

THE FOURTH SEE_INNOVA STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING AND THE SEE_INNOVA FINAL EVENT “BRIDGING REGIONS IN EUROPE” HELD IN BUDAPEST, HUNGARY (10th-12th NOVEMBER 2014)



SEE_INNOVA partners organized and participated in the Final Meeting in Budapest - the capital of Hungary (10-12th November 2014). The event included the Final Steering Committee meeting on 10th November 2014, as well as the presentation and discussion of the project results during the AAL and Cluster Conference “Bridging Regions in Europe” on 11th and 12th November 2014.

The fourth (and the final) SEE_INNOVA project Steering Committee (SC) meeting took place on 10th November 2014 at Six Inn Hotel, Budapest. The event was opened with welcome words by the host of the meeting – the Hungarian partner Innoskart. The meeting aimed at sharing the outputs produced by SEE INNOVA team and the lessons learnt about the following project activities: state of play of the main SEE_INNOVA project activities, methodology, project management - monitoring and reporting, financial and administrative aspects, and the forthcoming tasks. All the sessions were chaired by the Technical Secretariat representatives – SVIM-Sviluppo Marche S.p.A.

The first two sessions were dedicated to the See_Innova financial state of the project, the outputs reached and the future plans. An overview on the financial aspects of the project advancement after the 4th Project Progress Report as well as on the budget state after the finalization of the procedure on the project partners’ change and the approval by the Joint Technical Secretariat was made. The participants welcomed the formal accession of the new partner – the Regional Development Agency of Grevena – Greece. In addition, monitoring of the outputs and the results achieved, in comparison with the foreseen time-plan was made. The next sessions were dedicated to the Last Progress Report and Final Activity Report. A presentation of the procedure for the final reporting was held and a constructive discussion took place with

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the active participation of the project partners’ representatives. The Steering Committee meeting was finalized with a Stocktaking session on See-Innova Activities and the tasks were allocated among the partners.

The next two days were devoted to the Political-Strategic Active Ageing Living (AAL) and Cluster Conference “Bridging Regions in Europe”, (11th and 12th November 2014). The event was organised by Innoskart in cooperation with the Hungarian National Innovation Office and the Ministry of National Economy - Hungarian Cluster Developing Department.

SEE_Innova Project took active part in the conference in the main topics:

- Presentation and dissemination of SEE_INNOVA “Joint Action Plan for innovation driven key players”;
- “Flashes of Genius” Exhibition;
- Presentation of the “Small Innovation Voucher” results;
- Workshops and matchmaking sessions in the field of Ambient Assisted Living.
- 2nd peer review roundtable

The conference was opened by the President of Hungarian National Innovation Office, Mr. Endre Spaller with a speech on “Innovation and Start-ups – the growth potentials”, followed by a panel devoted to SEE_Innova main results on Active Ageing Living. Mr. Stephen Halligan, project manager in the Joint Technical Secretariat at the South-East Europe Transnational Cooperation Programme, had presentation “Micro-Regional Dimension – Future Trends of EU Transnational Programmes”.

The SEE_Innova end-users approach through the Elderly Needs Box promotional tools was presented by Dr. Aurelia Curaj (Geron Foundation). An emphasis on the “SEE_Innova Small Innovation Voucher – the model and experiences – as a tool for a broader strategy for regional growth” was put by Mrs. Sara Pasquali (SVIM-Sviluppo Marche S.p.A), followed by short presentations of See_Innova project partners on the winning projects, as follows: Mr. Maurizio Fumanti (Townet), Mrs. Sonya Blazheva-Truykova (Sofia Municipality), Mrs. Paola Baruchelli (Create-Net), Mr. Zsolt Viniczay (Innoskart) and Mrs. Aurelia Curaj (Geron Foundation). Mrs. Nora Mack (Clusterland) presented the “SEE_Innova Joint Action Plan for innovation driven key players” as a good starting point for further transnational cooperation on AAL.

As an introduction to the afternoon workshops, Ms Agnes Divinyi - National Innovation Office AAL expert, welcomed participants in the conference. Three parallel workshop sessions were held – 1st dedicated to the Active Ageing as a challenge for EU, 2nd – to the Interclustering and KETs, and 3rd – to the Active Ageing Living Best Practices. Within the last workshop, See-Innova’s 2nd peer review roundtable was held. The main topic was: “Giver’s Gain – Best Practices Peer Review Roundtable”. The workshop was led by Mrs. Nora

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Mack (Clusterland) and Domenico Pettinato (Marche Region key innovation expert) and some See_Innova partners (Hungary, Italy, Romania, Austria and Bulgaria) presented the selected AAL best practices.

Parallel to the plenary sessions and workshops, “Flashes of Genius” Exhibition was opened – posters of young researchers’ innovation ideas, launched during SEE_Innova project, were exposed to the participants of the conference.

Conference materials and presentations are downloadable here:

<http://innoskart.eu/en/news/362-see-innova-final-conference-materials>

SEE_INNOVA is a project which considers AGEING as part of an overall strategy of mutually reinforced INNOVATION policies and regional competitiveness and it focus on the opportunities to help older people to live independently for longer in their own homes by increasing their autonomy and mobility; assisting them in carrying out their daily activities and improving their access to age-friendly Information and Communications Technology (ICT). The project partners are following: From Italy – Marche Region (Lead Partner), CREATE-NET and SVIM-Sviluppo Marche S.p.A (as Technical Secretariat); from Austria - Clusterland Upper Austria; from Bulgaria - Sofia Municipality; from Bosnia and Herzegovina - LINK; Regional development Agency of Grevena; from Hungary - INNOSKART; from Romania - ADI BI and Geron Foundation; from Serbia - RPK Uzice. The SEE_INNOVA project began in January 2013 and will end in December 2014.

For more information on the project please visit www.seeinnova.eu

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