

MINUTES OF THE FIRST STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

05.03.2024

The meeting was organized in Békéscsaba, in hybrid format.

With the exception of BSC Kranj (who joined online) all partners were represented.

The meeting was attended by Mr Horst Schiller, the project officer from the Joint Secretariat of the Danube Region Programme.

I. Set-up of the project Steering Committee, presentation of its main features

The Steering Committee was formally set-up by collecting the nomination letters from all partners.

Mr Bonis, representing the Lead Partner, presented the composition, tasks, decision-making and meeting procedures, as defined by the Partnership Agreement.

OUTCOME:

1. *The Steering Committee of the project was established.*
Members of the SCOM

Partner	Voting member	Substitute member
LP1	Jenő Szécsi	Adrián Szél
PP2	Dr. Attila Fodor	
PP3	Helena Cvenkel	
PP4	Ambrož Bogataj, M. Sc.	Nejc Petrovič, B. Sc.
PP6	Mrs. Emina Mravović	Mrs. Jasmina Besic
PP7	Ing. Marek Hart	Ing. Zdeněk Hušek
PP8	Letitia Motoc	Monica Furo
PP9	Gerhard Schmid	Erwin Karg
PP11	Dr. Hrvoje Mikulčić	Petar Lonić
PP12	prof. Dr. Filip Kulić	doc. Dr. Bane Popadić
PP13	Velibor Bošković	Milica Božović

II. Project coordination

Mr Bonis presented the coordination mechanisms which are included in the Application Form. Details were presented related to the three levels of coordination (Activity Leaders, Specific Objective Coordinators and Project Board).

III. Specific Objective 1 – Activities 1.1 and 1.2

Mr Hušek and Mr Hart presented the methodology for the implementation of Act 1.1 Stakeholder mapping and Act 1.2. State-of-play analysis. The methodology included the instruments proposed for data collection (questionnaires and interviews), as well as indications related to the quantity and quality of information to be collected.

The partners discussed the proposed methodology. Since the information collected for these activities will be relevant for the development of the modelling and optimisation tools under SO2, the partners which will be involved in the development of these tools were invited to indicate if the information which is planned to be collected is in line with their needs.

It was highlighted that the deadline for achieving Deliverables 1.1.1 and 1.2.1 is the end of June, therefore the partners shall organize the data collection and interpretation accordingly.

OUTCOME:

1. *ICUK will update the methodology, based on the discussions with the partners. Deadline: 20th of March 2024*
2. *The partners in charge of developing the modelling and optimisation tools shall review the methodology and present their comments.*
3. *The deadline for finalizing the Stakeholder mapping and State-of-play analysis is June 2024*

IV. Specific Objective 1 - Activity 1.4

The partners started the discussions about the location of the study visits to be organized as part of the project. Mr Szecsi highlighted that the destinations of the study visits shall be fixed after the Energy Storage Outlook will be developed – deadline according to the Application Form is June 2024.

The partners discussed the venue of the next SCOM meeting. Partners were invited to announce if they would be available to organize SCOM meetings. ICUK, UP, AUF, and UNIZAG announced their availability, while UNS and ZMO promised a reaction later. AUF offered to organize the next SCOM meeting, in October 2024.

OUTCOME:

1. *The partners will be presented a list of potential locations for the study visits to be organized within the project, as soon as the Energy Storage Outlook will become available.*
2. *The next SCOM meeting will be organized by AUF, in Fuchstal, in October 2024. The LP shall initiate the administrative procedures with the Joint Secretariat in order to get the approval for this minor change of the project content.*

V. Specific Objective 3 – Activity 3.3

The partners discussed the main characteristics of the film to be produced within the project – deliverable 3.3.5. There was a proposal to avoid presenting the available energy storing technologies (since they are already over-explained on the internet), and to focus the film on presenting the technologies applied in the participating countries. The script will be prepared in a joint effort by the partnership, every partner designating a contact person who will contribute to the content of the film.

OUTCOME:

1. *A first draft concept of the film (max one page) will be prepared by ZMO until May and presented to the partners for discussions. Based on the approved version of the concept, the script shall be prepared during the summer of 2024. Every partner will contribute to the script, by providing inputs related to the technologies available in their regions.*

VI. Project management

Mr Bonis presented the most important characteristics of the transnational project management. The participants were informed about the procedures applicable in case minor/major changes are becoming necessary, as well as about the reporting procedures applicable within the Danube Region Programme.