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Elinikäisen oppimisen toimintaohjelma



MAiE's

International partnerships

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Multifunctional Agriculture in Europe

MAiE as international partnerships

Diverse group of representatives

- From 7 different nationalities: namely
Potugal, German, Italy, Netherlands, Finland,
Zeck Republic and Bulgaria
- From very different types of institutions: namely
NGO's, associations, advisory centers,
education, research, university
- Different professional back grounds: namely
Farmer, educator, social worker, researher,
developer, advisor etc.

Key challenges in partnerships 1

- Diversity of nationalities
 - > Language: English is mother tongue for nobody
 - > Difficulties for understanding each others and expressing themselves
- Diversity of professionals
 - > Different ways of working in a project
 - > misunderstanding, misscommunication
 - > hard filings
- Diversity personalities

Key challenges in partnerships 2

- Cultural differences:
 - > There is no common international understanding what SF is and what it is not
 - > Different perceptions about Social Farming
 - > Different general goals concerning the project

Solutions for partnershiping

- At first: endless discussions during the meetings
- Then: -> democratical decisions
- > sparing to smaller working groups
- > having meetings with smaller groups (skype or face to face) between the big meetings
- > secretary contacting each partner regularly
- > using different kind of WG/ participatory techniques during the big meetings

Achievements in partnershiping 1

- ⇒ Honest feed back about the problems
- ⇒ Common understandig about the goals
- ⇒ Good working relationships among the working groups
- ⇒ Good personal relationships between the partners
- ⇒ Easy going meetings and discussions
- ⇒ Easy to contact later on

Achievements in partnershiping 2

=> Partners well committed to the work of project

⇒ Goals of the project will be achieved in very fine way:

- 1) Nice network – easy to contact when ever
- 2) Finely build curriculum for the use of all partner nations