Standard Projects:

State of Play and main Technical Implementation Challenges

Genova, 23/01/2012
First call - Standard Projects Selected

31 first round + 6 additional

Contract signature status:

• First round (JMC Valencia in 2010):
  Contracts still to be signed: 2 out 31 (plus 4 facing Syrian Partners replacement)

  foresee signature end of Jan–mid Feb 2012

• Additional projects (JMC meeting Marseille 2011):
  Negotiation on going for 4 out of 6 (replacement of 2 Syrian Partners)

  foreseeable signature end of Jan–mid Feb 2012
Negotiation process: Problems encountered

- Administrative/structural changes within the Applicants/Partners’ organizations
- Withdrawal of some partners
- Projects (4) including Syrian partners
- Long internal procedures for signing the Partnership Agreement for certain categories of Applicants
- Difficulties in finding a final agreement on all requests from the JMA and/or between applicant and partners particularly on the budget
Negotiation Process: Solutions found

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- Performance of eligibility check, budget checks and authorization of replacement;
- Detailed explanations/negotiations by email
- Phone meetings and
- Face to face meeting with Applicants
Start up of projects: State of play

- Projects for which implementation period has started: 22
- Kick-off meetings
  - already held: 14
  - scheduled (Jan/Feb): 6
- Projects which have already received the pre-financing (upon communication of the appointment of the External Auditor): 8
Location of Kick-Off Meetings

- **MAPMED**
  - Cagliari, 19/09/2011
- **JOUSSOUR**
  - Tunis, 14/10/2011
- **DCMA**
  - Marseille, 15/11/2011
- **RELS**
  - Barcelona, 26/10/2011
- **SWMED**
- **Villages Corse**
  - Corse, 14/12/2011
- **Newper**
  - Rome, 12/12/2011
- **MED-ROUTE**
  - Evia, 21/11/2011
- **CulMe-WeOnCT**
  - Thessaloniki, 24/10/2011
- **USUDS**
  - Al Fayhah, 14/10/2011
- **MEDOLICO**
  - Cyprus, 15/12/2011
- **RAMUD**
  - Barcelona, 15/12/2011
- **ARCHEOMED Agrigento**
  - Agrigento, 20/12/2011
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  - Agrigento, 20/12/2011
- **Bio-Xplore**
  - Jerusalem, 8/01/2012

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Support to Project Implementation

- Implementation Manual (Fact Sheets) and Communication Guidelines for Projects:
  - drafting started in October
  - first version will be published in mid Feb 2012 at www.enpicbcmed.eu

- Training to Beneficiaries (with RCBI):
  - 3 seminars in the 1st and the 3rd week of November
  - 26 projects and 7 NCPs
  - 4, 24 out of 5 is the Participants’ Evaluation Average Score (see next slide)
The 12 Items of the Questionnaire

- Overall evaluation of the training seminar
- Will the information gained facilitate your work on project development
- Did the seminar address issues of interest to your project development
- Were the answers clear enough
- Did you have an opportunity to ask questions
- Were the discussions focused and interesting
- Were the presentations useful
- Was the length of the presentations appropriate
- Did you gain new knowledge as a result of the seminar?
- Were the objectives for attending the seminar met
- Room capacity and comfort
- Accessibility and Location

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Were the discussions focused and interesting: 4.5
Were the presentations useful: 4.5
Was the length of the presentations appropriate: 4.0
Did you gain new knowledge as a result of the seminar?: 4.5
Were the objectives for attending the seminar met: 4.5
Room capacity and comfort: 3.0
Accessibility and Location: 4.5
Technical challenges on Projects Implementation

• Financial issues:
  – account opening for MPCs Beneficiaries and Partners
  – account in EURO for the Beneficiary
  – budget management in some MPCs
• Procurement procedures (National Rules vs. PraG)
• VAT exemption procedures for MPCs (see Financial Agreements)
• Preparation of the Project Communication Plan
Facing Short Term challenges through NCP

- Selection of external auditors: support to the Beneficiary and Partners (specific Training on reporting in 1st quarter of 2012)
- VAT exemption: support to the partners by explaining and facilitating the required procedures to obtain VAT exemption (with the cooperation of Aqaba Branch Office)
- Support on procurement procedures to follow: cross check PraG vs national procedures (with the cooperation of Aqaba Branch Office)
Facing medium term technical challenges

• Monitoring of the projects by participating in the project meetings (participation of NCPs)

• Sustainability: How to support projects’ institutional, political, financial sustainability?
Facing long term technical challenges….

- Recovery: possibly supporting the Beneficiary in recovery resource from project partners

- Capitalization at Project and Programme level as planned during the last Joint Managing Authority in Malta (November 2011)
Final remarks

Thank you for your attention!

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