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## **Executive Summary**

This report briefly presents the main achievements of the Study Visit in USAMVB premises and stakeholders' infrastructures and most importantly the results of the internal evaluation performed by all the members of the Consortium participated in the event.

## 1 Study Visit in Bucharest

The study visit was held at the University of Agronomic Sciences and Veterinary Medicine in Bucharest, Romania, in the main building (59 Marasti Blvd.), in the University Campus and, at Moara Domneasca Training and Experimental Farm of USAMVB. The event took place between 5-8 June 2019, from 9:00 to 18:00. The number of participants ranged between 46 (1<sup>st</sup> day) to 51 (2<sup>nd</sup> day) and 50 (3<sup>rd</sup> day). The agenda, the list of participants, the material presented by Consortium partners along with a small gallery, the minutes of the event and the corresponding deliverable (D2.3) are found in the google drive used for communicating/exchanging documents (STEPS/WP2 USAMBV lead/D2.3).

## 2 Main achievements

The aim of the study visit was to:

- Transfer the knowledge on scientific, technical and organizational aspects, which will boost the level of education and the capacity of partner countries;
- Inspire with new ideas, but also, to offer the opportunity to discuss and make an exchange of academic cultures and perspectives;
- Analyze how best practices can be adapted to the MSc program that will be developed during the STEPS project;
- Provide participants the opportunity to get to know and compare with their own experience, the strategies and practices for the organization of teachers training initiatives in Romania;
- Disseminate project activities to all interested actors that can find information about the project and its achievements, even after the completion of the project and to bring them forward for public discussion in the relevant communities of interested actors.

The visited places, facilities and labs, offered the opportunity to the participants to experience on their own the organizational management, the educational strategies and practices employed by USAMVB. The participants had the chance to visit:

- The Moara Domneasca Farm where procedures of Production, Processing and Utilization (Marketing) were demonstrated.
- The Soil Fertility and the Field Crop museums
- The Research Center for the study of Food Products Quality and The Laboratory Field Crops Quality where the participants had the chance to walk through an impressive set of specialised and synchronous devices. The visited labs provided insights and ideas related to the objectives, including the design and flexible use of space maintaining student safety during lab experiences, methodologies for understanding the complexity and ambiguity of empirical work, etc.
- The USAMVB Greenhouses which serve as a main point for MSc and PhD students towards familiarization with new technologies and innovative crop systems methodologies.

The event contributed also, as anticipated, to the design of the STEPS Program through exchange of insights and experiences with a view to identify how interrelated scientific topics can be combined under a modern, unified MSc Programme. Design aspects of the STEPS MSc programme structure were discussed and analyzed. A roadmap was also discussed in order to design STEPS by utilizing a well-defined, unique template (Deliverable 2.4).

### **3 Internal Evaluation**

As a part of the STEPS internal quality procedure the participants were asked to assess the USAMVB study visit in terms of:

- Preparations made for the organizational of the Study visit including Agenda items;
- Venues and facilities;
- Logistics and accommodation;
- Quality of study visit tours and information presented;
- Relation of visited places to the STEPS objectives.

The results of the internal evaluation are summarized in the following paragraph. The questionnaire used for the internal evaluation is included in the Annex of this report.

### **4 Internal Evaluation Results and Highlights**

The following figure summarizes the responses of the participants. In general, the partnership had an opportunity for open discussions and establish a fully working environment with positive attitude and willingness to contribute to the successful implementation of project tasks. Accreditation procedures were highlighted as one of the most important risk. The other potential risk identified was possible delays in WP1 deliverables due to the large number of round-tables and questionnaires needed. The partners had an extensive discussion on how to speed up the process. However, WP1 preliminary results were considered when the partnership discussed the design of the STEPs programme. Regarding internal processes, the active involvement of all the partners to decision making was also highlighted while considering future improvements, additional time for round tables and workshops were suggested along with better preparation of the agenda, by taking into consideration the needs and the expectations of the partnership.

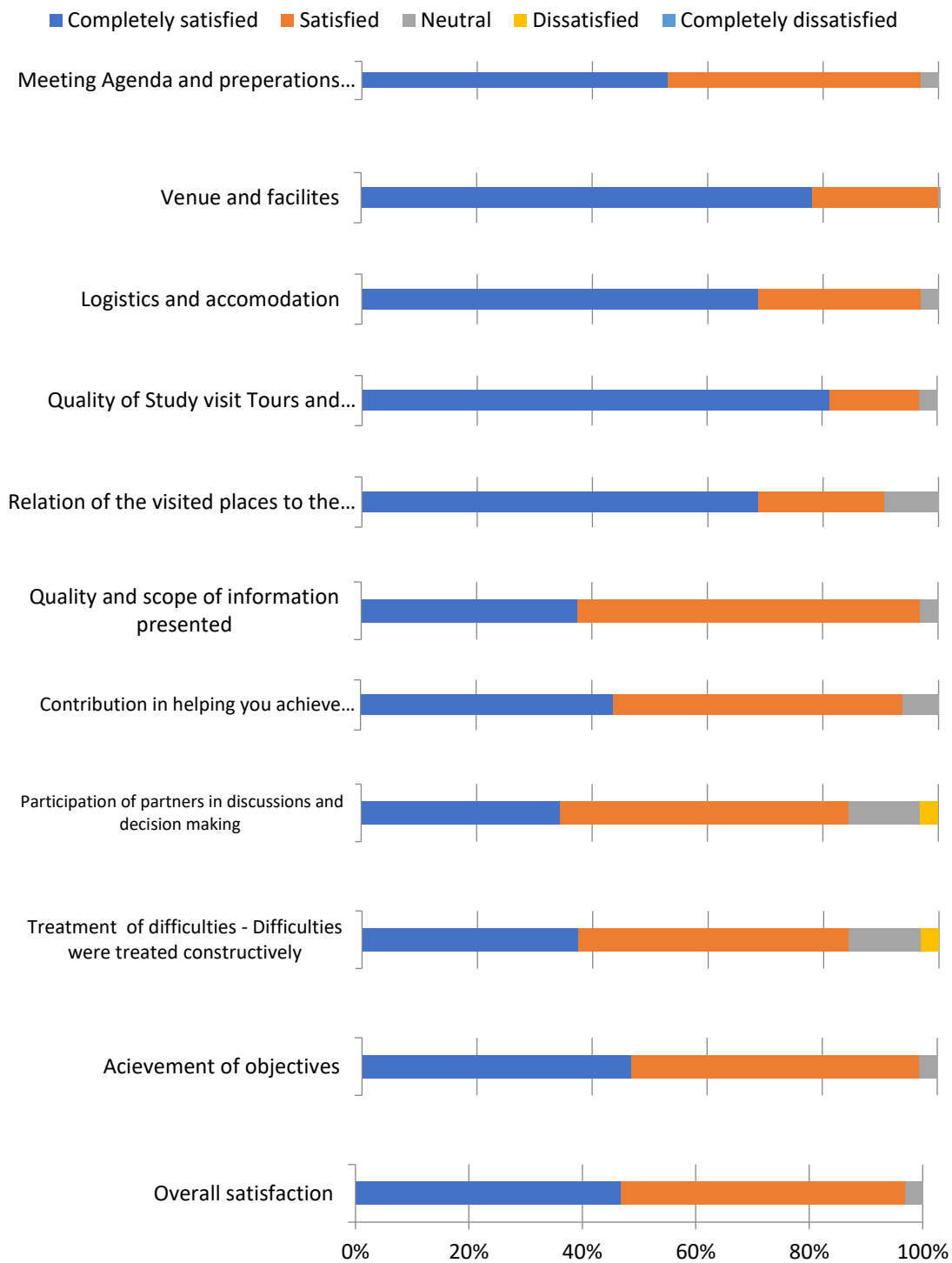


Figure 1. Internal evaluation of the study visit to Bucharest

## ANNEX A. Meetings/Events Evaluation Form

<b>Meeting Name</b>					
<b>Date</b>					
<b>Place</b>					
<b>Hosting Organisation</b>					
<b>Evaluation Form submitted by</b>	<i>(Reviewer Name &amp; Organisation)</i>				
<b>Date of submission</b>					
<b>Project Meeting/Event Quality Criteria</b>					
<b>How satisfied are you:</b>	Completely satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Completely dissatisfied
with the preparations made to organize the meeting?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
with venue arrangements and accommodation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
with support (meeting rooms, equipment) provided during the meeting?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
with the participation of project partners in discussions and decision making?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
with the structure of the agenda (subjects/issues covered)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
with the time assigned to the discussion of important issues?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
with the scope of information presented?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
with the meeting's overall value in helping you achieve project goals?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
with the quality of the overall meeting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>