

Dear partners of AIR TRITIA project (CE1101),
We would like to inform you that yesterday, 24th of July 2017, we received the signed Subsidy Contract between Lead Partner VSB - Technical University of Ostrava and Interreg Central Europe Managing Authority. Thanks to it, we are now currently in the process of partnership agreements signing among the lead partner and all remaining partners.

Also, we will summarize some basic information and project task via this letter. International project AIR TIRTIA is financed by the Interreg Central Europe Programme and its budget is 2 576 623 EUR. The project length is 3 years. Officially, the project started on 1st of June 2017, but we waited with key activities to the signature of the Subsidy Contract.

Project Relevance

Air pollution is connected to natural resources, industry, urban areas and traffic, and is independent on national borders. Therefore, it is a great territorial challenge to deal with effective air quality management in areas where the transboundary air pollution exists. In Central Europe there are more regions that share this environmental challenge (air polluted areas among the Czech Republic, Germany and Poland, heavily urbanized region among Vienna, Bratislava and Budapest and industrial area among Poland, Czech Republic and Slovakia.

To tackle this challenge, the project focuses on the improvement of air quality management by creating appropriate tools and strategies in 5 pilot European cities (FUAs) in the transnational area of EGTC TRITIA (TRITIA region). TRITIA comprises Opole region, Silesian region (PL), Moravian-Silesian region (CZ) and Žilina region (SK). Its size is 34 069 square kilometres with a population around 7.8 million.

The relevance of the project is based on the fact that the concentrations of particulate matter (PM_{2.5}, PM₁₀) and NO₂ exceed the European limits in all four regions, the concentration of benzo(a)pyrene is exceeded even multiple times in some areas. The residents of TRITIA region deem the air quality to be a crucial factor that has a major impact on the quality of their life and health and is a key political issue.

Even though mutual projects and negotiations have been realised, the challenge has not been faced yet because no common approach has been established so far. The management is performed on the local level regardless the transnational influences. The project will help to manage this situation in 5 pilot FUAs and in the whole TRITIA region as a complex with transferability to other Central European regions.



Project aim

The aim of the proposed AIR TRITIA project is to bring solutions to improve local and regional air quality management, to better present more accurate information based on specific expertise and expert data, to demonstrate real solutions in both vertical and horizontal interconnections. The implementation of the project will increase the capacity and capabilities of public administration for decision-making and air quality management, and this will actually help to improve air quality in polluted areas in regions that are affected by sources from neighboring countries. This corresponds to the specific objective 3.3 of the Program "Improve the environmental management of functional settlements to make them a better place to live."

Project Main Objective

The main objective of the AIR TRITIA project is to establish international cooperation on the territory of the EGTC TRITIA and to find solutions to air and noise pollution, thus improving the quality of life of the population and positively influencing their health status.

Area of Interest Description
















The EGTC TRITIA consists of 4 regions: Moravian-Silesian Region (CZ), the Silesian Voivodship and the Opole Voivodship (PL), and the Žilina Self-Governing Region (SK). All of these 4 regions are non-financial partners of the AIR TRITIA project. The AIR TRITIA project reflects TRITIA's strategic objectives for EGTCs to facilitate people's living in the region and, in particular, for the absence of a comprehensive air quality solution across national boundaries. The key innovation benefit of the project is the development and implementation of innovative tools and strategies to support air-management management through regional and national policies of all three states, thereby alleviating the socio-economic and health hazards of the population.



Partnership Information

VSB - Technical University of Ostrava is the project Lead partner, management of the project is done by the ACCENDO - Centre for Science and Research, Institute. The whole project partnership has 15 partners which will contribute to outputs creation (universities and research institutions) and outputs implementation (cities, regions and EGTC TRITIA).

Partner list:

#	Project Partner Name	Country
1	VSB - Technical University of Ostrava	 CZ
2	ACCENDO - Centre for Science and Research, Institute	 CZ
3	Central Mining Institute	 PL
4	European grouping of territorial cooperation TRITIA, Ltd.	 PL
5	Institute of Meteorology and Water Management - National Research Institute	 PL
6	University of Zilina	 SK
7	City of Rybnik	 PL
8	City of Opava	 CZ
9	City of Zilina	 SK
10	City of Opole	 PL
11	City of Ostrava	 CZ
12	Moravian-Silesian Region	 CZ
13	Žilina self-governing region	 SK
14	Opole Voivodship	 PL
15	Silesian Voivodship	 PL



i Actual project Information and Tasks:

#	Information and Tasks:	Deadline:
1.	Detailed activities and outputs Time Schedule will be sent by ACCENDO.	31. 7. 2017
2.	Detailed Time Schedule with partners responsibilities will be sent to all partners by ACCENDO. All partners will make comments and fill up their own activities to the Time Schedule afterwards.	Time Schedule will be send on 31. 7. 2017 Partners will fill up it to 11. 8. 2017
3.	Organizational scheme of the project involving the positions of individuals and institutions will be sent by ACCENDO.	7. 8. 2017
4.	Setting personal contract requirements according to project rules.	31. 7. 2017
5.	A list of partner requirements for launching project activities will be sent by ACCENDO.	31. 7. 2017
6.	Project Contact List will be sent by ACCENDO.	25. 7. 2017
7.	Steering committee, management team and expert team meetings plan will be sent by ACCENDO.	7. 8. 2017
8.	Project Management Handbook will be sent by ACCENDO to comments.	15. 8. 2017
9.	Communication will be sent by ACCENDO to comments.	15. 8. 2017
10.	A project Newsletter will be sent to all partners by ACCENDO each month. This Newsletter will inform you about current project activities and prepare you for the following activities. These newsletter will be created on the base of monthly information, which will be sent by all partners to ACCENDO.	Monthly
11.	All important information are available on the AIR TRITIA project website: http://www.interreg-central.eu/Content.Node/AIR-TRITIA.html	Already on-line.
12.	Following people are responsible for the project management and the internal communication flow: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ing. Petr Proske, petr.proske@accendo.cz ▪ Ing. David Kubáň, david.kuban@accendo.cz ▪ Mgr. Andrea Hrušková, andrea.hruskova@accendo.cz ▪ Ing. Ivana Foldynová, Ph.D., ivana.foldynova@accendo.cz ▪ Doc. Ing. Lubor Hruška, Ph.D., lubor.hruska@accendo.cz All internal communication has to be sent in "Copy" to the people mentioned above!	
13.	We will prove information, which documents has to be in the English language and which is possible to create in your national language.	31. 7. 2017



#	Information and Tasks:	Deadline:
14.	Information about AIR TRITIA Conference preparation will be provided. This conference will be organized by GIG in Poland, on 17. 10. 2017. All mark this date in your calendars! Also, we will need a list of potential participants to be proposed by all partners.	After consultation between ACCENDO and GIG.
15.	Next meeting of management and expert team should take place at the end of August 2017. Proposed date is 30. 8. 2017 at ACCENDO, Ostrava. Agenda: 9:00 - 12:00: Project, Financial and Communication managers meeting. 14:00 - 17:00: Expert meeting about the thematic project activities. Detailed agenda and invitation will be sent on 15. 8. 2017.	15. 8. 2017
16.	Current task for all partners: Place the project poster in your institutions and send the photography of it to ACCENDO. The poster has to be at least A3 format. You can translate the poster to your national language if needed. You received the poster template from ACCENDO on 13. 7. 2017 via email. In Case of any question, please contact communication manager: Mr. David Kubáň, david.kuban@accendo.cz , +420 776 031 483	Send the photo no longer than 31. 7. 2017
17.	Current task for all partners: Create a link to the AIR TRITIA website to your institution own website (http://www.interreg-central.eu/Content.Node/AIR-TRITIA.html). After that, please send us the address where we can find the link and screenshot of it. In Case of any question, please contact communication manager: Mr. David Kubáň, david.kuban@accendo.cz , +420 776 031 483	Send the screenshot no later than 31. 7. 2017.
18.	Current task for GIG, IMGW and EGTC TRITIA: Please nominate a person for the position of communication manager for PR activities. Send the name of nominated person to the Mr. David Kubáň. Current task for IMGW: Please nominate a person for the position of financial manager for you institution. Send the name of nominated person to the Dr. Ivana Foldynová.	31. 7. 2017
19.	Final versions of Partnership Agreements were sent by ACCENDO on 25. 7. 2017. Please sign the agreements and send them back no later than 10. 8. 2017 to ACCENDO at following address: ACCENDO - Centre for Science and Research, Institute Švabinského 1749/19 702 00 Ostrava, Czech Republic In Case of any question, please contact financial manager: Dr. Ivana Foldynová, ivana.foldynova@accendo.cz , +420 733 343 248	10. 8. 2017

We are looking forward to cooperation on interesting project activities.

Best regards from research institute ACCENDO

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