



**Joint report gathering the 5 sets of
declarations of intent by each RSC member**

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General report on 5 sets of RSC declarations

Preparation of RSC declaration

In accordance with T2.1 UP ZRS prepared (together with legal expert) a draft of RSC declaration for establishment of Regional Steering Committees in each partner region. Draft RSC declaration was disseminated to all project partners in consultation. After provided feedback from project partners UP ZRS compiled a final version of RSC declaration and distributed it again to all M.O.R.E. project partners.

Establishment of RSCs

In accordance with T2.1 all project partners identified relevant market actors that already exist regionally or locally. They invited them to tackle the energy use of olive oil residues through a Regional Steering Committee and to sign RSC declaration of intent for cooperation and promotion of the olive-residues-to-energy chain.

All project partners have successfully established RSCs that are composed of different number of local, regional and in some cases national stakeholders. More information about the composition of Regional Steering Committees is described in following pages of the report of each project partner.

Signing RSC declarations

Majority of the project partners already collected signatures from RSC members signing RSC declarations except 2 project partners, which have some difficulties in getting signatures from their RSC members. Although RSC declaration is non binding some of RSC members (in Greece and Italy) do not want to sign RSC declaration until they see some effect of the project or because of other reasons. Nevertheless REACM expects that RSC members will sign RSC declaration soon after providing them with good feedback from the project activities. After transforming RSC declaration into RSC Letter of Intent 4 Italian RSC members already signed it.

1. ARE Liguria (coordinator) report

Composition

In accordance with T2.1. Liguria identified relevant market actors that exist regionally or locally.

This is the list of relevant actors identified:

1. Corefli: regional associations of provincial millers associations (represents 180 millers). Technical mission as well as trade association
2. CIA: agriculture trade association
3. Coldiretti: agriculture trade association
4. Confagricoltura: agriculture trade association
5. Liguria Regional Authority
6. CNA: craftsmen trade association (as many millers are craftsmen)
7. Consorzio DOP Riviera Ligure: consortium of PDO olive oil producers of Liguria
8. Provinces Authorities

Are Liguria and Unioncamere sent a letter to them presenting the project and inviting them to join the RSC. The letter was followed by many phone calls and some unofficial meetings.

Many were interested, up to know 4 of them signed the letter of intent and participated in the 1st RSC meeting (which took place on July 15th 2008).

One issue has been the RSC declaration: initially we had translated the declaration prepared by UP ZRS. However that declaration did not seem suitable to Ligurian stakeholders because it foresees a collective signature of all stakeholders of a joint declaration. Therefore, ARE Lig and UC Liguria developed a different tool, i.e. a letter of intent that each stakeholder can sign independently and that seems to generate less legal and political issues.

This is the current situation of signed declarations:

- Corefli: regional associations of provincial millers associations. This stakeholder has the mandate from the provincial associations to represent them and to report back.
- CIA: agriculture trade association
- Coldiretti: agriculture trade association
- Confagricoltura: agriculture trade association

The Consorzio DOP is present by way of the project partner Unioncamere, which has the mandate to represent them.

Activities:

According to the project plan (at least 5 regional meetings will be organised during the duration of the project) 1 official RSC meeting has been organised on 15th July 2008. The RSC members have also been interviewed on the state of the olive market and on their vision upon the energy exploitation of solid residues in our Region. Some of

the partner already identified problems and gaps, presented best practices and discussed possible actions at a regional level.

Their input will be particularly important for the development/implementation of the roadmap.

Future developments:

We are planning to finally get the official involvement of other stakeholders, namely the craftsmen association. Other stakeholders will be involved according the each RSC meeting's agenda. The Regional Authority, which is not willing to sign any declaration (because of competences clash within the regional offices – i.e. energy, agriculture, economic development, environment), is anyway constantly informed on project activities and can be involved “unofficially”.

2. REACM report

Composition

Regional Steering Committee in Greece is composed by:

1. Technical University of Crete “Laboratory of Renewable & Sustainable Energy Systems”
2. Association of Cretan Olive Municipalities
3. Olive mill “BIOLEA-Astrikas Estate” Organic olive products
4. Olive oil industry “Anatoli S.A-ABEA”
5. Aristoteles University of Thessaloniki – Biomass group of the Laboratory of Chemical Technologies
6. Department of Environmental Engineering of Technical University of Crete
7. ABEA – oil refinery company

RSC declaration status:

5 declarations signed, 2 still waiting to be signed.

Activities:

In February 2008 Anatoliki S.A communicated with key players in the region of Lesvos and organized four meetings there with the:

1. Union of Agricultural Co-operatives of Lesvos (LESEL),
2. LESEL’s Olive Pomace Oil Process Unit
3. Waste Management Laboratory (WML) of Aegean University,
4. Union of Private olive Mills of Lesvos,
5. Olive Pomace Oil Process Unit of Dipi

In March 2008 Anatoliki S.A communicated with key players in the region of Chania (Crete) and organized seven meetings there which took place in April. Anatoliki S.A in Chania met the:

1. Laboratory of Renewable and Sustainable Energy Systems
2. Association of Cretan Olive Municipalities (ACOM)
3. Cooperative Industry of “Anatoli S.A-ABEA”
4. Astrikas Estate – BIOLEA
5. Laboratory of Solid Fuel’s Beneficiation & Technology
6. Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Chania (MAICH)
7. National Agricultural Research Foundation (N.AG.RE.F.)

In addition, a training session and a conference took place on October 15th 2008, where RSC members presented advances and developments on the subject of olive residues exploitation to local and regional stakeholders including olive millers, growers, political authorities, business people, researchers, engineers and the interested public. TV, radio and the press covered the event extensively.

Future developments:

The declaration was given to each member of the RSC and 5 have already been signed. It is expected to have other two signatures in short time based on their

involvement in the field on olive residues utilization and their commitment to carry on with the project's objectives.

3. AGENER report

AGENER (Energy Management Agency of Jaén province) has assembled RSC that gathers key stakeholders on regional level. RSC is composed by:

1. GEOLIT: Parque Científico-Tecnológico del aceite del olivar.
2. FAEGA: Federación Andaluza de Cooperaciones Agrarias.
3. CITOLIVA: Centro de Innovación y Tecnología del Olivar y del Aceite
4. UNIVERSIDAD DE JAÉN
5. FAFPE: Fondo Andaluz de Formación y Empleo
6. AGENDA 21
7. UPA: Unión de Pequeños Agricultores

AGENER sent them (members of RSC) information about the project and the declaration in Spanish and invited them to the first training session where MORE project was presented. At the same time AGENER disseminated information regarding energy use of olive residues, identified the problems and possible solutions.

RSC declaration status: All 7 RSC members have signed RSC declaration.

Activities: The first training session was about uses of by-products of the olive oil industry (18 July 2008). In this training session the RSC members participated in the vision of the olive-residues energy market and the energy exploitation of the olive oil residues. Agener will organize other activities which the RSC members will identify the solutions and possible problems (through SWOT Analysis). Also Agener will organize other activities in which all the RSC members will participate (training session, national field trip, event, etc).

Future developments: At present Agener tries to inform the RSC members about the evolution of the MORE project and the activities that will be organized (training sessions, national field trip, events, etc).

4. UP ZRS report

UP ZRS as WP2 leader prepared a draft RSC declaration with legal expert. Draft RSC declaration was then finalized in cooperation with all project partners.

At presentation of MORE project UP ZRS invited several olive millers, olive growers, representatives of municipalities and other to become members of RSC. Some of them responded immediately and UP ZRS established Regional Steering Committee.

Composition:

RSC is currently composed by 10 members, 9 of them already signed RSC declaration: 4 olive millers, 2 olive growers, 2 representatives of the Institute for Mediterranean Agriculture and Olive Growing and 1 representative of Energy Consulting Company "Eco Consulting d.o.o.". RSC in Slovenia is composed by:

1. Olive mill "Oljarna Krožera" – Katja Marzi
2. UP ZRS - Institute for Mediterranean Agriculture and Olive Growing - Dunja Bandelj Mavsar
3. Olive mill "Oljarna Krožera" – Fulvio Marzi
4. UP ZRS - Institute for Mediterranean Agriculture and Olive Growing – Maja Podgornik
5. Olive grower – Vlado Munda
6. Olive mill "Oljarna Marinko Hrvatin s.p." – Marinko Hrvatin
7. Olive mill "Oljarna Agapito" – Aleš Agapito
8. Olive grower – Dujc Vanja
9. Energy Consulting Company "Eco Consulting d.o.o." – Niko Dobrovoljc
10. City Izola Municipality – Igor Skok (deputy major)
11. City Koper Municipality – tbd.
12. City Piran Municipality – tbd.

RSC declaration status: Up to now RSC declaration was signed by 9 representatives, UP ZRS is still waiting to get 3 signatures of the representatives of municipalities.

RSC activities:

According to the project plan (at least 5 regional meetings will be organised during the duration of the project) 1 official RSC meeting has been organised in February 2008. The RSC members have also been interviewed on the state of the olive market and on their vision upon the energy exploitation of solid residues in our Region. Some of the members already explained some problems and gaps. 2 RSC members invited UP ZRS to visit their olive mill and describe best practice of using olive residues in energy purposes.

RSC members helped UP ZRS by identifying strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats of using olive residues for energy.

Future developments:

UP ZRS expects that representatives of 3 city municipalities will sign RSC declaration in near future.

The input of RSC will be particularly important in next step/project activity - development/implementation of the roadmap. UP ZRS will invite RSC members to attend joint field trip organised together with ARE Liguria and IPTPO.

5. IPTPO report

Institute of Agriculture and Tourism Poreč - IPTPO got a very good feedback from the local stakeholders. Our strategy was conceived as step-by-step public presentation of the project through media (press conferences, radio interviews, articles etc.) followed by written short abstract of project addressed to potential RSC members. Subsequently, we contacted every stakeholder personally by meeting or by telephone call.

Composition

Our RSC is composed by:

1. Croatian Fund for Environment Preservation and Energy Effectiveness
2. Croatian Chamber of Economy, Pula County Chamber
3. Istrian Region Government –International collaboration and European integration Division
4. Agrolaguna d.o.o. trade
(Leading olive oil producer (mill) in the region, member of regional olive business cluster)
5. MIH -trade association (Member of regional olive business cluster)
6. Usluga Poreč d.o.o. (Waste management trade)
7. City Poreč Municipality*
8. City Vodnjan Municipality*
9. Prof. dr. Olivera Koprivnjak** (Faculty of Medicine, University of Rijeka)
10. Prof. dr. Bernard Franković** (Faculty of Engineering, University of Rijeka)
11. AZRRI d.o.o. (Agency for Istrian Rural Development)

* Leading olive growing and olive oil producing municipalities in Istrian Region

** Experts in Food technology, Biotechnology and technical sciences

RSC declaration status: All RSC members signed the Declarations of intent (scanned Declarations, both in Croatian and English are enclosed, together with the list of RSC members). Every RSC member signed individual Declaration and we foreseen the signing of one joint Declaration by all of them during first RSC meeting. RSC includes different types of stakeholders (regional government, chamber of economy, national energy effectiveness fund, municipalities, olive growers, olives business cluster, waste management). We consider our RSC structure adequate for regional peculiarities and number of members optimal for efficient functioning.

Activities: 1st Regional Steering Committee meeting was held in conjunction with training sessions for market operators. Some of RSC members attended also training sessions. During the meeting, RSC members were informed about the project aims and objectives as well as the role and tasks of RSC. Each RSC member has introduced its institution/company and its experience in the field dealt with by the project. Also, they expressed their intentions about the role in Regional Steering Committee. A worthwhile and productive discussion evolved and a few important facts, ideas and conclusions regarding future exploitation of solid olive residues in the Region were indicated. IPTPO will organize additional activities of RSC according to the project plan (RSC meetings, (inter)national field trip, training), respecting also ideas and initiatives of RSC members.

Future developments: As earlier mentioned, we consider our RSC structure and number of members adequate for efficient functioning. All members are included in RSC common mailing list and communication activities. They are regularly periodically informed about project realization and news.