Inter-project coaching report

CC WATER

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1. Event description, goals and outcomes

The inter-project coaching meeting took place in a hybrid format on 15th September 2023 in coincide with the International conference SINARG 2023 that took place at the University of Nis (UNI), Nis, Serbia. The targeted audience of this event was primarily the CCWater consortium, the beneficiaries of several European projects, participants of the conference and the academic staff.

The broader objective of CCWater is to strengthen water-related higher education in 6 partner countries to increase the resilience against climate change impacts by developing HEI's competencies and skills with modern technology and teaching resources. Therefore, this event aimed at exchanging of experience, good practices, and lessons in the ongoing and past projects in order to transfer it to CCWater consortium and promote its related competencies. Additionally, holding this event with the SINARG international conference enabled the organiser to build synergies among the higher education institutions as well as other stakeholders, and to provide the opportunity of networking.

The outcome of this event was a successful coaching on project management through presentations of the different aspects of the projects.

2. Event details

This meeting was moderated by Harsha Ratnaweera (NMBU) and Milan Gocić (UNI). The meeting was composed of two sessions:

First session: Achieved synergy between higher education institutions

Ten presentations were given as related cases under different topics and their levels ranged from international, European and national. In order to achieve the overall objective of the session, the speakers highlighted different items from the projects including:

- Development practices
- Quality assurance
- Project management issues
- Inter-cultural background
- Factors of project environment
- Assets of institutions

The presentations were:

- **CCWATER** (Graduates for Climate Change adapted water management)
- **DIGIWATER** (Digitalization of Water industry by Innovative Graduate Water Education)
- **SMART4ENV** (Enhancing the scientific capacity of Tubitak MRC in the field of smart environmental technologies for climate change challenges)
- **INNOWAT** (EU water policy and innovative solutions in water resources management)
- **ElectroSoil** (A new concept in improvement of geotechnical properties of ground – chemical electrokinetic treatment of soils)
- **Substrate** (Towards sustainable buildings: novel strategies for the design of vibration resistant cross-laminated timber floors)
- **WATERLINE** (Transforming Advanced Water Skilling Through the Creation of a Network of Extended reality Water Emulative Centres)
- **SMARTWB** (Curricula innovation in climate-smart urban development based on green and energy efficiency with the non-academic sector)
- **DGTRANS** (Transport of Dangerous Goods – Modernization of Curricula and Development of Trainings for Professionals in the Western Balkans HEIs)
- **SEACWater** (Soft Sensors Enabling Advanced Control Algorithm for Biological Wastewater Treatment Processes)
- **ARSINOE** (Climate-resilient regions through systemic solutions and innovations)

Second session: Exchanging ideas

The purpose of this session was mainly for networking among the attendees and brainstorm on how to develop projects and overcome the recurring issues they encounter in projects. To achieve this, GroupMap, an online brainstorming platform, was used to collect the input of attendees regarding these issues. The template of Starfish Retrospective was used as a structure to organise the brainstorming process Figure 1.
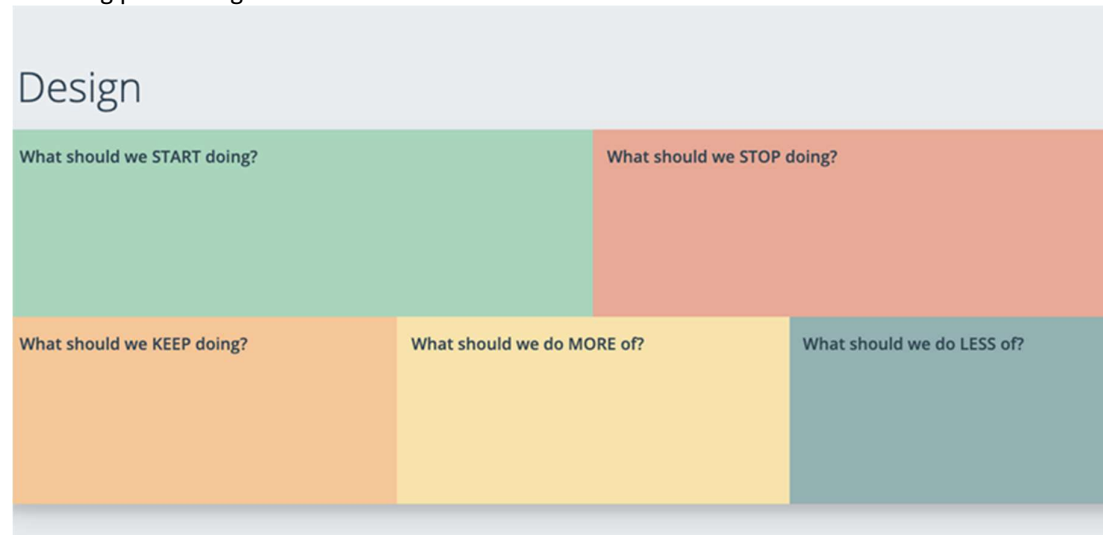

Figure 1: The template of Starfish Retrospective

Additionally, the brainstorming followed the process shown in Figure 2. The results of the brainstorming are shown in Figure 3. The attendees recommended:

More of:
- Having more inter-project coaching sessions, training and effective communication.
- Collaborating in writing more projects.
- Promoting the role of monitoring and evaluation.
- Establishing effective communications among the partners.
- Carrying out effective training to increase the competencies.

Less of:
- Ineffective workload.
- Unclear version for the projects.
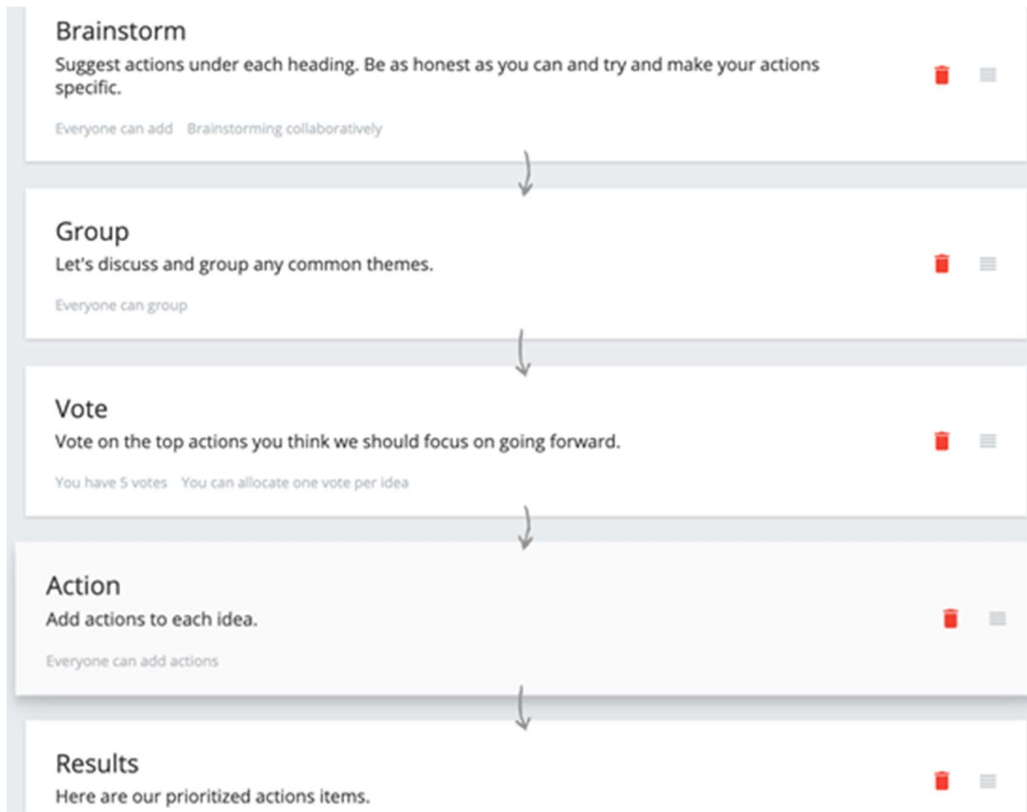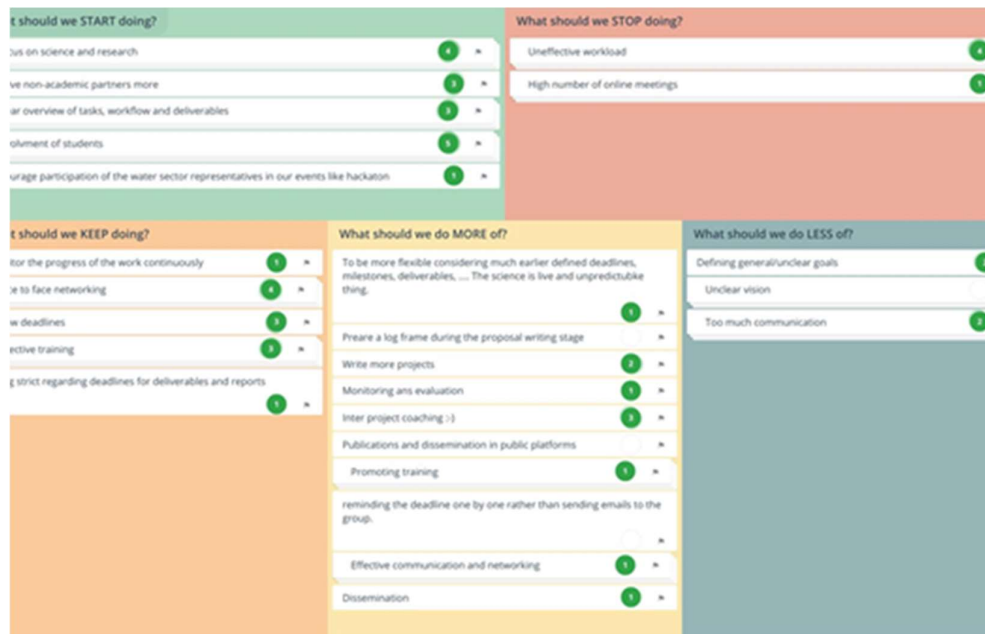- High number of online meetings and ineffective communications.

Brainstorm

Suggest actions under each heading. Be as honest as you can and try and make your actions specific.

Everyone can add   Brainstorming collaboratively

Group

Let's discuss and group any common themes.

Everyone can group

Vote

Vote on the top actions you think we should focus on going forward.

You have 5 votes   You can allocate one vote per idea

Action

Add actions to each idea.

Everyone can add actions

Results

Here are our prioritized actions items.

Figure 2 The Brainstorming process.

Figure 3 The GroupMap results.

3. The agenda

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Friday, 15th September 2023 (Time in CET)		
Moderator: Milan Gocić (UNI) Venue: Faculty of Civil Engineering and Architecture, Aleksandra Medvedeva 14, Nis		
09:00-09:10	Greetings and Welcome Technical information	Harsha Ratnaweera, Norwegian University of Life Sciences (NMBU) Milan Gocić, University of Nis
First Session – Achieved synergy between higher education institutions		
09:10-09:15	CCWATER (Graduates for Climate Change adapted water management)	Harsha Ratnaweera, Norwegian University of Life Sciences
09:15-09:20	DIGIWATER (Digitalization of Water industry by Innovative Graduate Water Education)	Harsha Ratnaweera, Norwegian University of Life Sciences
09:20-09:25	SMART4ENV (Enhancing the scientific capacity of Tubitak MRC in the field of smart environmental technologies for climate change challenges)	Zakhar Maletskyi, Norwegian University of Life Sciences
09:25-09:30	INNOWAT (EU water policy and innovative solutions in water resources management)	Milan Gocić, University of Nis
09:30-09:35	ElectroSoil (A new concept in improvement of geotechnical properties of ground – chemical electrokinetic treatment of soils)	Elefterija Zlatanović, University of Nis
09:35-09:40	Substrate (Towards sustainable buildings: novel strategies for the design of vibration resistant cross-laminated timber floors)	Radovan Cvetković, University of Nis
09:40-09:45	WATERLINE (Transforming Advanced Water Skilling Through the Creation of a Network of Extended reality Water Emulative Centres)	Vuk Milošević, University of Nis
09:45-09:50	SMARTWB (Curricula innovation in climate-smart urban development based on green and energy efficiency with the non-academic sector)	Marija Jevrić, University of Montenegro
09:50-09:55	DGTRANS (Transport of Dangerous Goods – Modernization of Curricula and Development of Trainings for Professionals in the Western Balkans HEIs)	Milan Protić, University of Nis

09:55-10:00	SEACWater (Soft Sensors Enabling Advanced Control Algorithm for Biological Wastewater Treatment Processes)	Wang Xiaodong, Qingdao University of Technology
10:00-10:05	ARSINOE (Climate-resilient regions through systemic solutions and innovations)	Giannis Adamos, University of Thessaly
Second Session – Exchanging ideas		
10:05-10:30	Networking	Harsha Ratnaweera, Norwegian University of Life Sciences
10:30-10:40	INNOWAT - Certificate award ceremony	Milan Gocić, University of Nis
10:40-10:45	Event evaluation and general conclusions	All participants

4. Participant information

Number of participants at the event	23 in person 16 virtually
Description	
This event brought together participants from different consortiums of European projects and national ones as well as the attendees of the conference. The virtual attendees joined from different locations across the world including Mongolia, Norway, China and Sri Lanka.	

5. Attachment

Agenda (PDF)	Uploaded and added to this document
Attendance list (PDF)	Uploaded and added to this document
Presentations (PDF)	Uploaded
GroupMap report	Added to this document
Other remarks: The ZOOM meeting	

Appendix

Attendance lists:
- **Physical**

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