

CHAPTER III

ORGANISATIONAL MEETINGS

OF THE PROJECT DANET

§1. FIRST ORGANISATIONAL MEETING OF THE PARTNERS

The First meeting of the partners of the project DANET was held from 15 till 17 December, 2010 in the University of Ulm, Germany.

After the partners' presentations there were discussed the following key issues:

1. Joint work on the panels.
2. International panel in Sibenik, Croatia.
3. Second partner meeting in Rousse, Bulgaria.
4. Final conference, Strasbourg, France.
5. Logo and website functions and concept.
6. Project communication.
7. Financial issues.

The panels were:

Panel I: Active Ageing in Europe/ Solidarity between the Generations

Panel II: Migration as a Challenge / Minorities as a Chance (which was changed by the Bulgarian team in: Integration as a Chance)

Panel III: Sustainability of Cultural Heritage / National and European Identity

Panel IV: Ecology / Environment

The following decisions were taken.

The panels periods and responsible partner:

Panel I: 15.01.-28.02.2011, the partner from Slovenia

Panel II: 01.03. - 31.03.2011, the partner from Croatia

Panel III: 01.04. -8.05.2011, the partner from Romania

Panel IV: 09.05. - 17.06.2011, the partners from Austria and Bulgaria

As the subject of cultural heritage and identity may be a good starting point for discussions about migration and minorities, which is a more difficult subject, ZAWiW proposed to swap the order of the panels II and III.

The partners were to be responsible for the coordination of the national panels concerning thematic focus, documentation of the panels' contents and results and their presentation in the website, moderation of the web-based forum discussions.

The participants in the panels were to be: seniors, adults who are interested in the discussed subjects, members of clubs, unions, associations, etc.

The panels were to start with impulse lectures by the specialists in the appropriate areas. The lectures were to stimulate discussions, workshops and generating of new ideas for future activities.

The moderators were to be specialists in the appropriate areas, seniors or researchers from the partner institutions.

The documentation were to include: short photo-clips and video-clips, summaries of the discussions, online exhibition of the painting/photos, participants tests, presentations and other materials, which would be discussed by the all participants of the partners on the web site.

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The plan also included:

- ✓ Writing of essays by the participants, which reflected their opinions, thoughts and feelings in relation to the panels. The essays would be in English by the seniors who were members of English language groups or in the language of the partner.
 - ✓ Painting of pictures by the seniors who were in the art groups.
 - ✓ Taking pictures by the seniors who were members of photos groups.
- Some of the most important tasks were:
- ✓ to invite experts, policy-makers, educators, who make decisions about the active ageing of elder people in the partner countries;
 - ✓ to present the project results in the media – regional and national, newspapers and e-media, radio and TV;
 - ✓ to develop surveys and to present the results at scientific conferences.

The panels should prepare seniors to participate actively in discussions, to formulate their ideas and to bring in their know-how, experience and knowledge. Furthermore, these events should activate the older (as well as the younger) persons for civic engagement. Experts, policy-makers will gain a view into the opinions of the older representatives of society.

The conference in Sibenik, Croatia to be from 18 to 21 June, 2011.

The decision about the place of the Final conference was to be made when the options for its conduction in France, Belgium or Germany were known.

The Second organisational meeting will be in Rousse, Bulgaria from 28 February to 2 March, 2011.

The project logo had to include an exact copy of the Danube flow and the logo for each partner country should include its flag.

The project web site:

- ✓ should be a spot for communication between all partners;
- ✓ upload of content should be done by the coordinator with initial technical support from ZAWiW;
- ✓ should provide open access to forum as it is easier for seniors.

Meeting in Ulm, Germany, 15-17 December, 2011



§2. SECOND ORGANISATIONAL MEETING OF THE PARTNERS

The Second organisational meeting of the partners of the project DANET was held from 27 February to 1 March, 2011 in Rousse, Bulgaria. It included:

- ✓ Exchange of opinions on the conducting of the panel discussions, the program of the conference in Croatia, co-funding the conferences in Croatia and in France, developing of advertising materials (for example, [http://www.danet-at-work.eu/wp-content/uploads/flyer_danet_2011 .pdf](http://www.danet-at-work.eu/wp-content/uploads/flyer_danet_2011.pdf)), exchanging information and organizing flash-meetings, presenting the project in the media.
- ✓ Meeting with Prof. Dsc. Hristo Beloev, Rector of the University of Rousse.
- ✓ Meeting with Eng. Bozhidar Yotov, Major of the town of Rousse.
- ✓ Meeting with the representatives of the Union of Pensioners'2004 – Rousse branch – a cooperating partner of Rousse University.
- ✓ Meeting with representatives of the media.
- ✓ Visiting famous historical and cultural places of Rousse.

The partners put emphasis on:

- ✓ Quality documentation (including participant signature lists) and short presentations of the panles in the website in English and in the partners' languages.
- ✓ Formulation of the main theses from every panel as a base for further discussions on national and international levels.
- ✓ Encouraging the participants in the panels to continue discussing the theses online in the form of commentaries.
- ✓ Promoting cross-national discussion online.
- ✓ The exchange the methodologies used in the panels and the included training methods will be useful. An area in the website will be created where they will be posted.

Meeting in Rousse, Bulgaria, 27 February – 1 March, 2011



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§3. ORGANISATIONAL MEETINGS OF THE BULGARIAN PROJECT TEAM

The organisational meetings of the Bulgarian project team were of two kinds:

- ✓ Meetings of the members of the Bulgarian team for implementation of the project.
- ✓ Meetings with the representatives of the University, regional government structures, NGO's, pensioner organizations, etc.

The meetings of the members of the Bulgarian team were as follows:

- ✓ Forming a team for working on the DANET Project. Presenting the content of the DANET Project. Analysis of the project goals and objectives. Assigning functions and tasks to the members of the Bulgarian team.
- ✓ Acquaintance with the results from the DANET partner meetings.
- ✓ Assigning tasks on development and dissemination of project information materials.
- ✓ Discussing the details of the types, design, price, production companies and distribution of informational materials for the panel discussions.
- ✓ Assigning tasks on the conducting of the panel discussions.
- ✓ Checking the fulfillment of tasks on the conducting of the panel discussions - development and dissemination of project information materials, informing seniors, inviting lecturers and guests, organizing coffee break, providing hall equipment, etc.
- ✓ Checking the technical equipment for the panel discussions - live broadcasting on Internet, audio and video recording, pictures of the event, synchronization.
- ✓ Conducting the panel discussions as follows
 - Panel I: Active Ageing in Europe/ Solidarity between the Generations, 4 February, 2011, Rouse, 52 participants.
 - Panel II: Migration as a Challenge / Integration as a Chance, 19 March, 2011, Rouse, 42 participants.

- Panel III: Sustainability of Cultural Heritage / National and European Identity, 29 April, 2011, Vetovo, 33 participants.
- Panel IV: Ecology / Environment, 24 June, 2011, village Tabachka, 102 participants.
- ✓ Analysis of the conduction of the panel discussions.
- ✓ Assigning tasks on organisation of the computer training course for seniors in New Information Technologies.
- ✓ Checking the fulfillment of tasks on the organisation of the computer training course for seniors. Open and closing ceremony.
- ✓ Meeting representatives of UP'2004-Rousse and assigning tasks about the conducting of organisational meeting of DANET in RU.
- ✓ Checking the fulfillment of tasks and conducting of the Second organisational meeting of DANET partners.
- ✓ Meeting of the DANET partners and representatives of UP'2004-Rousse.
- ✓ Taking part in the annual meeting of the Academic Body of the University of Rousse (RU) with the pensioners of RU. Representatives of UP'2004-Rousse were invited. Prof. N.Mihailov, Vice Rector of RU, presented the project DANET and invited pensioners to take part in the project panels (20 May, 2011, more than 100 participants).
- ✓ Taking part in the famous annual dancing meeting of pensioners from the Rousse region "Colourful Dance", 21 May, 2011. The event continued all day and the number of the participants was about 150. The meeting was organized by the UP'2004-Rousse. Eng. Y.Kazakov, President of UP'2004-Rousse, presented the project DANET and invited pensioners to take part in the project panel discussions.
- ✓ Taking part in the famous annual event "Talent Has no Age", 12 June, 2011. It is an annual meeting of seniors from the Rousse region for presenting customs and songs. The event continued all day and the number of the participants was about 450. The meeting was organized by the UP'2004-Rousse. Eng. Y. Kazakov presented the project DANET and invited pensioners to take part in the project panels.



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- ✓ Presenting the project DANET on the Academic Day, 14 June, 2011, organized under the project DASUN www.dasun.eu
- ✓ Conducting regular pressconferences for presenting the project activities and results.
- ✓ Taking part in the project conferences in Croatia and in Germany.

Meetings with the representatives of the University, regional government structures, NGOs of pensioners, etc. were as follows:

- ✓ Reporting to the Rector of the University of Rouse, Prof. DSc. Hristo Beloev, the starting and the successful ending the project DANET.
- ✓ Conducting of the organisational meeting with the representatives of the UP'2004-Rousse: Presenting the aims and structure of the University of Rouse; Presenting the aims, tasks, activities and partners of the project DANET; Presenting the aims and activities of the UP'2004; Discussion; Forming a seniors' team for working on the project DANET; Planning common activities; Assigning general tasks.
- ✓ Meeting representatives of UP'2004-Rousse and assigning tasks about the conducting of the third panel discussion. Changing the name of the third panel, choosing participants for the project conference in Croatia.
- ✓ Meeting representatives of UP'2004-Rousse and preparing Bulgarian teams for taking part in the international project conferences in Croatia and in Germany and for reporting the results.
- ✓ Round table on 5 July, 2011 - organizing meeting of the Bulgarian project team and the UP'2004 representatives. Reporting the project results (25 participants).
- ✓ Inviting the Bulgarian representatives of the European parliament to take part in the Final conference of the project DANET.
- ✓ Inviting the Mayor of the town of Rouse, eng. B.Yotov, the Mayor of the Region of Vetovo, Dr Reyhan Habil, directors of schools and kindergartens, presidents of community centers, Father Elija and Hodga Ismail, representing Christianity and Islam, members of the University of Rouse, pensioners of the University, pensioners, members of UP'2004-Rousse and other organizations, representatives of the Region of Rouse, poets, etc.

Meetings of the Bulgarian Project Team



Meeting of the DANET partners and representatives of UP'2004-Rousse



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**Academic Body of RU
and pensioners**



**Presenting DANET
on the Academic Day**



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Meeting of the project team and representatives of UP'2004-Rousse



Meeting of the project team and UP'2004-Rousse, January, 2011



Pressconference, June, 2011



Training of seniors by university students, January, 2011

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Meetings with the Council of UP'2004-Rousse



Talent Colourful Dance, May, 2011



Talent has not Age



Colourful Dance, May, 2011

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Round Table, July, 2011



Conference, Croatia, June, 2011



Final Conference, Germany, November, 2011

