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Terceira, Azores (Portugal)

The sixth partner meeting was held from 23 to 25 October 2019 on the island Terceira, Azores. Terceira is a volcanic island, in the middle of the North Atlantic Ocean. It is one of the larger islands of the archipelago, with a population of 56,000 inhabitants in an area of approximately 400,3 Km². It is the location of the Azores' oldest city, Angra do Heroísmo, the historical capital of the archipelago and UNESCO World Heritage Site; the main base of the Azores Air Zone Command, Base Aérea nº 4, and a United States Air Force detachment.



Cows for multiple functions

Quinta dos Açores

Francisco Helvídio Barcelos, became a farmer, acquiring the crops of his father-in-law who at that time had 25 cows, 2 oxens, a horse and a cart in the land for rent. After he decided to sell his tractor to buy more cows, he tried to encourage the region to invest in genetic improvement and made the 1st

importation of Holstein Friesian cattle to the Azores from Germany: 990 pregnant heifers on a cattle boat.

Quinta dos Açores, inaugurated in 2012, incorporated the meat and dairy products and brought us the challenge of launching ourselves in new sectors: restaurant and retail. Nowadays we have 5 companies operating in different stages of the value chain, with the collaboration of around 100 professionals.

As a company, they received a lot of financial support from the government and from Europe. However the daughter, as a graduation's student, she was commissioned to make ice cream from the local milk. In Portugal, ice cream is not seen as a dairy product and they therefore received no support. Nevertheless, due to the perseverance of the daughter, they have succeeded in making this their most successful product.



Reschool the island

Terceira Tech Island

The Regional Government of Azores is highly committed to create conditions to attract you to Terceira Island by providing infrastructures, supporting the training and recruitment of highly qualified and passionate people, as well as

offering investment financial incentives. If you are on the lookout for mad talented software developers that can help you growing your company and currently willing to hoist sails to Terceira Tech Island.

The TERCEIRA TECH ISLAND project aims to transform the Azores into a hub of technology companies in close interconnection with the world wide dynamics. As such, the Regional Government is highly committed to attract IT companies to Terceira Island. The fundamental project basis are the following:

- Infrastructure - Availability of free office spaces and business related infrastructures, for companies to be implemented in Terceira Island.
- Accomodation units for senior programmers - located inside a private condominium, adjacent to the office areas.
- Human Resources – Public financing of intensive and demanding four month courses in computer programing (JAVA and JAVASCRIPT).

The goal is to have 300 highly skilled workers available in a short period of time, in association with the Portuguese Code Academy. By offering qualified people a place where they have more peace and more time for their families, you use the island as an advantage. A good example of how you use the right time, with the right people in a beautiful place.

Workshop: Train the trainer

After 2 introductions, 2 complex case studies and a discussion about the Tipping Approach, there are already some interesting preliminary findings

1. The results are seen as an impressive and very creative palette of rich and mutually stimulating applications. It is worthwhile to further stimulate the participants to proceed with their own interpretations of TIPPING and keep on testing their own methodology development for governance innovation and the execution of action plans.

2. The TIPPING Approach never begins with a clean sheet, since existing policy innovation regimes, policy mixes, instruments etc. are usually already in place and running.

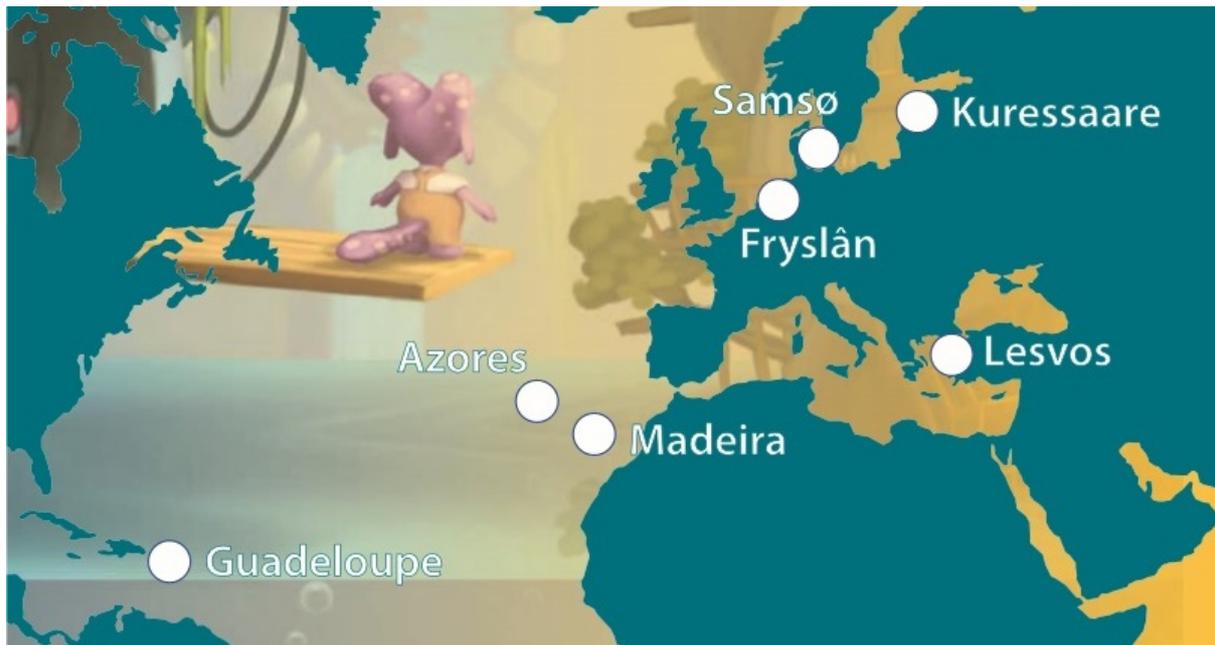
3. Various unique approaches and creative ideas were discussed on the way via which a large group of students could contribute and be managed efficiently by the project management,
4. Since in the next -two- monitoring years of the islands project a broad variety of additional experiences will be gained, useful for TIPPING Facilitators, it is suggested that the different approaches, experiences, cases, contexts and combinations with existing and other tools and instruments should continuously be monitored. A simple database within the existing website would be quite helpful.
5. Time is always too short.



Ecological footprint

As an European project, we travel a lot. The Regional Directorate of European Affairs of the Azorean Government, the organizing partner of the Azores meeting offered the partnership to leave a sustainable landmark on the island of Terceira. We climbed the volcano of Terceira and on the top each partner planted their own tree. The project leader had the honour to plant also a tree for

the whole partnership. So the Islands project donated 8 trees to the islands of Terceira. We kindly asked the deers to don't eat from it ...



North Aegean Region Workshop

The aim of the North Aegean Region through all its initiatives for the market and entrepreneurs is to create and support progress and growth conditions that support all citizens to create and prosper in their own country.

The Greek partner held an informational workshop on Monday 30 September 2019 in Mytilene at an Aegean University Campus. After a workshop with a presentation of the project results and in particular it's Action Plan. A very lively and creative open discussion among the participants followed. Especially about the Action Plan because it concerns the methodological preparation of a regional mechanism to support research and innovation actions in the North Aegean islands with funds coming of the Northern Aegean Operational Programme 2014-2020.

Present were representatives of the North Aegean Region and the business community, the University, the Chamber of Lesvos - Associations and the Management Authority of the North Aegean Operational Programme.

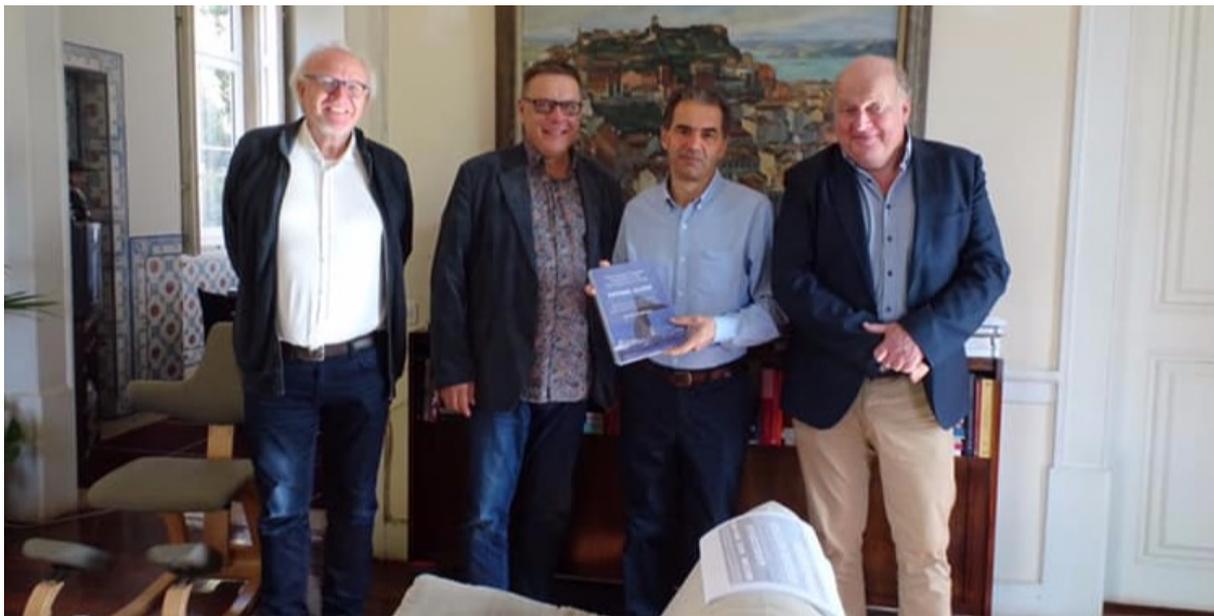
The Islands of Innovation project contributes in linking bodies and businesses to the Region's on-going Operational Program in tangible research and innovation issues, is considered as the main critical result as particularly weighty and useful. The local programme, made significant progress and mainly presents qualitative results in the related financed actions, is among the first in the country in terms of mobility, invitations and number of integrated and implemented projects in Research, Innovation and Information and Communication Technologies.



BREZET & TIJSMA ON TOUR

Professor Han Brezet and Simon Tijjsma

On Monday 21 October 2019 prof. Han Brezet, Simon Tijjsma and Islands project leader Albert Ruiter travelled to Lisbon to offer the first TIPPING Manual to Manuel Heitor. The recently re-elected Portuguese Minister of Science, Technology and Higher Education. Mr Heitor was very impressed by this manual that he immediately offered to write the preface. At this moment the manual design team is putting the finishing touches to the manual. A new version - with preface of the Minister - will be published very soon.



NEXT MEETING Lesvos 2021

The next meeting will be on the island Lesvos (Greece) in 2021. In January the project will start phase 2, the monitoring phase.



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