

## 8+3 Interim Report to IOM

**“NAIM-A TOUR: a sustainable model of responsible travel in Albania”**

### Section 1: Basic Information

Name of Partner: Naima Foundation, Associazione Juvenilja

Project Identification: CE 0377

Project Name (or number, where applicable): Engage the Albanian Diaspora to the Social and Economic Development of Albania

Project Geographical coverage (country/region): Albania

Project Area (if applicable):

**Reporting Period: 30 April 2021 – 15 May 2021**

Project Start Date: 30 October 2020

Project Planned End Date: 27 August 2021

Date of submission: 15 May 2021

Total Confirmed Project Budget: EUR 110.000

### Section 2: The 8 Core Questions

**1. Overall Performance:** Write about the project/program so far. Include information about how successful it is and what results are achieved. Write about the objectives of the project/program, and whether or not it is meeting these. Include information about its effect on the different needs of women, men, boys, girls, and vulnerable people. Suggested length: up to 1 page

The following activities – in accordance with the Article 6.2.b Implementation Agreement – were implemented in the reported period:

#### **1. Progress made on the establishment of the project structure (coordination and supervision, administrative backstopping, monitoring and evaluation).**

Three service contracts were signed: i) Project Coordinator (NAIMA); ii) Administrative backstopping (CESVI Albania); iii) Partner logistics support and coaching. **REALIZED**, Annex 1 – Service contracts.

#### **2. Organization of at least 3 meetings foreseen between Italian partners, CESVI, Pro Permet and Made with Italy beneficiaries.**

Three online meetings were realized in the reported period: i) Naima-Cesvi-Pro Permet representatives; ii) Naima-Cesvi- Made with Italy beneficiaries in Permet; iii) Naima-Cesvi-Vjosa Explorer- Juvenilja. **REALIZED**, Annex 2 – Minutes.

#### **3. The draft of the MWI procedures for Cultural Heritage and Responsible Tourism categories, as well as detailed information on the first phase of the Visiting and Follow-up phases.**

The draft of the MWI procedures for Cultural Heritage and Responsible Tourism categories, are attached in Annex 3. **REALIZED**, Annex 3

The Visiting phase is foreseen in the period July 2nd 2021 – July 12, 2021, during month 9 of the project – as requested in the No Cost Variation and Extension of May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Detailed information on the first phase of the Visiting and Follow-up phases will be reported in the third Report.

Moreover, the following activities are reported during this period:

#### **4. Booking of the Visiting Phase**

A contract has been signed with a tour operator in Albania, in order to book flights, insurances, hotels, restaurants, local travel and all other relevant tourism services. A first tranche of payment for booking of flights has already been paid – as reported in Annex B, and according to the new schedule of Annex C. Other 3 payments are foreseen under this activity, during the period May-June 2021.

**2. Changes and Amendments:** Briefly explain any changes to the project/program from the original plan (whether in the implementation plan, activities, measures, or outcomes), and explain why you needed to make them, for example because of a change in needs or in the overall situation. Suggested length: 1/2 page to 1 page

A no cost variation and extension (partial) were requested by NAIMA on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – in contemporary with the present Report.

To summarize:

i) the no cost variation regards: a) the reduction of the days for the visiting phase from 7 to 5 days. This variation is necessary in order to guarantee the confirmation of the visiting guests, who – due to COVID19 – situation, cannot stay in Albania for more than 6 days<sup>1</sup> (if they stay more than 6 days there is an obligatory quarantine of 10 days when turning back to Italy). This situation was unpredictable during the time when the project was written and the Service Agreement was approved. The total reduction amounts to Euro 7.500.; b) the reduction of the “Room rentals for 12 meetings in Italy (6 preparatory + 6 follow up)” budget item, for a total of Euro 3.000. This budget item is not anymore necessary since meetings – due to COVID19 – are realized online.

With the savings it is proposed to add: i) communication and visibility products (such as an additional video spot and social media viral marketing and coverage). It is, in fact, of utmost importance, that activities on the ground, are not only well documented, but also well publicized. The proposed increase in this budget item is Euro 7.500; ii) contingency fund. This increase, for a total of Euro 3.000, is due to unpredictable/unpredicted costs such as the PCR anti-COVID test for all the visitors, visibility costs in Italy, major bank transfer charges, ecc.

Annex B contains the requested no cost variation, as well as expenditure reporting.

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<sup>1</sup> The exact legal reference is 120 hours. For the purpose of the cost calculation (operative costs in the budget), we calculate 5 nights/6 days stay.

ii) the no cost extension regards only the timing of the Visiting phase.

The Visiting phase will be realized in Month 9 – and not anymore within Month 8, as initially foreseen, due to COVID19 situation. Therefore, Annex C – Model work plan – reflects this slight change. This will mean that the entire visiting phase reporting will occur with the Report of August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**3. Measuring Results:** Describe the progress in achieving the outputs, outcomes and associated targets in the project proposal, according to the milestones or indicators that were established.

Where a logframe is required, the following logframe (sometimes described as an indicator tracking table) is recommended. Alternatively, you can use the logframe or indicator tracking table given in the original proposal. While the 8+3 template allows flexibility on which log frame is used, all narrative reporting should include a log frame as much as possible.

Level of results	Indicator(s)	Baseline (with data)	Targets & Milestones	Progress & Achievement to Date	Explanation of Variance	Source & Method of Verification
<b>Result 1</b>  A new “MADE WITH ITALY” brand category (cultural heritage) is created and the MADE WITH ITALY” brand category Responsible Tourism is enhanced	1 category of MADE WITH ITALY created (Cultural Heritage), in line with the brand official procedures	0	1	Draft concluded	Not applicable	Minutes, documents, proceedings , audio visual materials, brochures, leaflets, newspaper articles, etc
	1 category of MADE WITH ITALY	0	1	Draft concluded		

	(Responsible Tourism) enhanced, in line with the brand official procedures					
<b>Activities of Result 1</b>					n/a	NAIMA project records
1.1. Organisation of at least 3 meeting between Italian partners, CESVI, Pro Permet and Made with Italy beneficiaries	3 meetings realized	0	1	Minutes		
1.2. Drafting of the MADE WITH ITALY	1 draft realized	0	1			

procedures for the Cultural Heritage category						
1.3 Drafting of the MADE WITH ITALY procedures for the Responsible Tourism category	1 draft realized	0	1			

**6. Risk Management:** Describe how risks to the project or program were identified, managed, and mitigated, including any operational, security, financial, personnel management or other relevant risks. Suggested length: 1/2 page

The most relevant risk for the project is COVID19 pandemics. However, we have identified measures of mitigation in order to assure the implementation of tours by the end of summer 2021. As you know, vaccination campaign has already started in Italy, taking into consideration age. By the end of summer it is expected that 80 % of adult population is vaccine in Italy, of which 100 % of persons above the age of 50. We will start tours with the vaccinated persons. More than 70 % of the identified persons for the responsible tours are above the age of 50.

**Section 3: Additional Questions (select up to “3”)**

**3. Coordination:** Describe the impact of any coordination efforts, any synergies that developed, and recommendations for improving coordination in the future.

NAIMA has kept regular coordination with CESVI in Albania in order to ensure smooth implementation of activities, once it will be possible to work on the ground.

**5. Activities or Steps Toward Implementation:** Write about the implementation steps taken so far, the activities that have been conducted, and the management arrangements to ensure project/program implementation.

The next steps towards the implementation is the organisation of the “Visiting phase” according to the Logical Framework Matrix.

**6. Environment:** Write about how environmental issues were addressed and the impact of the project or program on the environment.

Not applicable in this phase.

### **Annexes**

*Instructions for partners (please delete these below before you submit your report):*

Annex 1 – Service contracts

Annex 2 – Minutes of the three meetings;

Annex 3 – Mwl “Cultural Heritage” and “Responsible Tourism” categories.

**MAY 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2021**

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