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We are glad to have the opportunity to work together on a project: „**GUARDIAN ANGELS OF ACCESSIBLE TRAVELERS IN RURAL AREAS**” that fosters innovation and the exchange of good practices strategic partnerships for vocational education and training. Access Angels runs from 1st October 2016 to 30th September 2018. The mission of the project is to propose to any people with special needs an alternative, free of charge service of non-medical personal assistance at a sustainable tourism destination, using specially trained young volunteers. VET organizations, accessible travelers,

rural youth and sustainable tourism authorities may benefit from this project. There are nine project partners involved in this idea. You can also follow us on social medias. This is our first newsletter, in which we shall present our partners and their activities, this time starting with ADMMRB and Troodors organisations.

THE PROJECT KICK OFF MEETING

Date: 27-28th October 2016

Venue: Syntea S.A.
Wojciechowska street 9A,
20-704 Lublin, Poland

Main topics: the kick off meeting of the EU-funded ERASMUS+ project called: “**GUARDIAN ANGELS OF ACCESSIBLE TRAVELLERS IN RURAL AREAS**”- (ACCESS ANGELS).



The purpose of the first meeting was to establish a common understanding of the ACCESS ANGELS project and ensure that every partner would be aware of their responsibilities.

PARTNER PROFILE AND THEIR TASKS IN THE PROJECT:



Association for Development of Mountain Municipalities in the Republic of Bulgaria – <http://www.bulmonte.com>; project manager: Mr Yavor Profirov: bulmonte@mail.bg

Association for Development of Mountain Municipalities in the Republic of Bulgaria aims to contribute to the project implementation with focus on accessible tourism in upland regions and its sustainability. The association desires participate actively as the project partner with involvement in the crucial tasks related to accessible tourism in uplands. In their uplands there is huge potential for tourism,

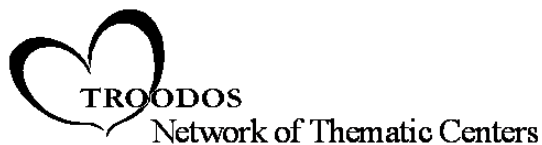
but very often there is no services for disabled people. They may share the experience of the other project partners (not only in the field of uplands) and apply it in their model, but also possibly to expand it to other countries (including non-EU Balkan states). They hope many authorities will embrace the idea and will support it both with HR and funds after the project ends. They think Disabled people are an integral and EQUAL part of



society therefore they should benefit from all that benefit other people. Giving voice of the tourism for disabled people, more and more services to them shall

be expanded and promoted, especially in rural and upland communities

PARTNER PROFILE AND THEIR TASKS IN THE PROJECT:



The Troodos Network of Thematic Centres [http:// www.lovetroodos.com](http://www.lovetroodos.com), project managers: Mr Panayiotis Papadopoulos: papplatres@cytanet.com.cy Ms Yioula Papakyriacou: yioula@ypmbusinessconsultants.com

The Troodos Network of Thematic Centres is a non profit organization. Its core business is Training & Thematic Tourism and its main activity is the running and administration of a the Thematic Centres in the Troodos area, in cooperation with the Community Councils of the villages, the development of Youth and Female Entrepreneurship, and the development of all the SME'S of the Troodos area. Troodos Network will be actively involved in all work packages of the program, further it has the responsibility of setting up the web-site of the program and do all the necessary actions so that the project objectives will be reached , namely to contribute to employability, economic growth and social cohesion through VET. They were attracted to the project

as they felt that Access Angels reaches the needs of the areas they work and provides a link between disabled people and places which could not be reached before. For the sustainability of the project after the funding period they feel the need of an established voluntary organisation such as Rotary , Welfare of Blind Association, who will be coordinating the volunteers Access Angels, or the program to be adopted by a travel agency who offers services to people with special needs. They think this project is important to disabled people as it will eliminate the travel cost barrier , the need of a relative or carer to travel with the disable person. Further it will increase the awareness for the disabled people needs in rural areas.

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