Region of East Macedonia & Thrace

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- Region of East Macedonia & Thrace (abbrev.REMTH) is one out of the 13 Regions of Greece recently reformed by 'Kallikratis Project' (Law 3852/2010)- and is regulated by the Presidential Decree 144/2010

- REMTH is a 'NUTS II' Local Authority, a legal entity of public law, located in the northeastern part of Greece, bordering with Bulgaria and Turkey

- REMTH's task is to design and implement policies at the regional level, in accordance with the principles of sustainable development and social cohesion imposed by the State

- REMTH has a significant background in project implementation in almost every sector of the human activity (pubic health, environmental preservation, civil protection, low carbon economy and use of alternative energy resources social inclusion, accessibility, promotion of cultural heritage, tourism, etc)

- Except the Regional Operational Programme which is directly linked to each region in Greece, there is also need for special task-forces by experts as one-way solution in order to submit and implement projects which match to the needs of the region and the society as well as to speed up the absorption rate in benefit of the final beneficiaries

Information about our activities..

- The Region is mainly dealing with the implementation of:

  European Territorial Cooperation (ETC) Projects

  Projects under DGs (European Commission)

  Projects financed by the European Economic Area (EEA) Fund

- During previous programming periods REMTH had also implemented FP7 Projects (the ancestor programme of H2020)

- More than €25mln have been absorbed for REMTH through the implementation of 35 project during the last 7 years

Description of the core idea (1/2)

- It is a fact that experts dealing with EU co-financed projects (ETC, H2020, DGs, Erasmus+, etc) and those ones working in Development Aid Projects are acting in a two separate and non-communicating vessels

- With some rare exceptions those two groups of experts never meet, communicate, exchange innovative ideas & realistic solutions on several matters, despite the fact that both groups are facing similar (even identical in some cases) obstacles as for instance: public procurement compliance issues, bureaucracy, duplication of physical object with other projects, lack of programme ownership, low rates of capitalization, lack of sustainability

- The lack of tools which might potentially facilitate the exchange of knowledge, & of the innovative elements practically eliminates the idea of 'universality' in project management and does not comply with the model of synergy and horizontal programmes as described in RIS3, and SDGs main Principles too

- This leads to waste of innumerous human-hours on a potential problem which in many cases has already been confronted successfully

- The development of an interactive, flexible and 'attractive' tool might enhance the gradual mutual approach and communication (even mobility) amongst the experts coming from different sectors and might also stimulate the creativity and the effectiveness of the projects

TITLE : **Towards a more sustainable project management & viable innovative solutions** / **Acronym: COMMUNICATING VESSELS**

RELEVANT 2017 CALL TOPIC: **Circular Economy**

Objectives:

- To multiply the exchange of the global know-how on project management by combining the innovative elements of different think-tanks, separate experts' pools through the use of special e-tools and this can be achieved via H2020

- To pursue more sustainable management, decrease of duplications, & bureaucracy, increase of capitalization of the project deliverables following the 'RIS3' priorities as well as the principles of the SDGs

Expected results:

- To create an open interactive platform including a central-forum and several sub-fora on concrete and popular topics aiming to facilitate debates, exchange of ideas, match-making (networking), also functioning as database of experts

Consortium - required partners

No	Expertise	Type	Country	Role in the project
01	Accredited EU Institution	IO or iNGO	EU based	Coordinate the collaboration of a non-homogenous partnership and very demanding project
02	Ministries / Regional Ministries / Regions/	Public Bodies	EU-MS	Representing at least than 3-4 public bodies
03	iNGOs	NGO	EU-MS & Candidate MS (TR)	NGOs with significant background in the field of ODA
04	ICT Company	SME	EU-MS	At least one ICT Company with the needed Capacity
05	HR /Consulting Company	SME	EU-MS	At least one HR/Consulting SME with the needed Capacity
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