



Development Agency of South Aegean Region «READ S.A.»

«Sustainable COnstruction in Rural and fragile areas for Energy efficiency»



Focus Group 1st Meeting

Rhodes, Wednesday 4 April 2012

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<u>MINUTES</u> <u>1ST FOCUS GROUP MEETING</u> <u>PROJECT SCORE</u>

The meeting opened with greetings from the President of the Development Agency of South Aegean Region "READ S.A." and Regional Councillor, Ms. Litsa Ftaklaki, who welcomed to the meeting the members of the Focus Group as well as Mr. Yannis Geragotellis, scientific director of the project on behalf of the Agency. Ms. Ftaklaki stressed the importance of cooperating with the experts that constitute the Focus Group, so that the project produces the desired results for the Region of South Aegean.

Then, Mr. Geragotellis took the word in turn and thanked the attendees for their participation both in the meeting as well as in the network of experts of **SCORE**. He made a presentation of the project "**Sustainable Construction in Rural and fragile Areas for Energy Efficiency**", explaining in detail its concept, the partnership, the objectives set by its implementation, the activities and deliverables undertaken by the Development Agency and the expected results for the Region. He also explained the exact role of the Focus Group in the project and the purpose of every partner creating a Focus Group. Finally, he asked those present to introduce themselves and present their views on what they heard. (Mr. Geragotellis's presentation is attached in annex).

First to introduce herself was Ms. Aristea Alexiou, chemical engineer, who informed that this project is closely related to her work, since she is responsible for the International Expert Evaluation of the legal framework applied to certificates/labels for sustainable construction in France, Italy, Spain, Greece and Croatia in the framework of the European project **IRH-Med: Innovative Residential Housing for the Mediterranean**, also under the MED Programme. Ms. Alexiou added that the Municipality of Rhodes and the Centre for Renewable Energy Sources and Saving (CRES) also participate as project partners in **IRH-Med** and she asked Mr. Geragotellis how he believes that this project could be associated with **SCORE**.

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In response Mr. Geragotellis underlined that, in fact, the two projects share similar themes, with the difference that project **SCORE** addresses not only residential houses but any building, whether they are public or private: schools, hotels, museums, houses, offices etc. He also mentioned that another key difference is that **IRH-Med** covers all aspects of sustainable construction (environment, economy, society), while **SCORE** is exclusively about energy management. He went on saying that the MED projects for the programming period 2007-2013 that will be finalized will be organized in «clusters» depending on the theme of each project and based on relevant and similar actions and results. As a result, the partners of projects **SCORE** and **IRH-Med** could work together to produce, for example, a common model of energy efficient building, in combination of the deliverables of both projects.

Next up, Ms. Katerina Tsakmakidou was presented as an employee in the Department of European Programmes of the Municipality of Rhodes and Project Manager of **IRH-Med** on behalf of the Municipality. Ms. Tsakmakidou informed those present that the project's implementation began in 2010 and will be completed during the year with the organization of the final Capitalisation event.

After Mrs. Tsakmakidou was finished, Mr. Geragotellis intervened saying that a very significant contribution of the Focus Group could be suggestions of its members as to what they would like to "remain" in the Region after the implementation of **SCORE**, so that its results can differ from those of **IRH-Med**.

Following up, Ms. Maria Machli, employee in the Department of Environment and Hydroeconomy of the South Aegean Region, stated that unfortunately she is forced to withdraw from the Focus Group because she is resigning from her position and going abroad. She suggested, however, that a good practice would be to introduce expertise in this area from abroad and Mr. Geragotellis added that a seminar could be organized in the framework of the project with the participation of foreign experts.

Then Mr. Panos Veneris, Head of the Department of Environment and Hydroeconomy of the South Aegean Region, took the word and stressed that the actions implemented in the framework of this project could be used as a base to produce a regulatory framework for

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city planning. Actions like these, he said, could be defined as a pilot program. Finally he said that, as a member of the Focus Group, he is willing to go the extra mile for the successful completion of the project.

Then, Mr. Antonis Hatziioannou, Regional Councillor of the South Aegean Region and President of the agency "AIGAIA GI S.A.", greeted this European initiative and raised questions as to how there could be cooperation between the institutions for the submission of new proposals on energy efficiency but also in other areas.

Finally, Mr. George Poulakis, employee of AN.DO. SA (Development Agency of the Dodecanese S.A.), intervened saying that **SCORE** is indeed a very interesting project for the Region of South Aegean.



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<u>ANNEX</u>

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INVITATION

The Development Agency of South Aegean Region "READ S.A.", in the framework of the implementation of the European Transnational Project

«SCORE- SUSTAINABLE CONSTRUCTION IN RURAL AND FRAGILE AREAS FOR ENERGY

EFFICIENCY»,

invites you

to the Information Meeting that is organizing.

The event will take place on Wednesday 4 April 2012, at 10:30 a.m.

in the Hall of the Regional Council

(in the building of the Regional Unit of Rhodes).

<u>Agenda</u>

o **10.00-10.15:** Arrival and registration of participants

- 10.15-11.15: Presentation of SCORE: the project's concept, main activities and expected outputs.
 - Speakers: Mrs. Litsa Ftaklaki, President of the Development Agency of South Aegean Region "READ S.A." and Regional Councillor, Mr. Yannis Geragotellis, KiNNO Consultants Ltd.
- 11.15-12.00: Presentation of the new development model «Green Rural and Island Communities», under the Operational Programme «Environment and Sustainable Development 2007-2013».
 - Speaker: Mr. Dimitris Papastefanakis, Director of the Division of Development Programmes of the Centre for Renewable Energy Sources and Saving (CRES).
- o 12.00-12.45: Discussion
- o **12.45-13:00** Coffee break
- 13:00-13.30: «Information of the Focus Group members about project SCORE and the role of the group in the implementation of the project»
 - > Speaker: *Mr. Yannis Geragotellis*, KiNNO Consultants Ltd.
- o **13.30-14.00**: Discussion- Interventions form Focus Group members.

The President

Eleftheria (Litsa) Ftaklaki Regional Councillor

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