement of partners in the implementation of the project during the period covered by the report

As underlined in the previous progress report, partners were actively involved since the very beginning of the project. During the executive planning of the project they were constantly in contact with the Lead Partner in order to jointly examine and analyse the activities to be undertaken.

The entire partnership participated to the third transnational meeting with more than one representative for the technical part of the project, including Steering Committee representatives and Expert board members.

As concerns the technical part of the project, the partnership network worked under the central role of the Lead Partner: it coordinated the bureaucratic steps, suggested the agenda for the third meeting, produced the monitoring report and gave to the partners the necessary guidelines for the foreseen project activities. LP moreover indicated responsibilities and deadlines to the due partners.

Concerning the singular phases, the Lead Partner was in charge of coordinating the integrated territorial analyses in all the regions and also suggested a set of indicators to be used for final reporting in each region. It also reviewed and further developed the guidelines for the institutional analysis which were in charge of P6.

P2 was instead in charge of preparing and presenting to partners the main guidelines to be followed for implementing the participation process at a local level. It was also active in the dissemination and communication part, as its role was mainly connected to the involvement of local communities.

P3, P5 and P6 worked, as foreseen, as regional coordinators for local activities both on the diagnostic part of the project and starting the participation component. All partners followed the roles defined in the working plan. Moreover, in direct connection with the local territory, they coordinated the activities and the communication at a local level. P4 elaborated and presented to the third transnational meeting the guidelines for the implementation of the SWOT analysis.

The more specific part of communication connected to the design and management website (C1-Ph2) and designing other communication tools was in charge of Province of Teruel (P5) which received the constant and active support of FDS (P7) both in designing the above mentioned communication tools and deciding on contents. FDS (P7) also coordinated the activities of the expert board and partners in selecting successful case studies to be used in the participation process.

7. Problems encountered and solutions found/proposed

The project still suffers of the endemic problem of Public Authorities in officially giving public offices (for technicians to be involved in the project, first level controllers, etc.) and in spending money with a certain flexibility and speed. These administrative problems had consequences also on the actual financial reporting as most of the partners delayed contracting activities (externals expertise, services, etc.) and have still low levels of expenses compared to the time passed by.

In spite of the efforts made, a substantial delay, due to the above mentioned problems, which was already underlined in the previous progress reports, is actually confirmed. The delay is affecting also the project activities, postponing the end of the phases at the moment of about 5-6 months compared to deadlines indicated in the work plan.

A new work plan was agreed by the partnership during the third transnational meeting in order to accelerate some phases and recover the lost time. Next discussion about this aspect will be developed during the transnational meeting which will be held in Teruel next January. During the meeting also the level of expenses will be discussed. During the third transnational meeting partners discuss about the opportunity to request an extension of the project and an adjustment of project's budget. Partners agreed to decide on it after the submission of the current progress report.

Even if Lead partner produced and provided to each partner specific files for supporting the expenditures management and

reporting and the activities reporting, substantial problems keep to be encountered in reporting activities and in certification process. Also one of the partners meet still difficulties in the use of Presage system. These difficulties get worse for the problems encountered in ascribing expenditures to project's components and brought especially the LP to additional work in managing the financial part of the project.

8. Analysis of the project outcomes for the reporting period

8.1 Working Plan progress

8.1.1. Component 0 (preparation costs only) - Preparation of Pre-Application Form (pAF)

Component	Component 0 (preparation costs only)
Phase	Preparation of Pre-Application Form (pAF)
Starting date	2009-02-16
Closing date	2009-03-12
Description of activities, component, means	P1, P2, P3, P4 and P5 worked together previously. P1, acting as coordinator, searched for further motivated partners in other Med countries. So partnership was extended and enriched by the participation of partner P6. P1 developed the project idea, prepared and submitted to partners the project proposal. Several communications between partners occurred for ensuring that the proposal meets partners needs and competences. P1 verified the coherence of the proposal with the priority Axis and the specific objective that is related to. P1 communicated frequently with JTS for ensuring that Pre-Application form was filled up correctly. Letter of intents and the Pre-application form were prepared and submitted on time.
Responsible/contributing partners	Intermunicipal Consortium "Tindari-Nebrodi" - National Association of Sicilian Municipalities - Archanon-Asterousion Municipality - CRES - Centre for Renewable Energy Sources and Saving - Province of Teruel - Pembroke Local Council -
Location (when relevant)	Palermo - Messina - Irakleio - Attiki - Teruel - Zaragoza - Malta -
Expected outputs/deliverables	Letter of intents other 7 - Pre-Application Form other 1

8.1.1.1 Progress on activities

8.1.1.1.1 Activities implemented during reporting period

Description of activities (activities implemented during the period, mention any change in dates, partners, ...)

The phase was completed and reported in the progress report 1.

8.1.1.1.2 Outputs/deliverables produced during reporting period and related indicators

Output/Deliverable	Brief description	Unit Type	Quantity foreseen in the work plan	Quantity realised in the reporting period	Cumulative quantity since the beginning of the project
Letter of intents		other	7	0	7
Pre-Application Form		other	1	0	1

8.1.1.1.3 Evolution in Work programme and expected outputs

Please mention and explain minor changes in work programme and expected outputs (which do not require a project reprogramming)

No changes in work program neither in expected outputs.

8.1.1.2 Progress on finance

8.1.1.2.1 Summary financial table of Component Component 0 (preparation costs only) - Phase Preparation of Pre-Application Form (pAF)

Total eligible expenditure entered since the previous progress report	0.00 €
Total eligible expenditure entered until the end of current reporting period	1,827.82 €
Total eligible expenditure certified and included in the payment claims since the previous progress report	0.00 €
Total eligible expenditure certified and included in the payment claims until the end of the current reporting period	0.00 €
Total eligible expenditure certified and included in the payment claims within the administrative closing date	1,827.82 €

8.1.1.2.2 Financial reporting

Has the project been able to keep within the budget of this Component - Phase and still achieve the desired outputs? (In case of negative answer, please explain the main problems incurred)

Costs of this phase are inferior to the foreseen budget because some partners were not able to report all expenditures occurred during to the preparation phase due to administrative problems.

Other comments on administrative and financial management relating to this Phase - Action

8.1.2. Component 0 (preparation costs only) - Preparation of the Application Form (AF)

Component	Component 0 (preparation costs only)
Phase	Preparation of the Application Form (AF)
Starting date	2009-11-01
Closing date	2010-01-31
Description of activities, component, means	P1, with the suggestions of the Selection Committee, submitted to Ps a first draft of AF and asked their contribution with particular regard to technical activities and human resources. Strong communication occurred between P1 and Ps for clarifications and advices. Ps worked in a motivated way providing contribution according to timetable fixed by P1. Ps fully agreed with repartition of activities and costs proposed by P1. They signed and sent Partnership Agreement and Commitment Letters to P1. P1 communicated frequently with JTS for ensuring that AF was filled up correctly. AF and annexed documents were fully completed and submitted. During this phase ASael was substituted by actual P7, which fully participated in the preparation.
Responsible/contributing partners	Intermunicipal Consortium "Tindari-Nebrodi" - National Association of Sicilian Municipalities - Archanon-Asterousion Municipality - CRES - Centre for Renewable Energy Sources and Saving - Province of Teruel - Pembroke Local Council - Foundation for the Social Development -
Location (when relevant)	Teruel - Zaragoza - Attiki - Irakleio - Palermo - Messina - Malta -
Expected outputs/deliverables	Partnership Agreement other 1 - Commitment Letters other 7 - Application Form other 1

8.1.2.1 Progress on activities

8.1.2.1.1 Activities implemented during reporting period

Description of activities (activities implemented during the period, mention any change in dates, partners, ...)

The phase was completed and reported in the progress report 1.

8.1.2.1.2 Outputs/deliverables produced during reporting period and related indicators

Output/Deliverable	Brief description	Unit Type	Quantity foreseen in the work plan	Quantity realised in the reporting period	Cumulative quantity since the beginning of the project
Partnership Agreement		other	1	0	1
Commitment Letters		other	7	0	7
Application Form		other	1	0	1

8.1.2.1.3 Evolution in Work programme and expected outputs

Please mention and explain minor changes in work programme and expected outputs (which do not require a project reprogramming)

No changes in work program neither in expected outputs.

8.1.2.2 Progress on finance

8.1.2.2.1 Summary financial table of Component Component 0 (preparation costs only) - Phase Preparation of the Application Form (AF)

Total eligible expenditure entered since the previous progress report	2,161.24 €
Total eligible expenditure entered until the end of current reporting period	7,255.72 €
Total eligible expenditure certified and included in the payment claims since the previous progress report	806.97 €
Total eligible expenditure certified and included in the payment claims until the end of the current reporting period	806.97 €
Total eligible expenditure certified and included in the payment claims within the administrative closing date	5,244.77 €

8.1.2.2.2 Financial reporting

Has the project been able to keep within the budget of this Component - Phase and still achieve the desired outputs? (In case of negative answer, please explain the main problems incurred)

Costs of this phase are inferior to the foreseen budget because some partners were not able to report all expenditures occurred during to the preparation phase due to administrative problems.

Other comments on administrative and financial management relating to this Phase - Action

8.1.3. Communication component - Communication Plan (CP)

Component	Communication component
Phase	Communication Plan (CP)
Starting date	2010-06-01
Closing date	2010-06-30
Description of activities, component, means	The main aim of this phase is producing an agreed communication strategy that will contribute to inform potential and final beneficiaries as well as the general public and to facilitate local and European partnerships. With the project launch the Communication Plan will be drawn up and approved by the Steering Committee. CP will define the various communication activities, when and where each activity will take place and the target group which each activity is directed to.
Responsible/contributing partners	Intermunicipal Consortium "Tindari-Nebrodi" - National Association of Sicilian Municipalities - Archanon-Asterousion Municipality - CRES - Centre for Renewable Energy Sources and Saving - Province of Teruel - Pembroke Local Council - Foundation for the Social Development -
Location (when relevant)	Teruel - Zaragoza - Attiki - Irakleio - Palermo - Messina - Malta -
Expected outputs/deliverables	Communication plan Report 1

8.1.3.1 Progress on activities

8.1.3.1.1 Activities implemented during reporting period

Description of activities (activities implemented during the period, mention any change in dates, partners, ...)

Communication Plan was drawn up by the Lead Partner and a final version was agreed in the previous period. During the entire duration of the project the foreseen activities will be implemented.

8.1.3.1.2 Outputs/deliverables produced during reporting period and related indicators

Output/Deliverable	Brief description	Unit Type	Quantity foreseen in the work plan	Quantity realised in the reporting period	Cumulative quantity since the beginning of the project
Communication plan		Report	1	0	1

8.1.3.1.3 Evolution in Work programme and expected outputs

Please mention and explain minor changes in work programme and expected outputs (which do not require a project reprogramming)

No changes in work program neither in expected outputs.

8.1.3.2 Progress on finance

8.1.3.2.1 Summary financial table of Component Communication component - Phase Communication Plan (CP)

Total eligible expenditure entered since the previous progress report	3,287.69 €
Total eligible expenditure entered until the end of current reporting period	6,962.22 €
Total eligible expenditure certified and included in the payment claims since the previous progress report	573.96 €
Total eligible expenditure certified and included in the payment claims until the end of the current reporting period	573.96 €
Total eligible expenditure certified and included in the payment claims within the administrative closing date	6,705.34 €

8.1.3.2.2 Financial reporting

Has the project been able to keep within the budget of this Component - Phase and still achieve the desired outputs? (In case of negative answer, please explain the main problems incurred)

Costs of this phase mainly keep within the budget of this phase and the desired outputs were obtained.

Other comments on administrative and financial management relating to this Phase - Action

8.1.4. Communication component - Communication campaign

Component	Communication component
Phase	Communication campaign
Starting date	2010-07-01
Closing date	2012-05-31
Description of activities, component, means	<p>At the beginning of the project, project's logo and website will be performed. Website will contain project's documents and deliverables and links with EU institutions, MED Programme site as well as with sustainable development related sites.</p> <p>Promotion campaigns will be organized in all 4 areas for encouraging community involvement and presentation of results .</p> <p>Project's launch will be by local press conferences. Conferences will be held for announcing other public events of the project.</p> <p>Information on project activities and results will be spread via local press, radios and TV channels.</p> <p>Paper popular material (leaflets, brochures, posters) will be produced and disseminated in order to show clearly the project and its objectives.</p>
Responsible/contributing partners	Province of Teruel - Intermunicipal Consortium "Tindari-Nebrodi" - National Association of Sicilian Municipalities - Archanon-Asterousion Municipality - CRES - Centre for Renewable Energy Sources and Saving - Pembroke Local Council - Foundation for the Social Development -
Location (when relevant)	Teruel - Zaragoza - Attiki - Irakleio - Palermo - Messina - Malta -
Expected outputs/deliverables	Project's logo other 1 - Project's website Website 1 - Press conferences other 6 - Interviews and articles Information document (brochure, leaflet) 10 - Project presentation leaflets in double language (English/Maltese, English/Italian, English/Greek and English/Spanish) Information document (brochure, leaflet) 4 - 4 Brochures in double languages (English/Maltese, English/Italian, English/Greek and English/Spanish) Information document (brochure, leaflet) 4 - Project posters in 1 language (Italian, Greek, Spanish, Maltese) for publicizing project events Information document (brochure, leaflet) 15 - CD/DVD Information document (brochure, leaflet) 1

8.1.4.1 Progress on activities

8.1.4.1.1 Activities implemented during reporting period

Description of activities (activities implemented during the period, mention any change in dates, partners, ...)

Project's logo was agreed by the partnership.

It was also improved the structure of the project's website (www.medstrategyproject.eu) and contents uploaded.

The website informs general public about the project's activities, it also works as a communication tool inside the project's partnership.

As regards other communication tools, a press conference was organized in Peza (Crete), in coincidence with the third transnational meeting. Moreover four project presentation leaflets in double language were printed and used to disseminate about the project's contents.

8.1.4.1.2 Outputs/deliverables produced during reporting period and related indicators

Output/Deliverable	Brief description	Unit Type	Quantity foreseen in the work plan	Quantity realised in the reporting period	Cumulative quantity since the beginning of the project
Project's logo	It will allow an immediate recognition of project and its deliverables and it will be placed in the website and all documents and materials produced, together with EU and MED Programme logos.	other	1	0	1
Project's website	It will inform targeted groups & the general public and will facilitate feedback and exchange of experiences among partners and with other institutions & firms.	Website	1	0	1
Press conferences		other	6	1	3
Interviews and articles		Information document (brochure, leaflet)	10	0	1
Project presentation leaflets in double language (English/Maltese, English/Italian, English/Greek and English/Spanish)	□	Information document (brochure, leaflet)	4	0	4
□ 4 Brochures in double languages (English/Maltese, English/Italian, English/Greek and English/Spanish)	This will provide more detail information about the local project (objectives, methods, community involvement) and an abstract of the local projects in the other 4 partners countries.	Information document (brochure, leaflet)	4	0	0
Project posters in 1 language (Italian, Greek, Spanish, Maltese) for publicizing project events	□	Information document (brochure, leaflet)	15	0	0
CD/DVD	Project presentation and results in 5 languages (English, Italian, Greek, Spanish, Maltese)	Information document (brochure, leaflet)	1	0	0

8.1.4.1.3 Evolution in Work programme and expected outputs

Please mention and explain minor changes in work programme and expected outputs (which do not require a project reprogramming)

Some delay in the definition of the final version of the website due to administrative problems of partner in charge and in uploading project documents and contents. Project website is now perfectly working.

8.1.4.2 Progress on finance

8.1.4.2.1 Summary financial table of Component Communication component - Phase Communication campaign

Total eligible expenditure entered since the previous progress report	5,886.77 €
Total eligible expenditure entered until the end of current reporting period	5,886.77 €
Total eligible expenditure certified and included in the payment claims since the previous progress report	0.00 €
Total eligible expenditure certified and included in the payment claims until the end of the current reporting period	0.00 €
Total eligible expenditure certified and included in the payment claims within the administrative closing date	5,736.51 €

8.1.4.2.2 Financial reporting

Has the project been able to keep within the budget of this Component - Phase and still achieve the desired outputs? (In case of negative answer, please explain the main problems incurred)

Costs of this phase are inferior to the foreseen budget as this phase is still in progress.

Other comments on administrative and financial management relating to this Phase - Action

8.1.5. Communication component - Conferences & workshops & training

Component	Communication component
Phase	Conferences & workshops & training
Starting date	2010-07-01
Closing date	2012-05-31
Description of activities, component, means	All project's deliverables are public documents and will be used for disseminating information on specific project activities and results. Results will be disseminated to appropriate organisations and related material will be prepared for seminars and conferences and distributed to international forums. At the end of the project, a conference will be organized in each country. In each area 1 training course, which will become the Standing Observatory of Municipalities, will be organised aiming at providing opportunities for learning and getting qualified experts. It will see the participation of local experts, decision makers and local authorities staff, also external to the project. Courses will focus on sustainable development planning.
Responsible/contributing partners	Intermunicipal Consortium "Tindari-Nebrodi" - National Association of Sicilian Municipalities - Archanon-Asterousion Municipality - CRES - Centre for Renewable Energy Sources and Saving - Province of Teruel - Pembroke Local Council - Foundation for the Social Development - Region Sicily-Tourism Depart.; Province Messina-Depart. of Territorial Policies, Infrastruct. Planning, Parks and Natural Reserves, Civil Protection; Local Council Ass. of Malta; Environment Depart. of the Regional Government of Aragón; Region Crete.
Location (when relevant)	Teruel - Zaragoza - Attiki - Irakleio - Palermo - Messina - Malta -
Expected outputs/deliverables	Papers and presentations for non projects conferences other 8 - Training courses other 4 - International conference other 1 - National conferences other 4 - Awareness raising seminars other 4 - Observatories of Municipalities other 4

8.1.5.1 Progress on activities

8.1.5.1.1 Activities implemented during reporting period

Description of activities (activities implemented during the period, mention any change in dates, partners, ...)

This phase and its contents were discussed with partners also during the third transnational meeting in Crete. Activities to be carried out are foreseen in following steps of the project and in particular after the participation process will be implemented.

8.1.5.1.2 Outputs/deliverables produced during reporting period and related indicators

Output/Deliverable	Brief description	Unit Type	Quantity foreseen in the work plan	Quantity realised in the reporting period	Cumulative quantity since the beginning of the project
Papers and presentations for non projects conferences		other	8	0	0

Training courses	In Italy, Greece, Spain and Malta a training courses for local authorities and local experts focused on development planning, objectives, methods, best practices, quality of management, services and products, will be organised.	other	4	0	0
International conference	This will be organised in Sicily. The target audience will be EU institutions, policy developers, public authorities, development agencies, research organizations, entrepreneurs & professional associations, investment experts.	other	1	0	0
National conferences	These will be organised in Italy, Greece, Spain and Malta. The target audience will be policy developers, public authorities, development agencies, research organizations, entrepreneurs & professional associations, investment experts.	other	4	0	0
Awareness raising seminars	They will be addressed to different institutional level staff, leaders and actors to present the project and collect adhesions for training courses.	other	4	0	0
Observatories of Municipalities	In each country a training course for local authorities and local experts focused on development planning, objectives, methods, best practices, quality of management, services and products, will be organised.	other	4	0	0

8.1.5.1.3 Evolution in Work programme and expected outputs

Please mention and explain minor changes in work programme and expected outputs (which do not require a project reprogramming)

Papers will be presented when the final results of the territorial analyses (C3-Ph1) and participation process will be ready. In fact training courses, awareness seminars, observatories of Municipalities are connected to strategic planning processes, and therefore will be carried out later on.

Conferences have to be organized at the end of the project.

8.1.5.2 Progress on finance

8.1.5.2.1 Summary financial table of Component Communication component - Phase Conferences & workshops & training

Total eligible expenditure entered since the previous progress report	0.00 €
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Total eligible expenditure entered until the end of current reporting period	0.00 €
Total eligible expenditure certified and included in the payment claims since the previous progress report	0.00 €
Total eligible expenditure certified and included in the payment claims until the end of the current reporting period	0.00 €
Total eligible expenditure certified and included in the payment claims within the administrative closing date	0.00 €

8.1.5.2.2 Financial reporting

Has the project been able to keep within the budget of this Component - Phase and still achieve the desired outputs? (In case of negative answer, please explain the main problems incurred)

Costs of this phase are inferior to the foreseen budget as this phase is still in progress.

Other comments on administrative and financial management relating to this Phase - Action

8.1.6. Management component - Administrative and financial management

Component	Management component
Phase	Administrative and financial management
Starting date	2010-02-01
Closing date	2012-05-31
Description of activities, component, means	<p>P1 coordinates administrative, financial and contractual issues and supervises the implementation of Med programme rules. P1 signs the Subsidy Contract and sends the start-up Report.</p> <p>P1 gathers and controls documents provided by PPs and collates the 6-months progress reports and the final report. P1 makes the payment to PPs.</p> <p>P1 mobilises PPs for achieving project outcomes, to timeline and within budget. P1 ensures interaction and exchange of information and knowledge.</p> <p>All PPs use ICT communication tools to exchange information and documents.</p> <p>Project secretariat is responsible for keeping all documents, files and correspondence with partners, JTS and MA. Documents are available in the project's website too.</p>
Responsible/contributing partners	Intermunicipal Consortium "Tindari-Nebrodi" - National Association of Sicilian Municipalities - Archanon-Asterousion Municipality - CRES - Centre for Renewable Energy Sources and Saving - Province of Teruel - Pembroke Local Council - Foundation for the Social Development -
Location (when relevant)	Teruel - Zaragoza - Attiki - Irakleio - Palermo - Messina - Malta -
Expected outputs/deliverables	Subsidy Contract other 1 - Start-up report Report 1 - Progress reports Report 3 - Final technical report Report 1

8.1.6.1 Progress on activities

8.1.6.1.1 Activities implemented during reporting period

Description of activities (activities implemented during the period, mention any change in dates, partners, ...)

Lead Partner took care, together with the partners, of the necessary administrative and financial steps.

It supported and advised partners on the reporting activities and it gathered and controlled documents provided by partners. It also mobilised partners for achieving project outcomes, to timeline and within budget and ensured interaction and exchange of information and knowledge within the partnership.

The second progress report was sent to the Managing Authority on time.

LP informed MA about all administrative changes made.

8.1.6.1.2 Outputs/deliverables produced during reporting period and related indicators

Output/Deliverable	Brief description	Unit Type	Quantity foreseen in the work plan	Quantity realised in the reporting period	Cumulative quantity since the beginning of the project
Subsidy Contract		other	1	0	1
Start-up report		Report	1	0	1
Progress reports		Report	3	1	2
Final technical report		Report	1	0	0

8.1.6.1.3 Evolution in Work programme and expected outputs

Please mention and explain minor changes in work programme and expected outputs (which do not require a project reprogramming)

Delay in spending money and in reporting and certifying expenditures due to internal administrative problems and due to difficulties in justifying costs according to Presage requirements (extended disaggregation of costs by phase).

8.1.6.2 Progress on finance

8.1.6.2.1 Summary financial table of Component Management component - Phase Administrative and financial management

Total eligible expenditure entered since the previous progress report	16,859.71 €
Total eligible expenditure entered until the end of current reporting period	20,240.24 €
Total eligible expenditure certified and included in the payment claims since the previous progress report	979.38 €
Total eligible expenditure certified and included in the payment claims until the end of the current reporting period	979.38 €
Total eligible expenditure certified and included in the payment claims within the administrative closing date	23,125.04 €

8.1.6.2.2 Financial reporting

Has the project been able to keep within the budget of this Component - Phase and still achieve the desired outputs? (In case of negative answer, please explain the main problems incurred)

The total amount reported is still lower than the forecasted amount. But staff costs is higher to the foreseen budget because the work time requested for the reporting and certification activities is higher than the foreseen one.

Other comments on administrative and financial management relating to this Phase - Action

8.1.7. Management component - Technical coordination

Component	Management component
Phase	Technical coordination
Starting date	2010-02-01
Closing date	2012-05-31
Description of activities, component, means	<p>P1 is responsible for the overall technical coordination of the project that will be carried out in strong collaboration with Steering Committee (SC), Experts Board (EB) and the Responsibles of the Phases (RoPs).</p> <p>During the kick-off meeting PPs will appoint the members of SC.</p> <p>EB members will be appointed by SC.</p> <p>P1 will produce the overall work plan of the project. In collaboration with EB and RoP, P1 produces the 6-months activity reports.</p> <p>In collaboration with RoPs, EB produces the guides and bibliography for helping PPs in the implementation of phases.</p> <p>5 project meetings (2 Italy, 1 Greece, 1 Spain, 1 Malta) will be held for monitoring and discussing project progress.</p>
Responsible/contributing partners	Intermunicipal Consortium "Tindari-Nebrodi" - National Association of Sicilian Municipalities - Archanon-Asterousion Municipality - CRES - Centre for Renewable Energy Sources and Saving - Province of Teruel - Pembroke Local Council - Foundation for the Social Development -
Location (when relevant)	Teruel - Zaragoza - Attiki - Irakleio - Palermo - Messina - Malta -
Expected outputs/deliverables	Overall Work plan Report 1 - Progress Reports (1 each six months) Report 3 - Minutes of project 's meetings other 5 - Final report Report 1

8.1.7.1 Progress on activities

8.1.7.1.1 Activities implemented during reporting period

Description of activities (activities implemented during the period, mention any change in dates, partners, ...)

Work plan was further revised, due to the initial delay underlined in the previous progress reports, examined by the entire partnership and agreed during the third transnational meeting. After the submission of the current progress report the partners will discuss about the opportunity to request an extension of the project and an adjustment of project's budget..

Steering Committee and Expert Board worked as foreseen in the project.

Third transnational meeting was held in Peza for presenting project activities already realised and discussing future activities.

8.1.7.1.2 Outputs/deliverables produced during reporting period and related indicators

Output/Deliverable	Brief description	Unit Type	Quantity foreseen in the work plan	Quantity realised in the reporting period	Cumulative quantity since the beginning of the project

Overall Work plan		Report	1	0	1
Progress Reports (1 each six months)		Report	3	1	2
Minutes of project 's meetings		other	5	1	3
Final report		Report	1	0	0

8.1.7.1.3 Evolution in Work programme and expected outputs

Please mention and explain minor changes in work programme and expected outputs (which do not require a project reprogramming)

No changes in work program neither in expected outputs.

8.1.7.2 Progress on finance

8.1.7.2.1 Summary financial table of Component Management component - Phase Technical coordination

Total eligible expenditure entered since the previous progress report	16,469.04 €
Total eligible expenditure entered until the end of current reporting period	24,648.88 €
Total eligible expenditure certified and included in the payment claims since the previous progress report	5,147.39 €
Total eligible expenditure certified and included in the payment claims until the end of the current reporting period	5,147.39 €
Total eligible expenditure certified and included in the payment claims within the administrative closing date	23,117.29 €

8.1.7.2.2 Financial reporting

Has the project been able to keep within the budget of this Component - Phase and still achieve the desired outputs? (In case of negative answer, please explain the main problems incurred)

Costs of this phase are inferior to the foreseen budget as this phase is still in progress. However work time in this phase during the reporting period is higher than the foreseen one due to the mayor efforts requested at the beginning of the project.

Other comments on administrative and financial management relating to this Phase - Action

8.1.8. Management component - Monitoring and evaluation

Component	Management component
Phase	Monitoring and evaluation
Starting date	2010-06-01
Closing date	2012-05-31
Description of activities, component, means	Following the establishment of SC the monitoring and evaluation system will be set up. In collaboration with P1, SC will implement the evaluation process that regards the following points: - effectiveness and efficiency of the project: technical consistency and coherence of the activities taking place within and between all phases; activities adherence to the project goals, budget and time frame - quality of management and partnership: efficiency of management system; consistence and quality of partners collaboration - achievement of project objectives: evaluation of the project on the basis of output and results indicators
Responsible/contributing partners	Intermunicipal Consortium "Tindari-Nebrodi" - National Association of Sicilian Municipalities - Archanon-Asterousion Municipality - CRES - Centre for Renewable Energy Sources and Saving - Province of Teruel - Pembroke Local Council - Foundation for the Social Development -
Location (when relevant)	Teruel - Zaragoza - Attiki - Irakleio - Palermo - Messina - Malta -
Expected outputs/deliverables	Monitoring and evaluation report (1 each 6 months) Report 4

8.1.8.1 Progress on activities

8.1.8.1.1 Activities implemented during reporting period

Description of activities (activities implemented during the period, mention any change in dates, partners, ...)

Monitoring and evaluation system was planned. The report structure includes a short analysis of the project outcomes, the quantification of the progress indicators on deliverables achieved, the progress on program indicators.

First monitoring and evaluation report concerning the first six-months period was prepared by P1. During the third transnational meeting it was agreed to postpone the second monitoring report including a period of nine months (instead of six) in order to make the deadlines coincide with the ones of the progress reports.

8.1.8.1.2 Outputs/deliverables produced during reporting period and related indicators

Output/Deliverable	Brief description	Unit Type	Quantity foreseen in the work plan	Quantity realised in the reporting period	Cumulative quantity since the beginning of the project
Monitoring and evaluation report (1 each 6 months)	□	Report	4	0	1

8.1.8.1.3 Evolution in Work programme and expected outputs

Please mention and explain minor changes in work programme and expected outputs (which do not require a project reprogramming)

No changes in expected outputs. However work programme was slightly changed with regard to the periods to be monitored. The second monitoring report will include 9 months (December 2010-August 2011), the third one will include a six-months period (September 2011-February 2012) and the last one will concern the last three months of the project (March-May 2012).

8.1.8.2 Progress on finance

8.1.8.2.1 Summary financial table of Component Management component - Phase Monitoring and evaluation

Total eligible expenditure entered since the previous progress report	2,046.08 €
Total eligible expenditure entered until the end of current reporting period	2,046.08 €
Total eligible expenditure certified and included in the payment claims since the previous progress report	0.00 €
Total eligible expenditure certified and included in the payment claims until the end of the current reporting period	0.00 €
Total eligible expenditure certified and included in the payment claims within the administrative closing date	3,339.06 €

8.1.8.2.2 Financial reporting

Has the project been able to keep within the budget of this Component - Phase and still achieve the desired outputs? (In case of negative answer, please explain the main problems incurred)

Costs of this phase are inferior to the foreseen budget; this phase is still in progress.

Other comments on administrative and financial management relating to this Phase - Action

8.1.9. Territories and institutions: diagnosis and ex ante evaluation - Integrated territorial analysis in relation to the 3 sustainability dimensions

Component	Territories and institutions: diagnosis and ex ante evaluation
Phase	Integrated territorial analysis in relation to the 3 sustainability dimensions
Starting date	2010-07-01
Closing date	2011-02-10
Description of activities, component, means	<p>Following the proposal of the RoP an Audit process will be activated for the definition of the criticalities of the local contexts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - data gathering and diagnosis of the involved rural areas through the development of appropriate set of indicators for identifying trends and conditions. - GIS applications will be used and immediately available for the Local Administrations. <p>Framework Document will be an orientation tool and shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -show, synthetically and in an integrated way, the problems of environmental and socioeconomic sustainability of local systems; -show a set of key indicators according to the territorial specificities; -develop the subjects according to regional and global dimensions. - Identity characteristics
Responsible/contributing partners	Intermunicipal Consortium "Tindari-Nebrodi" - National Association of Sicilian Municipalities - Archanon-Asterousion Municipality - CRES - Centre for Renewable Energy Sources and Saving - Province of Teruel - Pembroke Local Council - Foundation for the Social Development - Region Sicily-Tourism Depart.; Province Messina-Depart. of Territorial Policies, Infrastruct. Planning, Parks and Natural Reserves, Civil Protection;Local Council Ass. of Malta; Environment Depart. of the Regional Government of Aragón; Region Crete.
Location (when relevant)	Teruel - Zaragoza - Attiki - Irakleio - Palermo - Messina - Malta -
Expected outputs/deliverables	Framework Documents of the criticalities of local territorial contexts Studies 4

8.1.9.1 Progress on activities

8.1.9.1.1 Activities implemented during reporting period

Description of activities (activities implemented during the period, mention any change in dates, partners, ...)

According to the guidelines, the structure for the Framework Document and the methodology prepared by P1, partners collected the necessary data in order also to calculate the values of the proposed set of indicators. A final draft of territorial diagnosis report was prepared by each region and presented during the third transnational meeting. Some changes/improvements were agreed during the third meeting among the partners and the final reports will be produced in short time.

8.1.9.1.2 Outputs/deliverables produced during reporting period and related indicators

Output/Deliverable	Brief description	Unit Type	Quantity foreseen in the work plan	Quantity realised in the reporting period	Cumulative quantity since the beginning of the project
Framework Documents of the criticalities of local territorial contexts	These will be easily understandable as they will be published to increase the citizen's knowledge of territorial contexts and the awareness of services quality and potentials of their own resources and identity values.	Studies	4	0	0

8.1.9.1.3 Evolution in Work programme and expected outputs

Please mention and explain minor changes in work programme and expected outputs (which do not require a project reprogramming)

Phase will be ended with further delay compared to the original work plan: territorial framework documents will be ready at the end of September 2011.

No changes in expected outputs.

8.1.9.2 Progress on finance

8.1.9.2.1 Summary financial table of Component Territories and institutions: diagnosis and ex ante evaluation - Phase Integrated territorial analysis in relation to the 3 sustainability dimensions

Total eligible expenditure entered since the previous progress report	15,700.05 €
Total eligible expenditure entered until the end of current reporting period	19,467.32 €
Total eligible expenditure certified and included in the payment claims since the previous progress report	137.56 €
Total eligible expenditure certified and included in the payment claims until the end of the current reporting period	137.56 €
Total eligible expenditure certified and included in the payment claims within the administrative closing date	22,719.12 €

8.1.9.2.2 Financial reporting

Has the project been able to keep within the budget of this Component - Phase and still achieve the desired outputs? (In case of negative answer, please explain the main problems incurred)

Costs of this phase are inferior to the foreseen budget; even if this phase is almost completed not all costs occurred for the implementation of the activities have been reported yet.

Other comments on administrative and financial management relating to this Phase - Action

8.1.10. Territories and institutions: diagnosis and ex ante evaluation - Analysis of institutional framework

Component	Territories and institutions: diagnosis and ex ante evaluation
Phase	Analysis of institutional framework
Starting date	2010-07-20
Closing date	2011-02-10
Description of activities, component, means	<p>The priority objective will be to analyse the governance systems of the Local Authorities (LA) pointing out the interdependences of different institutional levels and the criticalities (competences, efficacy and efficiency) of the LA and their capacity to support growth and innovation.</p> <p>The results will evaluate the LA ability to develop policies and programs, aimed at the sustainability of the Local Development, that have to be able to increase the territories competitiveness and attractivity coherently with the EU, national and regional programmes.</p> <p>The results will complete the Framework Document with an analysis of the local governance levels and will be spread in order to increase the citizen's and LA' awareness.</p>
Responsible/contributing partners	Pembroke Local Council - Intermunicipal Consortium "Tindari-Nebrodi" - National Association of Sicilian Municipalities - Archanon-Asterousion Municipality - CRES - Centre for Renewable Energy Sources and Saving - Province of Teruel - Foundation for the Social Development - Region Sicily-Tourism Depart.; Province Messina-Depart. of Territorial Policies, Infrastruct. Planning, Parks and Natural Reserves, Civil Protection;Local Council Ass. of Malta; Environment Depart. of the Regional Government of Aragón; Region Crete.
Location (when relevant)	Teruel - Zaragoza - Attiki - Irakleio - Palermo - Messina - Malta -
Expected outputs/deliverables	Reports on the institutional framework Studies 4

8.1.10.1 Progress on activities**8.1.10.1.1 Activities implemented during reporting period****Description of activities (activities implemented during the period, mention any change in dates, partners, ...)**

According to the "Guidelines for carrying out the analysis of institutional framework" prepared by P6 and LP, partners presented their first results during the third transnational meeting. The final version of institutional reports will be ready at the end of October.

8.1.10.1.2 Outputs/deliverables produced during reporting period and related indicators

Output/Deliverable	Brief description	Unit Type	Quantity foreseen in the work plan	Quantity realised in the reporting period	Cumulative quantity since the beginning of the project

Reports on the institutional framework	These reports consist of a Key Indicators Set of Local Authorities (LA) efficiency and efficacy, of an interdependences analysis and of a "LA Conceptual map". These reports will be put into the Framework Document.	Studies	4	0	0
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8.1.10.1.3 Evolution in Work programme and expected outputs

Please mention and explain minor changes in work programme and expected outputs (which do not require a project reprogramming)

Phase will be ended in delay compared to the original work plan: reports on the institutional framework will be ready at the end of October 2011.

No changes in expected outputs.

8.1.10.2 Progress on finance

8.1.10.2.1 Summary financial table of Component Territories and institutions: diagnosis and ex ante evaluation - Phase Analysis of institutional framework

Total eligible expenditure entered since the previous progress report	3,933.18 €
Total eligible expenditure entered until the end of current reporting period	3,933.18 €
Total eligible expenditure certified and included in the payment claims since the previous progress report	0.00 €
Total eligible expenditure certified and included in the payment claims until the end of the current reporting period	0.00 €
Total eligible expenditure certified and included in the payment claims within the administrative closing date	10,566.81 €

8.1.10.2.2 Financial reporting

Has the project been able to keep within the budget of this Component - Phase and still achieve the desired outputs? (In case of negative answer, please explain the main problems incurred)

Costs of this phase are inferior to the foreseen budget; even if this phase is almost completed not all costs occurred for the implementation of the activities have been reported yet.

Other comments on administrative and financial management relating to this Phase - Action

8.1.11. Territories and institutions: diagnosis and ex ante evaluation - SWOT Analysis

Component	Territories and institutions: diagnosis and ex ante evaluation
Phase	SWOT Analysis
Starting date	2011-01-01
Closing date	2011-04-20
Description of activities, component, means	The Ps, considering the results of the Framework Document, will develop an auto-evaluation activity of their contexts through a “SWOT” methodology, aimed at singling out the factors encouraging or impeding the implementation of integrated development strategies. This phase, which schedules occasions of comparison about the different institutional assets and specific issues, will allow each local reality to compare the results and the goals achieved in the 4 studied areas. The final report (Diagnostic Report, DR) will compare the territories’ quality and the different governance systems. It will be drawn up on the basis of common criteria indicated by the Experts Board. The DR will be the reference document for the participation process.
Responsible/contributing partners	CRES - Centre for Renewable Energy Sources and Saving - Intermunicipal Consortium “Tindari-Nebrodi” - National Association of Sicilian Municipalities - Archanon-Asterousion Municipality - Province of Teruel - Pembroke Local Council - Foundation for the Social Development -
Location (when relevant)	Teruel - Zaragoza - Attiki - Irakleio - Palermo - Messina - Malta -
Expected outputs/deliverables	Diagnostic Report Studies 1

8.1.11.1 Progress on activities

8.1.11.1.1 Activities implemented during reporting period

Description of activities (activities implemented during the period, mention any change in dates, partners, ...)

Partner in charge (P4) prepared the main guidelines to be used during the SWOT analysis and presented them to the partners during the meeting in Crete. This phase will be completed before the end of November 2011.

8.1.11.1.2 Outputs/deliverables produced during reporting period and related indicators

Output/Deliverable	Brief description	Unit Type	Quantity foreseen in the work plan	Quantity realised in the reporting period	Cumulative quantity since the beginning of the project
Diagnostic Report	This Report concerns problems and barriers, opportunities and assets regarding quality and availability of local resources, territorial competitiveness and attractiveness, training and competences of human resources.	Studies	1	0	0

8.1.11.1.3 Evolution in Work programme and expected outputs

Please mention and explain minor changes in work programme and expected outputs (which do not require a project reprogramming)

Phase will start in delay compared to the original work plan: diagnostic report will be ready at the end of November 2011.
No changes in expected outputs.

8.1.11.2 Progress on finance

8.1.11.2.1 Summary financial table of Component Territories and institutions: diagnosis and ex ante evaluation - Phase SWOT Analysis

Total eligible expenditure entered since the previous progress report	103.58 €
Total eligible expenditure entered until the end of current reporting period	103.58 €
Total eligible expenditure certified and included in the payment claims since the previous progress report	0.00 €
Total eligible expenditure certified and included in the payment claims until the end of the current reporting period	0.00 €
Total eligible expenditure certified and included in the payment claims within the administrative closing date	1,283.29 €

8.1.11.2.2 Financial reporting

Has the project been able to keep within the budget of this Component - Phase and still achieve the desired outputs? (In case of negative answer, please explain the main problems incurred)

Costs of this phase are inferior to the foreseen budget as this phase is still in progress.

Other comments on administrative and financial management relating to this Phase - Action

8.1.12. Participation Component: Strategic Common Vision - Establishment of community participation process

Component	Participation Component: Strategic Common Vision
Phase	Establishment of community participation process
Starting date	2011-03-10
Closing date	2012-05-31
Description of activities, component, means	In each local reality a participation process (Forum) will be started, structured according to methodologies indicated by the Experts Board. Forum will be aimed at informing and involving local communities in the project. During the start-up phase, the selection criteria of the stakeholders, the consultation and participation rules and procedures will be established. The meetings will be divided into Plenums and Thematic Focus Groups and managed according to consolidated facilitation techniques. Stakeholders of other local communities will be invited to participate as observers. The subjects discussed and agreed in the Forums will orient the choices, which will have to be shared by all the territory institutional actors.
Responsible/contributing partners	National Association of Sicilian Municipalities - Intermunicipal Consortium "Tindari-Nebrodi" - Archanon-Asterousion Municipality - CRES - Centre for Renewable Energy Sources and Saving - Province of Teruel - Pembroke Local Council - Foundation for the Social Development - Region Sicily-Tourism Depart.; Province Messina-Depart. of Territorial Policies, Infrastruct. Planning, Parks and Natural Reserves, Civil Protection;Local Council Ass. of Malta; Environment Depart. of the Regional Government of Aragón; Region Crete.
Location (when relevant)	Teruel - Zaragoza - Attiki - Irakleio - Palermo - Messina - Malta -
Expected outputs/deliverables	Review of participation methods Studies 1 - Forums regulation other 4 - Minutes of Forum meetings and workshops Report 24

8.1.12.1 Progress on activities**8.1.12.1.1 Activities implemented during reporting period****Description of activities (activities implemented during the period, mention any change in dates, partners, ...)**

The final draft lines to be followed for the establishment of the local participation processes and above all for the organization of the forums were presented to the partnership by the partner in charge (P2) during the transnational meeting in Crete. The forums will start in November 2011. However some first contacts and preparatory meetings were realized in order to start to inform local communities about the project. Further activities will be implemented during the next reporting period.

8.1.12.1.2 Outputs/deliverables produced during reporting period and related indicators

Output/Deliverable	Brief description	Unit Type	Quantity foreseen in the work plan	Quantity realised in the reporting period	Cumulative quantity since the beginning of the project

Review of participation methods	A synthetic description of most common participation methods and tools.	Studies	1	0	0
Forums regulation	Rule and procedures for an efficient implementation of Forum activities.	other	4	0	0
Minutes of Forum meetings and workshops	These will include list of participants, issues discussed, results agreed in each meeting of Local Forums.	Report	24	0	0

8.1.12.1.3 Evolution in Work programme and expected outputs

Please mention and explain minor changes in work programme and expected outputs (which do not require a project reprogramming)

Work program and expected outputs are the same foreseen in the application form.

8.1.12.2 Progress on finance

8.1.12.2.1 Summary financial table of Component Participation Component: Strategic Common Vision - Phase Establishment of community participation process

Total eligible expenditure entered since the previous progress report	1,625.92 €
Total eligible expenditure entered until the end of current reporting period	1,625.92 €
Total eligible expenditure certified and included in the payment claims since the previous progress report	0.00 €
Total eligible expenditure certified and included in the payment claims until the end of the current reporting period	0.00 €
Total eligible expenditure certified and included in the payment claims within the administrative closing date	2,302.51 €

8.1.12.2.2 Financial reporting

Has the project been able to keep within the budget of this Component - Phase and still achieve the desired outputs? (In case of negative answer, please explain the main problems incurred)

Costs of this phase are inferior to the foreseen budget as this phase is still in progress.

Other comments on administrative and financial management relating to this Phase - Action

8.1.13. Participation Component: Strategic Common Vision - Selection and analysis of the Success Cases: evaluation of success/failure elements

Component	Participation Component: Strategic Common Vision
Phase	Selection and analysis of the Success Cases: evaluation of success/failure elements
Starting date	2011-03-01
Closing date	2011-07-20
Description of activities, component, means	<p>In this phase, the Forums activities will be addressed towards the analysis of experiences in similar rural contexts in Mediterranean area, which have been able to bring forward integrated and sustainable local development. Success cases will be proposed by EB.</p> <p>The comparison of the paths and results got, will allow to pick out strategies, tools and actions which have determined the success of these experiences.</p> <p>The difficulties faced and the solutions adopted can represent concrete examples to refer to in order to orient the choices of the Forum.</p> <p>The Report of this phase will give the necessary reference values to develop an associated monitoring indicators system of the goals and improvements achieved by local communities.</p>
Responsible/contributing partners	Foundation for the Social Development - Intermunicipal Consortium "Tindari-Nebrodi" - National Association of Sicilian Municipalities - Archanon-Asterousion Municipality - CRES - Centre for Renewable Energy Sources and Saving - Province of Teruel - Pembroke Local Council -
Location (when relevant)	Teruel - Zaragoza - Attiki - Irakleio - Palermo - Messina - Malta -
Expected outputs/deliverables	Report on Success Cases Studies 1 - Case Studies database databases 1

8.1.13.1 Progress on activities

8.1.13.1.1 Activities implemented during reporting period

Description of activities (activities implemented during the period, mention any change in dates, partners, ...)

Expert Board, in close cooperation with partners, gathered and examined interesting case studies, all focusing on experiences of local authorities and institutions with special emphasis on governance experiences. They were presented and discussed during the third transnational meeting and will be presented to local stakeholders during the forums.

8.1.13.1.2 Outputs/deliverables produced during reporting period and related indicators

Output/Deliverable	Brief description	Unit Type	Quantity foreseen in the work plan	Quantity realised in the reporting period	Cumulative quantity since the beginning of the project
Report on Success Cases	Synthesis of performances and goals achieved in the reference local realities. Comparative experiences analysis. Set of results evaluation indicators.	Studies	1	0	0

Case Studies database		databases	1	0	0
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8.1.13.1.3 Evolution in Work programme and expected outputs

Please mention and explain minor changes in work programme and expected outputs (which do not require a project reprogramming)

Case studies were already selected and partly described on paper. Short delay in producing the final foreseen report which will be ready at the end of October 2011.

No changes in expected outputs.

8.1.13.2 Progress on finance

8.1.13.2.1 Summary financial table of Component Participation Component: Strategic Common Vision - Phase Selection and analysis of the Success Cases: evaluation of success/failure elements

Total eligible expenditure entered since the previous progress report	0.00 €
Total eligible expenditure entered until the end of current reporting period	0.00 €
Total eligible expenditure certified and included in the payment claims since the previous progress report	0.00 €
Total eligible expenditure certified and included in the payment claims until the end of the current reporting period	0.00 €
Total eligible expenditure certified and included in the payment claims within the administrative closing date	4,524.11 €

8.1.13.2.2 Financial reporting

Has the project been able to keep within the budget of this Component - Phase and still achieve the desired outputs? (In case of negative answer, please explain the main problems incurred)

Costs of this phase are inferior to the foreseen budget; even if this phase is almost completed not all costs occurred for the implementation of the activities have been reported yet.

Other comments on administrative and financial management relating to this Phase - Action

8.1.14. Participation Component: Strategic Common Vision - Construction of a Transnational Strategic Common Vision (TSCV)

Component	Participation Component: Strategic Common Vision
Phase	Construction of a Transnational Strategic Common Vision (TSCV)
Starting date	2011-06-10
Closing date	2011-09-20
Description of activities, component, means	The aim of this phase is to create an integrated Common Vision for sustainable development through sharing and increasing awareness in local actors. They will be stimulated in participating to identifying and planning concrete solutions to the existing problems. According to EASW@(European Awareness Scenario Workshop)methodology, Forums based on the deliverables worked out in C3 (Framework Document,Diagnostic Report) will define 2 alternative visions of the future: negative (nothing changes) and positive (things change improving). In each area 1 workshop is scheduled. Following taking into account the“Review of Success Cases”they will suggest ideas and projects which can support the above established common and convergent positive vision.
Responsible/contributing partners	Archanon-Asterousion Municipality - Intermunicipal Consortium “Tindari-Nebrodi” - National Association of Sicilian Municipalities - CRES - Centre for Renewable Energy Sources and Saving - Province of Teruel - Pembroke Local Council - Foundation for the Social Development -
Location (when relevant)	Teruel - Zaragoza - Attiki - Irakleio - Palermo - Messina - Malta -
Expected outputs/deliverables	Reports on local EASWs Report 4

8.1.14.1 Progress on activities

8.1.14.1.1 Activities implemented during reporting period

Description of activities (activities implemented during the period, mention any change in dates, partners, ...)

Partner in charge (P3) discussed the main guidelines to be used during the EASW with P1 and Expert Board during the meeting in Crete. It was agreed this phase should be developed at the same time of the participation process. Final version of the guidelines to be followed by partners will be prepared by P3 for the end of September 2001, then the construction of a strategic common vision will start together with the forums.

8.1.14.1.2 Outputs/deliverables produced during reporting period and related indicators

Output/Deliverable	Brief description	Unit Type	Quantity foreseen in the work plan	Quantity realised in the reporting period	Cumulative quantity since the beginning of the project
Reports on local EASWs	These will include list of participants, common negative and positive visions, shared ideas and projects defined in each Local EASW.	Report	4	0	0

8.1.14.1.3 Evolution in Work programme and expected outputs

Please mention and explain minor changes in work programme and expected outputs (which do not require a project reprogramming)

Compared to the application form the phase was extended due to slight change in methodology. It will be developed together with participation process and then end with the end of the project itself. However there will be no change in the expected outputs.

8.1.14.2 Progress on finance

8.1.14.2.1 Summary financial table of Component Participation Component: Strategic Common Vision - Phase Construction of a Transnational Strategic Common Vision (TSCV)

Total eligible expenditure entered since the previous progress report	0.00 €
Total eligible expenditure entered until the end of current reporting period	0.00 €
Total eligible expenditure certified and included in the payment claims since the previous progress report	0.00 €
Total eligible expenditure certified and included in the payment claims until the end of the current reporting period	0.00 €
Total eligible expenditure certified and included in the payment claims within the administrative closing date	0.00 €

8.1.14.2.2 Financial reporting

Has the project been able to keep within the budget of this Component - Phase and still achieve the desired outputs? (In case of negative answer, please explain the main problems incurred)

Costs of this phase are inferior to the foreseen budget as this phase is still in progress.

Other comments on administrative and financial management relating to this Phase - Action

8.1.15. Strategic Planning in Med Rural Areas - Definition of the Local Pilot Operative Plans (LPOPs) for the integrated development of rural areas

Component	Strategic Planning in Med Rural Areas
Phase	Definition of the Local Pilot Operative Plans (LPOPs) for the integrated development of rural areas
Starting date	2011-08-20
Closing date	2012-02-20
Description of activities, component, means	<p>Ps, coherently with the common vision identified in the local forums, will test the methodology defined in the previous phase (TLDM), through the drawing of Local Pilot Operative Plans (pilot projects) for the development oriented to sustainability. The LPOPs, structured as a circular process, shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -specify the key approaches to be adopted to develop an integrated planning -identify challenges and priorities to be enacted, to increase competitiveness and improve the attractiveness potential of local systems -define financial resources needed -single out specific competences -attribute responsibilities for LPOP management and processes carrying out -define Target and Key Interventions -identify monitoring and evaluation indicators
Responsible/contributing partners	Intermunicipal Consortium "Tindari-Nebrodi" - National Association of Sicilian Municipalities - Archanon-Asterousion Municipality - CRES - Centre for Renewable Energy Sources and Saving - Province of Teruel - Pembroke Local Council - Foundation for the Social Development -
Location (when relevant)	Teruel - Zaragoza - Attiki - Irakleio - Palermo - Messina - Malta -
Expected outputs/deliverables	Local Pilot Operative Plans (LPOPs) Studies 4

8.1.15.1 Progress on activities

8.1.15.1.1 Activities implemented during reporting period

Description of activities (activities implemented during the period, mention any change in dates, partners, ...)

No activity implemented during the reporting period. The phase will start in November 2011.

8.1.15.1.2 Outputs/deliverables produced during reporting period and related indicators

Output/Deliverable	Brief description	Unit Type	Quantity foreseen in the work plan	Quantity realised in the reporting period	Cumulative quantity since the beginning of the project

Local Pilot Operative Plans (LPOPs)	Report on LPOP will be structured as a Local Action Plan and will be organized for: -Sustainability Objectives -Intervention sectors/fields -Strategic Lines -Targets -Projects and actions -Timing & Costs -Actors -Monitoring indicators	Studies	4	0	0
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8.1.15.1.3 Evolution in Work programme and expected outputs

Please mention and explain minor changes in work programme and expected outputs (which do not require a project reprogramming)

Short delay in starting the phase due to the delay in the previous component.

No changes in expected outputs.

8.1.15.2 Progress on finance

8.1.15.2.1 Summary financial table of Component Strategic Planning in Med Rural Areas - Phase Definition of the Local Pilot Operative Plans (LPOPs) for the integrated development of rural areas

Total eligible expenditure entered since the previous progress report	0.00 €
Total eligible expenditure entered until the end of current reporting period	0.00 €
Total eligible expenditure certified and included in the payment claims since the previous progress report	0.00 €
Total eligible expenditure certified and included in the payment claims until the end of the current reporting period	0.00 €
Total eligible expenditure certified and included in the payment claims within the administrative closing date	0.00 €

8.1.15.2.2 Financial reporting

Has the project been able to keep within the budget of this Component - Phase and still achieve the desired outputs? (In case of negative answer, please explain the main problems incurred)

No cost is actually reported in this phase.

Other comments on administrative and financial management relating to this Phase - Action

8.1.16. Strategic Planning in Med Rural Areas - Definition of the Transnational Local Development Methodology (TLDM)

Component	Strategic Planning in Med Rural Areas
Phase	Definition of the Transnational Local Development Methodology (TLDM)
Starting date	2012-01-10
Closing date	2012-05-10
Description of activities, component, means	<p>The Experts Board, taking into account the TSCV and through a comparative evaluation of the results included in the LPOPs, will define the framework of the TLDM for the definition of an “Integrated Strategic Plan for the sustainable development in Mediterranean rural areas”</p> <p>The results of this phase will be included in the Guidelines that will be structured as an operative handbook. This will indicate an innovative Transnational Tool to define and manage local development integrated Plans based on sustainability criteria.</p> <p>TLDM will strengthen MED rural areas cohesion and improve local governance through the definition of a suitable territorial asset for development strategies (as foreseen by Green Paper on Territorial Cohesion).</p>
Responsible/contributing partners	<p>CRES - Centre for Renewable Energy Sources and Saving - Intermunicipal Consortium “Tindari-Nebrodi” - National Association of Sicilian Municipalities - Archanon-Asterousion Municipality - Province of Teruel - Pembroke Local Council - Foundation for the Social Development - Region Sicily-Tourism Depart.; Province Messina-Depart. of Territorial Policies, Infrastruct. Planning, Parks and Natural Reserves, Civil Protection; Local Council Ass. of Malta; Environment Depart. of the Regional Government of Aragón; Region Crete.</p>
Location (when relevant)	Teruel - Zaragoza - Attiki - Palermo - Messina - Malta -
Expected outputs/deliverables	Guidelines for the drawing up of an “Integrated Strategic Plan for the sustainable development in Mediterranean rural areas” guide 1

8.1.16.1 Progress on activities

8.1.16.1.1 Activities implemented during reporting period

Description of activities (activities implemented during the period, mention any change in dates, partners, ...)

No activity implemented during the reporting period. The phase will start in January 2012.

8.1.16.1.2 Outputs/deliverables produced during reporting period and related indicators

Output/Deliverable	Brief description	Unit Type	Quantity foreseen in the work plan	Quantity realised in the reporting period	Cumulative quantity since the beginning of the project

Guidelines for the drawing up of an “Integrated Strategic Plan for the sustainable development in Mediterranean rural areas”	The guidelines will single out: -Environmental and Governance Audit methods -Auto-evaluation methods -Participated Process Models -Guide for drawing-up of Local Operative Plans -Efficiency and Coherence Monitoring Indicators of Strategic Plans	guide	1	0	0
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8.1.16.1.3 Evolution in Work programme and expected outputs

Please mention and explain minor changes in work programme and expected outputs (which do not require a project reprogramming)

Work program and expected outputs are the same foreseen in the application form.

8.1.16.2 Progress on finance

8.1.16.2.1 Summary financial table of Component Strategic Planning in Med Rural Areas - Phase Definition of the Transnational Local Development Methodology (TLDM)

Total eligible expenditure entered since the previous progress report	0.00 €
Total eligible expenditure entered until the end of current reporting period	0.00 €
Total eligible expenditure certified and included in the payment claims since the previous progress report	0.00 €
Total eligible expenditure certified and included in the payment claims until the end of the current reporting period	0.00 €
Total eligible expenditure certified and included in the payment claims within the administrative closing date	0.00 €

8.1.16.2.2 Financial reporting

Has the project been able to keep within the budget of this Component - Phase and still achieve the desired outputs? (In case of negative answer, please explain the main problems incurred)

No cost is actually reported in this phase.

Other comments on administrative and financial management relating to this Phase - Action

8.1.17. Strategic Planning in Med Rural Areas - Identification of Key Interventions (KI)

Component	Strategic Planning in Med Rural Areas
Phase	Identification of Key Interventions (KI)
Starting date	2012-01-10
Closing date	2012-05-10
Description of activities, component, means	In each territorial context the partners will develop a Key Intervention (KI), singled out by the Experts Board, among the ones considered of priority and common in the 4 LPOPs. KI will: -be intersectorial -aim at the social economic development of the rural areas -have to be shared and involve different levels of decisional power The KI will be a useful resource for all the partners and will become an example of "good practice" (e.g. Quality Trademark of Tourist Structures, Desk-office for the enterprises, Coordinative Office for territorial planning). Within each KI the partners will define technical solutions, procedure and administrative modalities, human resources and technical competences needed for realizing the intervention.
Responsible/contributing partners	Foundation for the Social Development - Intermunicipal Consortium "Tindari-Nebrodi" - National Association of Sicilian Municipalities - Archanon-Asterousion Municipality - CRES - Centre for Renewable Energy Sources and Saving - Province of Teruel - Pembroke Local Council -
Location (when relevant)	Teruel - Zaragoza - Attiki - Irakleio - Palermo - Messina - Malta -
Expected outputs/deliverables	Final Report for each Key Intervention Studies 4

8.1.17.1 Progress on activities**8.1.17.1.1 Activities implemented during reporting period**

Description of activities (activities implemented during the period, mention any change in dates, partners, ...)

No activity implemented during the reporting period. The phase will start in January 2012.

8.1.17.1.2 Outputs/deliverables produced during reporting period and related indicators

Output/Deliverable	Brief description	Unit Type	Quantity foreseen in the work plan	Quantity realised in the reporting period	Cumulative quantity since the beginning of the project

Final Report for each Key Intervention	It will describe the reasons of the choice of the Key Interventions according to the priorities singled out in the LPOPs and will define: -Priorities actions -Human resources -Technical abilities -Financial resources -Monitoring indicators	Studies	4	0	0
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8.1.17.1.3 Evolution in Work programme and expected outputs

Please mention and explain minor changes in work programme and expected outputs (which do not require a project reprogramming)

Work program and expected outputs are the same foreseen in the application form.

8.1.17.2 Progress on finance

8.1.17.2.1 Summary financial table of Component Strategic Planning in Med Rural Areas - Phase Identification of Key Interventions (KI)

Total eligible expenditure entered since the previous progress report	0.00 €
Total eligible expenditure entered until the end of current reporting period	0.00 €
Total eligible expenditure certified and included in the payment claims since the previous progress report	0.00 €
Total eligible expenditure certified and included in the payment claims until the end of the current reporting period	0.00 €
Total eligible expenditure certified and included in the payment claims within the administrative closing date	0.00 €

8.1.17.2.2 Financial reporting

Has the project been able to keep within the budget of this Component - Phase and still achieve the desired outputs? (In case of negative answer, please explain the main problems incurred)

No cost is actually reported in this phase.

Other comments on administrative and financial management relating to this Phase - Action

8.2 How results achieved contribute to the MED Programme objectives ?

Medstrategy project, also in doing its diagnosis on the chosen territories, has the objective of increasing the attractiveness of these marginal territories and of encouraging the economic development and the growth of new job opportunities, assuring better life conditions both to present and future generations.

The process which has to be implemented in each region and the communication planned, since the start-up phase and therefore since the territorial diagnosis, is specifically designed to remain concentrated on this objective.

The project has developed just the part of the method to be implemented in the MED regions: the diagnosis component and, partly, the participation component. Partners agreed on common guidelines for analysing the rural areas (both from a territorial and institutional point of view) and gathered the necessary information and data.

The contents of the “Guidelines for carrying out the integrated territorial analysis” are not exhaustive of all the aspects concerning a territory but were chosen in close connection to the investigated themes and trends. The same considerations can be done taking into consideration the list of selected indicators which are mainly addressed to evaluate the valorisation and protection of the historical, cultural and environmental heritage that characterize the rural areas involved in the project.

The second part of the diagnosis, involving an exam of the institutional organisations and structures in the same territories, will give a framework also on the governance systems which actually are applied at a local level. This part of the project actively contribute to better understand and then improve territorial governance, as foreseen within objective 4.1 of the Programme.

Participation component will increase this impact, involving local communities in the process itself.

Finally, in this context, sustainability concept is always taken into account, matching the general MED objective “Support territorial cohesion and actively intervene in favour of environmental protection in a logic of sustainable development”.

8.3 Which is the added value of the project's transnational approach ?

The local diagnosis activities (both territorial and institutional) and the realization of the third transnational meeting of the project confirmed the strong transnational character of the MedStrategy project. Each aspect of the project (from the financial management to the communication plan up to the guidelines to undertake the different project's phases) were discussed and agreed with the contribution of all the regions involved.

Some differences both in economic and social territorial aspects and from the governance point of view were already underlined and discussed by the partners.

This approach, addressed to a constant comparison of the regional different situations is particularly important as concerns territorial and institutional framework but also in examining the different diagnoses which were produced.

The work which will be undertaken at a regional level will always be analyzed and summarized with common approaches and then generalized to the model of a “Med rural area”. This work will be part of the second step in the diagnosis component which will compare and put together the analyses undertaken at a local level.

The same approach was followed for the preparation of the participation component: the methodology was thought taking into consideration the regional differences and sharing the ideas / proposals with the entire partnership.

Finally the transnational approach gave a peculiar character to the case studies selected which will surely constitute a valid and interesting collection of interesting governance cases for any rural region in the Mediterranean area.

8.4 Progress on program indicators

Indicators not linked to a group

Indicator		Foreseen	Achieved (cumul)	Unit
Common indicators for all priorities				
Local and regional authorities involved in experimental activities (pilot activities)	Quantitative	25		Involved structures
Other public and semi-public bodies involved in experimental activities (pilot activities)	Quantitative	40		Involved structures
Private sector structures and networks involved in experimental activities (pilot activities)	Quantitative	40		Involved structures
Third sector organisms involved in experimental activities (pilot activities)	Quantitative	30		Involved structures
Number of communication tools developed from the following list: brochures, DVD, Cd Rom, video, guides, etc. (indicate the number)	Quantitative	4	2	Communication tools
European institutions towards which communication tools will be disseminated	Quantitative	4		Target structures for communication tool dissemination
State Administrations towards which communication tools will be disseminated	Quantitative	4		Target structures for communication tool dissemination
Local and Regional Authorities towards which communication tools will be disseminated	Quantitative	120	20	Target structures for communication tool dissemination
Other public and semi-public bodies towards which communication tools will be disseminated	Quantitative	100	20	Target structures for communication tool dissemination
Private sector towards which communication tools will be disseminated	Quantitative	100	15	Target structures for communication tool dissemination
Specific partners towards which communication tools will be disseminated	Quantitative	4	4	Target structures for communication tool dissemination
Number of websites developed	Quantitative	1	1	Website
Number of data bases developed	Quantitative	1		databases

Number of updated on-line data bases which will remain usable even after the closure of the project	Quantitative	1		databases
Number of targeted communication actions carried out by the partnership from the following list: events, seminars, conferences, exhibitions, information and awareness raising campaigns, etc	Quantitative	13	3	communication action
European institutions concerned by communication actions	Quantitative	2		Target structures for communication actions
State Administration concerned by communication actions	Quantitative	4		Target structures for communication actions
Local and Regional Authorities concerned by communication actions	Quantitative	60	20	Target structures for communication actions
Other public and semi-public bodies concerned by communication actions	Quantitative	50	20	Target structures for communication actions
Private sector concerned by communication actions	Quantitative	50	15	Target structures for communication actions
Specific partners concerned by communication actions	Quantitative	2		Target structures for communication actions
Specific indicators of the priority				
New networks of cities or local authorities for polycentrism	Quantitative	1		Permanent networks established
Common studies aimed at strategies or plans, methodologies or tools at transnational level	Quantitative	4		Joint implementation or working plans or strategies
Joint strategies and agreements	Quantitative	4		Joint implementation or working plans or strategies
Local authorities involved in transnational activities	Quantitative	20	6	New transnational activities set up by local authorities
Isolated areas authorities involved in transnational activities	Quantitative	18	4	New initiatives or structures for support promoted by local authorities of the isolated areas

9. A description of the information, publicity and capitalisation activities that took place during the reporting period

Main partners responsible for communication and dissemination activities are Intermunicipal Consortium “Tindari-Nebrodi” and the Province of Teruel: they are respectively in charge of planning out the general communication strategy (Intermunicipal Consortium “Tindari-Nebrodi”) and practically producing the communication campaign for the project and the website (Province of Teruel). Moreover the Lead partner gives the general lines to be followed in each region with regard to the awareness raising seminars, observatories of municipalities and local conferences.

Nevertheless, as already done in previous progress reports, it must be considered that local communication has a fundamental role, not only for disseminating project activities and deliverables (as above mentioned) but also for the involvement of local communities in the strategic planning process.

Each partner is therefore in charge of the communication activities at a regional level and responsible for producing the communication tools to be locally used, to organize the relative events (seminars, observatories, national conferences, etc.) and

to produce the necessary information for the general communication tools.

MedStrategy project, as underlined in the previous progress reports, already produced a Communication Plan, as foreseen by the project working plan, agreed by the entire partnership. The document describes the communication and dissemination strategy and its purpose is to offer the partners a 24-month plan for the communication and dissemination activities in its general lines. The document will be updated accordingly to the project flow in case of new project strategy and to meet new project needs. Moreover it will be enriched by a detailed description on what it will be realized by the partnership in terms of communication in order to become a sort of “report” about MedStrategy communication activities at the end of the project itself. The document is completed by a short powerpoint version of the communication plan contents which briefly describes the main tools for disseminating project results.

Following the indications included in the Communication Plan, also during the third transnational meeting in Crete, Archanon Asterousion Municipality organized a press conference for disseminating MedStrategy project where all partners participated. TV channels were present and articles on a local newspaper were also published.

The project’s logo and website (www.medstrategyproject.eu) were already defined in previous period. Moreover a graphic coordinated image was decided. However the project website, following the indications of the partners, was further modified and improved: it will be open to the direct contribution of each project’s partner through an intranet system which lets everyone uploading documents, reports, news, etc. following the MedStrategy structure (i.e. according to Component and Phase). First contents and documents were then uploaded. The website will be obviously the most useful tool for disseminating project’s activities but also for communicating within the partnership through an intranet system.

Finally, the implementation of some other communication activities foreseen within the Communication Plan regarded in particular the production of project’s brochures in the four countries in double language for local dissemination of the project and in particular for the involvement of local actors in the participation process. For the same reason in two cases (Spain and Greece) a poster was produced in order to advertise public on project’s initiatives.

10. Signature

Date :

Signature and official stamp :