

Erasmus+ RiskMan Balkan Tour

Meeting Agenda

21-27 August, 2022

Kotor, Tirana, Ohrid

JUSTIFICATION FOR ORGANIZING THE "RISKMAN BALKAN TOUR" MEETING (s)

The need for realization of this meeting(s) is linked to the successful realization of the WP 3, WP 4 and partially WP 7 of the Project Proposal.

1. WP 3: Implementation of Risk Management Model for Western Balkans

- Acknowledging the fact that many teachers and students from the field of NN species in Partner Countries HEIs during the activities of the RiskMan project had the opportunity to work with Risk Assessment Tools such as AS-ISK software for the first time, we consider it extremely important to organize additional live trainings and workshops in order to ensure the transfer of knowledge and the learning of new skills in this holistic view for risk management model.

2. WP 4: Reforming of Current Curriculum

- In fact, the WP 4 - Development of the Curriculum for the three new courses is the main deliverable of this Project. The Curricula have been prepared, but due to the COVID 19 pandemic, the limitations that we had in travelling, the team has not been able to develop a strategy and exchange knowledge on the actual teaching of these courses. This event will be used to exchange best practices between partner and programme countries regarding the teaching materials, reading material, case studies preparation, presentation sharing, and development of scripts and materials based on the findings of this Project and other sources, where applicable.
- The development of the Curricula has been the first step in the realization of the goals of the Project, however, the preparation for successful teaching of the courses is equally important about making the courses attractive for students to elect as their courses, attend them and eventually learn the material to be prepared for entering the job market with sufficient predispositions for Risk Managers for INN species. The bilateral meeting will yield with actual teaching scenario which would be beneficial for the teachers in the implementation of the teaching activities in their respective institution and increase of the quality and interest in the subject.
- Finally, during the organization of these events and meetings there are going to be conducted dissemination activities by all partners in different institutions and organizations which would be final beneficiaries of obtaining this new job profession as well as those who oversee providing employees with such knowledge. In addition, through the networking there will be established a possibility of exchange of students, short study stays etc., which would be organized by the relevant institutions after the implementation of the action, thus ensuring sustainability of the project, both institutional and financial.

3. WP 7: Dissemination & Exploitation

- Within WP 7 there are going to be organized events and meetings which would assist the successful implementation of the dissemination on one side and the implementation of the outcomes of others WPs in combination. In fact, it is planned that dissemination activities, such as round tables, workshops and meetings are organized with relevant stakeholders, including aquaculture owners and workers, local administrations, local employment agencies and others dealing with NNS and aquatic ecosystems to promote the model resulted in WP 3 and the materials in WP 5. Within these events, there is going to be organized short presentations and trainings to the stakeholders on the usage and application of the AS-ISK and Maxent models, which would be beneficial in their everyday work and on the other side increase interest among the unemployed people for the risk manager job and the Google form which has been prepared in order to develop and maintain the Database of NNS in the region. This complex combination of activities is interconnected between WPs and it would contribute to additional value of the project, too.

According to the budget analysis of the partners, due to the unspent funds for the realization of the planned meetings, which were not organized, due to the COVID 19 pandemic restrictions, the partners have sufficient funds to organize the suggested bilateral and multilateral meetings within the suggested agenda. The realization of these meetings will not have any negative effect on the foreseen activities and results of the Project, on the contrary it will have only positive contribution and added value to the Project's outcomes.