

	SOCRATES GRUNDTVIG 2 – LEARNING PARTNERSHIPS 2006/2007	
Project Title: F.E.M.A.L.E. - F ostering Self E ntrepreneurship for W omen in A dult E ducation		
PROJECT MEETING REPORT Firenze, 20 – 23 November 2006		

HOST INSTITUTION: **Tikappa Consultant srl**

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PLAN OF ACTIVITIES:

DATE	ACTIVITY
Monday, 20 Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="440 533 1479 613">□ Presentation of the partner organizations to improve the mutual knowledge: each partner presented its own organization and its main activities, <li data-bbox="440 680 1479 813">□ Definition of the responsibility and functions of the partners: each partner will involve its local network to implement the activities aimed at collecting and exchanging information and best practices during all the project, <li data-bbox="440 880 1479 1057">□ Elaboration of ideas on the questionnaire to submit to the female entrepreneurs (see the attachment): each partner contributed to the definition of items and ideas on the questionnaire scheme to submit to the 8 referents representing the main target group of the project, <li data-bbox="440 1124 1479 1350">□ Definition of detailed work methodologies and tools: all partners agreed on the elaboration of the questionnaire scheme and the identifying of 8 female entrepreneurs before February 2007. The scheme of the interview has to be prepared following the topics defined in the attachment and validated within February 2007 through e-mail.
Tuesday, 21 Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="440 1417 1479 1697">□ Introduction to the local context to the foreign partners and meetings with Local Stakeholders: explanation of the practices and legislation on the female entrepreneurship in Tuscany and on reconciliation between working life and family during the visits by the Responsible of the Female Entrepreneurship and Gender Policies Sector of the Tuscany Region, D.ssa Antonella Turci, and by the Regional Counsellor of Equal Opportunity, Adv. Marina Capponi.

	<p>With the support of an interpreter, Suzi Jenkins, the institutional representatives illustrated initiatives and projects carried out by the regional authority at European and local level,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Illustration of the local context about the female entrepreneurship: visit by AIDDA – Associazione Imprenditrici e Donne dirigenti di Azienda, D.ssa. Orietta Malvisti Moretti. AIDDA is a non profit association representing the first association founded in Italy with the aim to support the engagement of women in the economic and social sector. The president of the association illustrated the association’s activities and agreed on an active involvement in the FEMALE project with the participation of female entrepreneurs as testimonials of their life/working experience. During the visit we met women entrepreneurs who have been carrying out a business successfully.
<p>Wednesday, 22 Nov</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Cultural and historical visit in Florence: sightseeing tour, during the morning, of the town to churches, historical buildings, monument, etc. with a tourist guide. The visit was an enjoyable moment to know Florence and its historic/cultural/artistic aspect. □ Development of ideas on the questionnaire to submit to the female entrepreneurs: all partners defined the structure of the questionnaire in 3 sections (see the attachment). <p>We discussed on the opportunity to propose open or closed questions. In order to compare the data on the female entrepreneurs life/working experience it seems better to use closed questions. By other side, with open questions the interviewees would be more free to explain their personal experiences without a fixed path. Maybe the best solution would be the presence of closed questions for objective data (personal data, work experience data) and open questions for</p>

	<p>personal comments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Meeting with local stakeholders: visit by CNA - Confederazione Nazionale Artigianato Piccola e Media Impresa, D.ssa Licia Papini: illustration of the structure and main activities of CNA – Handicraft and SME Association of Florence. The association represent a valid point of contact for all active and dynamic enterprises operating in the province of Florence. The meeting represented an interesting moment of comparison and consideration on concrete initiatives and experiences in the Tuscany economic tissue. □ At the evening with all the partners we had a dinner in a typical Florentine restaurant where we eat Tuscany speciality in a relaxed atmosphere.
<p>Thursday, 23 Nov</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Brainstorming on new proposal ideas to submit on the next calls (LLP – Lifelong Learning Programme 2007 – 2013): all partners agreed to participate and collaborate in future projects on different topics (see the attachment), □ Definition and validation of the activities timetable (see the attachment), □ Definition of the female entrepreneurs target group who will be interviewed (see the attachment), □ Meetings with Local Stakeholders: CISL – Confederazione Italiana Sindacati Lavoratori– Coordinamento Regionale delle Donne (Italian Confederation of Trade Unions - The Regional Coordination Women), D.ssa Claudia Russo. The Regional Coordination Women promotes Equal Opportunity policies within the labour market, the reconciliation work/family, etc. She explained the support of the Confederation of Trade Unions for the enterprises, the initiatives promoting equal opportunity in work places (public and private), and the difficulties to promote the reconciliation between working life

	<p>and family for women especially in the private sector. Instead in public bodies there are kindergarten to support women with children.</p> <p>The meeting went off according to the agenda and with fruitful results.</p>
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DEADLINES FOR NEXT MONTHS:

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22 DECEMBER 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Contribution for the elaboration of the questionnaire scheme: each partner will contribute to the questionnaire with suggestions shared with all the mailing-list (see the attachment) <input type="checkbox"/> Involvement of local stakeholders <input type="checkbox"/> Deadline for proposals on the date of the second meeting in Lithuania (May 2007): we should fix right from now a date (3-4 days) for the project meeting in order to organise in advance the meeting and keep a cheap flight <input type="checkbox"/> Contribution to the FEMALE blog.
15 JANUARY 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Deadline for the presentation of the Intermediate Report to the National Agency (if requested) <input type="checkbox"/> Request of additional funding to the NA (if possible).
31 JANUARY 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Deadline for the definition of the questionnaire interview scheme: each partner will contribute to the elaboration of the definitive scheme for the questionnaire and share new suggestions to all the work group through the mailing – list <input type="checkbox"/> Starting of a female entrepreneurs list (at least 8) identifying women who will be interviewed as testimonials. Deadline for the validation of the list: 28 February <input type="checkbox"/> Blog updating.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Deadline for the planning of the Information day to present the project to



28 FEBRUARY 2007	local stakeholders: each partner will organise a meeting with local stakeholders to present the FEMALE project and the questionnaire. <ul style="list-style-type: none">❑ Validation of the definitive questionnaire scheme❑ Validation of the list of women entrepreneurs to be interviewed❑ Blog updating.
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Attachment:

- FEMALE Management Plan
- Meeting agenda.