

Nordplus Adult - Final report 2014

1.Start - Basic information

1.1. Project information

Project title Sheepvalue;Developing value-added SHEEPSKILLS in North Europe

Project number NPAD-2014/10272

1.2. Access to the report

Editor access

Read only access

2. Institutions

2.1.Coordinating institution

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3.Gen. info. - General information

3.1. Type of project

Type of project: Collaboration project

Development project

Project period 09/2014 - 12/2015

4. Content report

4.1. Objectives & activities

4.1.1. Objectives

5. Completely

Main object was to strengthen the link between adult learning and working life.

The project supported the objective by strengthening the link between adult learning and working life by involving both active farmers (learners) and training institutions in methodologies and tools development.

4.1.2. Activities

4. Mostly

It was planned to organize 5 meetings. Kick-off meeting in Iceland, Country meetings (Lithuanian, Danish, Icelandic) and end - meeting in Denmark. The delay occurred while implementing a project, caused by one of the partner's contact person left the organization. As well during the implementation real cost were much higher than planned in application, so it was decided instead of 5 meetings organize 2, merging kick-off, country meetings and end-meetings. Meetings were organized in Iceland and in Lithuania. Changes were agreed with Nordplus agency.

4.2. Time schedule & cooperation

4.2.1. Time schedule

Time schedule 3. Partly

Time plan was:

09/2014 - Kick-off meeting, agreements between partners;

10/2014 - Lithuanian meeting; leaflets production;

11/2014 - first part methodology, web page launch;

04/2015 - Denmark meeting; second part methodology; to be done list preparation;

06/2015 - Iceland meeting; full methodology;

09/2015 - End meeting;

12/2015 - reports submission end of the project.

Because of the delay and financial reasons the time plan was changed to:

05/2015 - Iceland and kick-off meeting;

07/2015 - Facebook page launched;

07/2015 - methodology revived and compiled;

08/2015 - leaflets printed;

09/2015 - Lithuania and end meeting;

11/2015 - Article about ancient Baltic-Nordic sheep breed named "shkude" posted.

4.2.2. Cooperation within the partnership

Cooperation and Nordic/Baltic added value

5. Completely

Cooperation among the partners was implemented as planned-

All the partners - methodology development, country meetings organisation, reports preparation;

Lithuanian partner - lead partner in financial and progress plans and reports, contacts with agency. Leaflets producer.

Iceland partner - lead in project quality evaluation, quality evaluation guidelines, quality reports producer.

Danish partner - lead in methodology preparation, web site producer.

Communication will be organised via e-mails, skype meetings at least once a month.

4.2.3 Nordic/Baltic added value

5. Significant benefits

Implementing the project together increased common Nordic awareness, because all the participating countries shared information about vocational learning material for sheep-farmers. Farmers from partner countries came together in their farms shared experience, presented their daily work and lifestyle. They become stronger together, they found common points and possibilities of good practices that could be transferred, such as herding sheep for cultivating landscapes or wool processing for bigger added value.

Project strengthened the links among the partner institutions, get them to know each other better. Project increased awareness between Nordic and Baltic countries as well.

4.3.Outcomes & impact

4.3.1. Results and outcomes

4. Mostly

The results of the project were planned to be leaflets, website and training methodologies (training modules, material) containing best practices of each partner countries.

During the implementation it was discovered that partners already have a lot materials and methodologies on sheep and goat farming so it was decided not to create new methodologies, but to collect existing ones and link, share them via facebook. It was decided as well instead of creating website create facebook profile, because its much easier to link people together and share material via it. We are very glad that Agency allowed that and we did it, because its actually live. Additional outcome is analysis and article on Sheep breed "Shkude", it was not planned in application.

All the changes were agreed with Nordic agency.

4.3.2. Impact

5. Completely

The materials collected during the project will be used in the partners activities in further training organisation and other activities. As the technologies on sheep and goat breeding are not developing very fast, especially in organic breeding, so material should be available and usefull for long.

4.3.3. Website

<https://www.facebook.com/sheepvalue/>

Products are - materials, links, photos, articles, comments.

<http://www.sheepskills.eu/>

Website, which was closed, but thanks to this project revived. Contains a lot training material, web courses, e-learning tools on sheep and goat breeding.

4.4.Evaluation & dissemination

4.4.1. Evaluation

4. Mostly

Project was continuously evaluated as planned, during country meetings by participants and in coordinators workshops, coordinators also discussed constantly project progress and corrective actions needed. All the deviations were reported to Nordplus agency as well.

4.4.2. Dissemination

5. Completely

The information on the project was disseminated as planned into partners organisations facilities as well in the local sheepfarmers groups during organisations events. Also all the material is in the project website and in each organizations websites.

4.4.3. About Nordplus

We can only indicate positive impressions on working with Nordplus programme. Rules are clear to us. We had big delays and changes from application so we were really afraid that project will not be implemented, but in discussions with the Nordplus administration general budget changes were accepted, and project was implemented successfully.

How did you get acquainted with Nordplus?

Information meetings
National information offices
Web

Comments:

We are really glad that we applied for Nordplus, because it made big impact for our competences as for common Nordic awareness.

5. For publication - Results and outcomes for publication

5.1. Outcomes and results

5.1.1. Summary of project outcomes and results (max 350 words)

The SHEEPVALUE project helped to demonstrate the characteristics of the identified «best-practice» areas. The sheep and goat farmers of Nordic countries such as Island, Denmark, Lithuania came together in meetings in their farms, training and study institutions. They visited farm-shops, had discussions, workshops, field days, lectures.

They discussed challenges for sheep, goat farming and marketing, particular innovative solutions to marketing sheep, goat products – such that we have a cross section of problems/solutions that cover problems common to farmers across Nordic Europe. Also national «best practices» were shown, these contain solutions that are also widely applicable to sheep farmers within the participant countries.

Project strengthened the links among the institutions, among ordinary people (farmers) in Northern countries, get them to know each other better.

Main impact of the Project is increased awareness between Nordic and Baltic countries.

5.1.2. Products and materials

Revived and compiled training material, training courses, e-learning tools. Article about Nordic sheep breed "Shkude". Photos, links, comments.

5.1.3. Websites and links

<https://www.facebook.com/sheepvalue/>

<http://www.sheepskills.eu/>

6.Expenditure - Expenditure

Granted Nordplus support EUR:
25000

5.1. Account of costs

| EUR - Euro | Costs covered by Nordplus (EUR) | Costs covered by co-financing (EUR) | Total (EUR) |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| Project support | | | |
| Travel expenses | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Board and lodging | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Work hours | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other costs (specify below) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SUM - Project support | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SUM - Total | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Comments to the budget

5.2. Attachments