**AZORES PARTNER MEETING**

**draft programme**

**7 - 9 November 2018**

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| **6 November, Tuesday** |
| **Participants are expected to arrive at Ponta Delgada (Island of S. Miguel)** |
| * For flight information and hotel reservations please refer to the Practical Information Sheet * Azores strongly recommends that partners book their hotel asap * No official programme is foreseen; no expenses (food/drinks) will be covered on this day |

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| **7 November, Wednesday** | |
| 08:30 | Pick up at the hotel |
| * Azores has arranged for bus transportation during all the official program * Depending on the chosen hotels, pick up on this morning might be replaced by a stroll, with the Azores team, from the hotels to the first meeting place | |
| 09:00 | Welcome by the Azores Regional Government  *Venue: Cabinet of the Regional Secretary of the Presidency for External Relations (tbc)*  (Coffee will be available) |
| This short session – which will be open to the press – comprises the following:   * Official welcome by the Member of the Regional Government in charge of External Relations (institutional Azores Partner of IoI) and/or the Regional Directors for European Affairs and for Science and Technology (both responsible for the project implementation) * Brief presentation of the Azores: location, government structure and competences * Programme Presentation: what can partners expect to see and do during this meeting * Presentation of the Azores team in charge of this event | |
| 10:00 | ***The role of academia:*** Field visit to the Azores University |
| This visit to the University is foreseen to comprise:   * Welcome by the Rector and/or his team * Presentation of projects, carried by the University, in the fields of material engineering, oceanography and aquaculture * A visit to the University Seismology and Volcanology Department facilities to see the system is in place to monitor seism and volcano activity in the Azores Islands, connecting the University with the Regional Government, the Civil Protection and Municipalities | |
| 13:00 | Lunch  *Venue: São Miguel Farmers Association (tbc)* |
| The choice of this location for lunch intends to be an introduction to the Azores Agriculture sector.  Guest speaker for lunch and/or the presentation of research projects in the agriculture filed (tbc) | |
| 14:30 | ***Old and new approaches to a traditional production:*** The Azores Pineapple |
| Different approaches and work carried in one of the Azores emblematic productions: The pineapple. This will entail:   * The connection of this product to tourism with a visit to the Center for Interpretation of Pineapple Culture (layout and space where a project carried by one of our stakeholders) * A visit to the more traditional greenhouses * Visit to a project to use the waste produced by the pineapple (pineapple fibres) * Presentation of a project to increase the production (project carried by one of our stakeholders) * Presentation of “Marca Açores”, project of branding of the Azores productions | |
| 19:00 | Dinner  *Venue: Restaurant Paladares da Quinta (tbc)* |

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| **8 November, Thursday** | |
| 08:30 | Pick up at the hotel |
| Departure from Ponta Delgada directly to Furnas taking the road passing by Vila Franca do Campo, the first capital of S. Miguel Island. If weather/time allow a pit stop along the road can be foreseen. | |
| 10:00 | ***Project meetings:*** ***Steering group and Workshop on project issues***  10.00 Steering group meeting, including Policy development  12.00 Samsø, The sociotechnical transition to smart energy on Samsø (15 minuts)  *Venue: Furnas Monitoring and Research Centre*  (Coffee will be available; a coffee break can be foreseen) |
| The content and deliveries of these meetings should be defined with the contributions, inputs and ideas, of all partners. Issues such as the Tipping Wheel, the Questionnaire and the Action Plan will be addressed | |
| 13:00 | Lunch  *Venue: tbc* |
| 14:30 | ***Environment as an added value:*** *The Furnas Monitoring and Research Centre and the Village of Furnas* |
| This Centre is a part of the “Furnas Lake Development and Watershed Plan”, one of the Azores identified best practices.  The village of Furnas can be seen, since the XIX Century, as the first example in the Azores of a symbiotic and structural approach to tourism and environment. | |
| 16:30 | ***Energy as a motor for innovation:*** Visit to Pico Vermelho Geothermal Power Plant |
| The first electric power installation was built in the Azores in 1899. Since then, the archipelago has counted on a strong share of renewables with installations of geothermal, hydro, wind, sun and wave power. Making the best out of its location on the mid-Atlantic ridge, geothermal power represents today about 45% of the total electricity generation and that value is expected to strongly increase. New challenges, however, abound: how to make use of the geothermal wasted heat or how to implement it in the smaller islands are some of the questions that need to be dealt with on the long-term roadmap towards decarbonization.  Partners will have the opportunity to visit the Plant and to be debriefed on the strategic options of the Azores on renewable energies.  Sightseeing of the Fogo Lake is envisaged following this visit (depending on weather conditions) | |
| 19:00 | Dinner  *Venue: Baco Restaurant (tbc)* |

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| **9 November, Friday** | |
| 08:30 | Pick up at the hotel |
| 09:00 | ***Infrastructures that host and foster innovation projects:*** NONAGON -Science and Technology Park of São Miguel |
| NONAGON hosts and supports a wide range of innovative project and companies and provides for several services dedicated to companies. Partners will have the opportunity to visit the park and several companies/projects that operate there. | |
| 10:00 | Welcome Coffee |
| 10:30 | Learning Session  *Venue: NONAGON* -Science and Technology Park of São Miguel |
| We foresee this session – which will be open to the regional stakeholders – to be 4 folded:   * Opening Session – welcome words by the Azores Partner * Panel with two Guest Speakers:   Prof. Han Brezet – Innovation in Europe, Innovation in Islands: lessons learned with IoI  Arnaldo Machado - Azores Regional Agenda for Innovation (Mr. Machado is the responsible for the coordination of the implementation of the Azores Agenda for Innovation and the President of the Board of Nonagon)   * Good Practices Presentation:   Each partner is invited to present one of their identified best practice (10m each)  Partners can choose to present the best practice themselves or to bring to the Azores the person/persons responsible for the chosen best practice   * Debate (Q&A) | |
| 13:00 | Lunch on site |
| This lunch will be an opportunity of informal exchanges between the partners and the local stakeholders. Ongoing is the preparation of a display of local products | |
| 15.00 | Departure to a visit to the parish of Sete Cidades and to the Sete Cidades Lake |
| 19:00 | ***The regional productions and delicacies at the service of tourism and training:*** Dinner at the Azores School of Tourism and Hotel |
| This final dinner will be prepared and served by students of the local tourism and hotel school. This school/restaurant develops creative work and innovation in Azorean cuisine using mostly local products. The dinner will be open to the Azores regional stakeholders and local guests. | |

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