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Report

On the 29th and 30th January 2015, at the venue of the Institut National du Patrimoine - Tunis, the second meeting of the Steering Committee of the project ARCHEOMEDSITES - Safeguard, valorisation and management quality. Use of the management models for the archaeological sites and urban contexts was held.

The Lead Partner and the project partners were represented as follows (see **Annex 1**, signature sheets).

Lead Partner – MiBACT:	Maria Grazia Bellisario, Clara Graziano, Michele Colavito, Tina Ranieri, Giuseppe Ariano;
PP1:	Fethi Bahri, Fatma Jebberi, Adnene Ben Nejma, Amen Allah Lassoued;
PP2:	Assaad Seif, Maya Hmeidan;
PP3:	Antonfranco Temussi, Michele Guirguis;
PP4:	Claudio Bocci, Silvia D'Annibale, Giuliana Tocco, Massimo Zucconi;
PP5:	Adele Campanelli, Riccardo Capuano;
PP6:	Giovanna Pietra;
PP7:	Paola D'Orsi;
PP8:	Carlo Francini;
PP10:	Arturo Parolini, Lanfranco Secco Suardo, Andrea Stroppiana.

At the beginning, the Director General of the Institut National du Patrimoine, Nabil Kallala, thanking all the presents for their participation, underlines the importance of the project Archeomedsites for the ambitious goals that arises, to ensure the most effective tools for a better management and enhancement of archaeological sites. He also expresses the will to continue the collaboration through the development of new projects that could involve other cultural sites, not only archaeological.

The project coordinator for the INP, Fethi Bahri, welcomes the participants and introduces the main characteristics of the tunisian sites involved in the project, Carthage and Kerkouane, highlighting both the problems and the potential and tracing the general objectives and results to achieve with the project Archeomedsites.

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Maria Grazia Bellisario, Head of Office appointed to represent MiBACT as Lead Partner of the project, thanks the representatives of the INP for the welcome and for the opportunity given to all partners to visit, next 31st of January , the site of Carthage, giving the possibility to verify the information needed to better define the technical and scientific activities.

The Lead Partner explains the items of the agenda, traces the main activities carried out during 2014 that, even from a financial point of view, have created the conditions for the achievement the first significant objectives and illustrates some of the activities to be implemented during 2015 with specific reference to the capitalization of the results to guarantee sustainability to the tools that will be identified. In particular, Maria Grazia Bellisario recalls the results of the ninth edition of Ravello Lab - International Debate, held in October 2014, during which the participants agreed on a document concerning the issues of the quality of the management of cultural sites whose contents will be discussed in more detail during the meeting to partners in the report of the PM for the necessary sharing. The Lead Partner communicates that MiBACT will support the Joint Managing Authority in organizing a capitalization event that will involve projects belonging to the cluster culture and tourism. This event will be held by the end of March and it will be the occasion to present in a coordinated way the most significant experiences in the areas involved in the implementation of the project Archeomedsites.

The PM Michael Colavito illustrates the activities carried out during 2014 and in particular:
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Presentation of strategies for Tunisian and Lebanese countries.

The meeting of the Steering Committee will be the opportunity to define in detail the activities to be carried out in 2015, so the PM considers it a priority to give the opportunity to the representatives of PP1 and PP2 to present the activities already accomplished and to illustrate the strategies outlined taking account the specific needs of each territory. Therefore he passes the speech to Fatma Jabberi and Mouna Taâmallah, representing the PP1 and Assaad Seif and Hmeidan Maya representing the PP2 (see **Annex 2, 3 and 4**).

At the end of the two presentations, the Lead Partner underlines the necessity for a deeper coordination between partners during the definition and implementation of activities, to give more effectiveness to the scientific and technological contributions, to encourage qualified exchanges between the parties involved and to share potential and critical of the project.

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Information about project's activities and approval of the first outputs achieved.

Partners who are coordinating the preliminary analysis is asked to present the first results and the first elements to share.

In particular, PP4 completed and formally delivered the outcomes of the Analysis 3.1 relating to the Italian sites (see **Annex 5**). Having to move quickly to the conclusion of the analysis for the sites in Tunisia and Lebanon, the Committee agreed that:

- by February the 15th, INP will deliver to PP4 all the elements of analysis collected in order to prepare a similar outcome for the tunisian sites;
- as to PP2, for which procedures for the pre-financing of the first year are still ongoing, the analysis (with reference to the analysis 4.1) will be concluded after two months from the relevant experts, so as latest by April.

For PP4, Silvia D'Annibale, communicates that they already provided to the two Superintendency the grid to collect the information related to the Analysis on local development (see **Annex 6**) to be completed by next May 2015.

For the PP3, Michele Guirguis illustrates the progress of the analysis of context for the Italian sites (see **Annex 7**). The Lead Partner asks that the analyses for the Italian sites are formally concluded by the end of February, while for sites in Tunisia and Lebanon, the Committee agree with the same indications approved for analysis 3.1.

The PM asks to the scientific and technical experts and representatives of the partners in charge of the sites to agree on the below deadlines:

- February the 15th: delivery by PP1 of elements to complete the analysis 3.1 and 4.1;
- February the 28th: delivery by PP3 of context analysis of the Italian sites;
- April the 30th,: final delivery of analysis 3.1 and 4.1 for Tunisian and Lebanese sites;
- May the 31st: final delivery of the analysis on local development.

In connection with the implementation of the GIS system, the representative of PP7, Paola d'Orsi presents the activities and the methodology identified (see **Annex 8**).

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Updates about communication activities.

The CM, Giuseppe Ariano, informs all partners about the changes in the website graphics www.archeomedsites.com and presents the promotional video made and already presented during the twentieth edition of the International Exhibition of Cultural Heritage, which was held in Paris last November.

As to the communication activities and the implementation of the contents of the website and the facebook page, the CM recommends that all partners will fully cooperate in providing useful contributions to the progressive development of tools designed for the dissemination of the activities and results of the project.

Finally, the experts of the INP present the project of two websites dedicated respectively to sites of Carthage and Kekouane.

In this regard, the Lead Partner recommends that all additional content and tools being implemented for the promotion of on-site activities are small fitting and are included in the larger instruments already achieved within the project (website and facebook page).

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Approval of the composition and establishment of the Scientific Committee

The Lead Partner notifies the names proposed by the partners as members of the Scientific Committee, which is necessary to establish:

- Roberto Manuel Guido (proposed by MiBACT);
- Jeannette Papadopoulos (proposed by MiBACT);
- Fakher Kharrat (proposed by INP);
- Tim Williams (proposed by the Ministry of Culture of Lebanon);
- Attilio Mastino (proposed by UNISS);
- Anna Misiani (proposed by Federculture);
- Silvia Guideri (proposed by Federculture);
- Monica Abbiati (proposed by the Superintendency of Cagliari);
- Marco Valenti (proposed by the Municipality of Siena).

The Lead Partner informs that any additional information should be sent by next Wednesday, February the 11th, 2015, emphasizing the need to be preliminarily verified the actual availability of the same to carry out this task, even for free, and that the composition should not be excessively extended because this would make it even more difficult to identify financial resources for its operations, not currently provided for in the budget.

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Presentation of capitalisation activities

The PM reminds all partners, the activities carried out in 2014, especially those in which MiBACT, representing the Project ARCHEOMEDSITES, was involved. In particular, the final conferences of two projects of the cross-border cooperation: ArcheoMed (funded under the ENPI CBC MED 2007-2013) and APER (funded under Italy-Tunisia Program). These activities are intended as step for the dissemination and sharing of strategic choices that will arise in the project.

In this regard, the Lead Partner presents the contents of the document shared during the Panel coordinated by Maria Grazia Bellisario, on the occasion of the ninth edition of Ravello Lab (see **Annex 9**).

Noting the importance of the document and stressing the necessity to find the right terminology to be shared, the Lead Partner agrees to acquire all the issues raised at the meeting of the Steering Committee to review the draft paper explaining the concepts shared. Based on this additional version, also in view of its presentation at upcoming public occasions, the Partners will make any further proposals for additions and/or changes, to send by next February the 16th.

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Updates about administrative and financial activities

Presentation of Archeomedsite's web site restricted area

The FM Tina Ranieri described the activities carried out for the submission of the budget change's proposal to the JMA last December the 30th. She informed the Partners about the results of the Major change, the main raisons for the shifts submitted and the current budget allocation for cost categories and Partners.

In order to speed up all the administrative and financial activities connected with the preparation of the first Interim Report, specific communications and meetings about financial issues with Partners have been organized. Contacts and meetings with the Partner's Auditors have been also organized by the Beneficiary in view of the preliminary organization activities- at local level - for the verification of the incurred expenditures. For the Italian Partners, provided that the Auditor appointed is the same for all Partner, different meetings have been organized with the Auditor in order to define common procedures to be followed for the expenditures' verification. The appointed Beneficiary's Auditor will be responsible for the consolidated report as soon as the target, corresponding to 70% of co-financing for the ENPI quota for the first year, is reached. For that reason, the FM draws the attention of the Italian partners on the necessity to provide timely all the documentation to the Auditor, as agreed and already communicated by mail. Subsequently, the same documents must be uploaded in the restricted area of the site that is created and which is illustrated by the PM (see **Annex 10**).

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Project's indicators sharing

For PP10, Andrea Stroppiana presents the methodology for the identification of the indicators of the project (see **Annex 11**). The Committee agrees that by February the 11th, comments on the indicators identified must be sent.

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Planning of the activities of the second year

Approval of Plan of activities of the second year

The Lead Partner affirms the necessity to agree and approve a timeframe for the implementation of project activities to be completed by 2015, there is no expected possibility of extension.

The Lead Partner proposes to proceed by categories of activities for which the Committee agrees on the following decisions.

1. Training activities (2.6, 2.8, 2.10, 4.2, 4.4, 4.5, 4.7): by next February, PP1 and PP2 should send the Lead Partner a quick note about the ways in which they will carry out these activities, with indication of the recipients and an initial proposal for a timeframe.

2. Work camps (2.7): the Committee shares the opportunity to adopt the approach and the methodology that every year the University of Sassari uses for the Summer School. In order to allow the carrying out of the work camp during next summer, the partners involved will start as soon as the procedure for the identification of students.

3. Support for the use of archaeometric laboratory (4.11): PP3 will complete as soon as possible the procedures for the selection of the expert who will assist PP1 and PP2 for training activities concerning the use of the archaeometric laboratory.

4. GIS (4.10): PP7 is committed to coordinate the activities already underway for the Italian sites, including sites in Tunisia and Lebanon.

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Other

The Committee, at the proposal of the Lead Partner, agrees on the following decisions:

- Municipality of Tyre is formally included among the Associated Partners of the project, because of his involvement in the ongoing activities for the Lebanese site;
- The next steering committee will be held in Lebanon in the second half of June, so it will be the Lead Partner and the PP2 care of the logistical and organizational.

The meeting ended at 6.00 pm.