



Strengthening Local and Regional Development And German-Palestinian City-to-City Cooperation In The Bethlehem Region

DOCUMENTATION

Workshop (Part 2)
Cologne, 29th April 2014

Moderator: Martina Sabra

Schedule: Tuesday, 29th April 2014

- 10:00-12:30 Moderated workshop with input by German experts (Part 2)
- 12:30-14:00 Lunch at restaurant „**Consilium**“
- 14:00-16:00 Continuation of workshop: conclusions, next steps
- 16:15-17:00 Guided tour, return to hotel
- 18:00 From the hotel: Departure to Bergisch Gladbach, Reception, Dinner

Objectives- Attended Results

1. **Identify priority areas for joint projects** based on the twin city partnerships between
 - Bethlehem and Cologne
 - Beit Jala and Bergisch Gladbach
 - Beit Jala and Jena
 - Beit Sahour and Xanten
2. **Develop concrete proposals** for cooperation projects, aiming at:
 - improving the living conditions of citizens
 - strengthening local democracy and local self-government
 - enhancing the **regional cooperation** between Bethlehem, Beit Jala, Beit Sahour and neighbouring municipalities and deepening German-Palestinian city-to-city cooperation.

Morning Session 10:00-12:30

10:00-10:10

Introduction: Martina Sabra (Moderator)

10:10-11:30

Input: *Funding possibilities – a brief overview – followed by discussion*

Dr. Britta MILIMO, SKEW (*Service Agency Communities in One World*) Information about CIM, NAKOPA, ASA, Governance Partnerships etc.

Christian BÜRGER, SKEW

Dr. Manfred POPPE: GIZ funding programs

11:30-12:30:

Plenary Session/Group Work

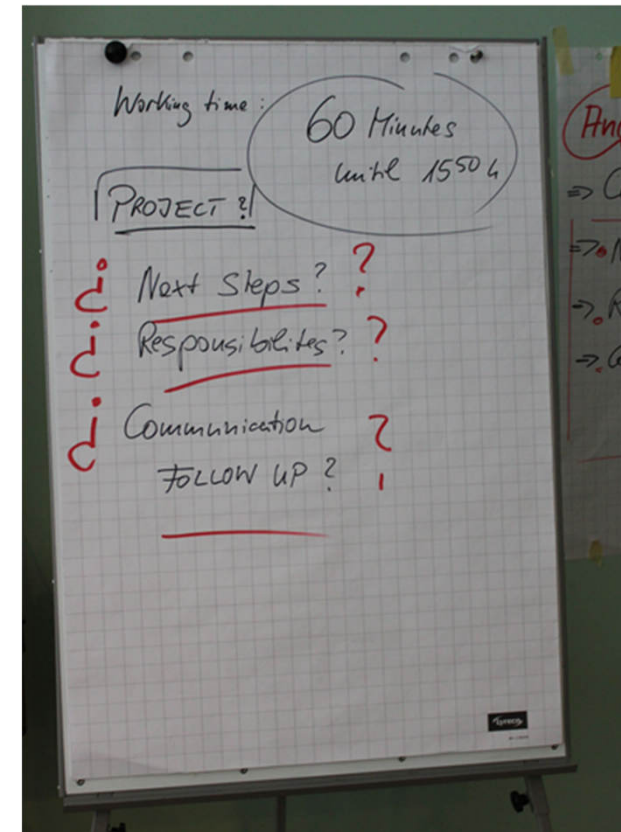
- Prioritization of cooperation areas
- Development of concrete project proposals
- (*What? Who? Possible funding sources etc.*)
- Clarification of responsibilities (lead partner, project team etc.)

Afternoon Session 14:00-16:00

14:00-16:00

Plenary session/Group Work:

- Which Projects?
- Conclusions
- Next Steps
- Responsibilities



Suggestions for possible areas of cooperation

- Tourism (Infrastructure, PR, Tourism Tax etc.)
- Urban and regional planning
- Citizen's participation
- Building of joint services slaughter house
- Municipal services such as waste management, water treatment etc.
- Sport
- Culture
- Health
- Staff training
- Mobility/Barrier free cities

Summary of Results of Session 2 (Tuesday 29th April 2014)

City twinning-related fund-raising and knowledge transfer capacities have been strengthened
(through SKEW presentation and other information)

Capacities for regional cooperation between municipalities in Palestine have been strengthened and enhanced (by facilitating exchange and dialogue among participants from Palestine who mostly had never met before, although they live close to each other in Palestine)

Joint German-Palestinian working groups with regional perspectives (in Germany and Palestine) have been formed, focussing the following topics:

- Developing and diversifying touristic products (eco tourism) and strengthening the financial capacities of local governance structures (mainly through tourism tax)
- Youth and Education (Creating joint facilities for youth from different municipalities in Palestine)
- Infrastructure, Planning (Creating joint tools for participatory regional planning)

Provisional roadmaps for further action and follow-up have been elaborated: Priorities, next steps

- Tourism: Joint marketing activities (religious destinations, ecotourism, hiking trails); tourism tax; link and expand infrastructures
- Joint activities for youth: Training for young leaders and educational staff; creation and rehabilitation of spaces, eg. sports facilities, cultural centers; youth exchanges
- Creation of a joint information system, accessible to different communal stakeholders (including private sector, civil society)

Working Group: Infrastructure



Roadmap Infrastructure

Conclusion

- to establish a District Planning Unit (DPU)

Next steps

- to establish a working group with the 6 Municipalities → draft vision
- to integrate the other Municipalities (+4) + 2 joint service councils
- to introduce the idea to the Mayors and Head of Village Councils and Governor
- to draft a by-law for the DPU
- the DPU is operating
- the DPU is responsible for collecting data and for common planning through regular meetings under consideration of community participation
- a Regional Master Plan is established
- Priorities for the development of the region are defined.
- With the support of Municipal partners, central government & donors, common development projects are implemented

Responsibilities

- Bethlehem Municipality will invite for a first meeting in order to choose the group after preparing the complete idea and proposing it to each municipality
- The team will be responsible for the rest of the

Communication:

- First meeting will be communicated by Bethlehem Municipality within one month.
- The result of the first meeting or other meetings will decide future communications, how they will be done.

```

graph TD
    G --- M
    G --- VC[V.C]
    G --- JSC[J.S.C]
    
```

recruiting of expert

MS

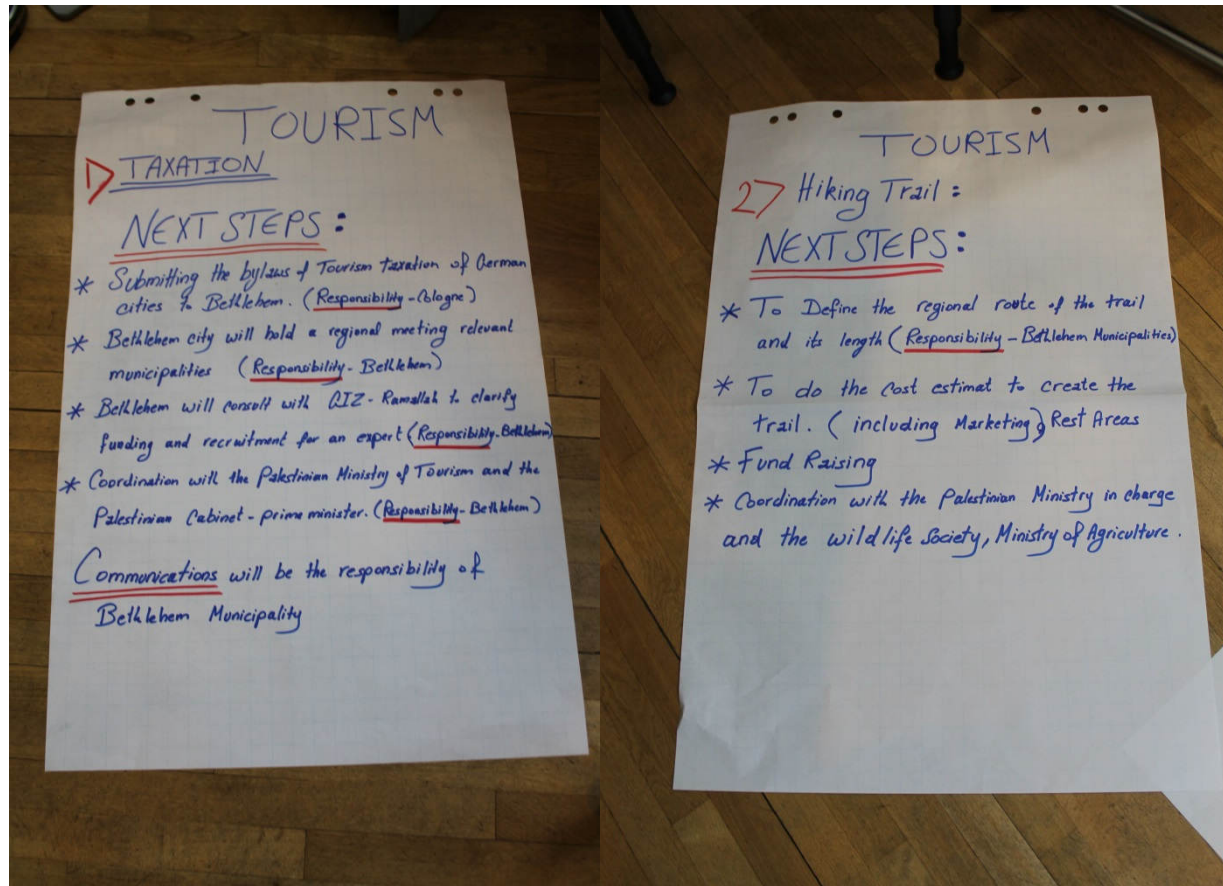
MS

- Regio Rheinland -
- partney

Working Group: Ecotourism and Tourism Tax



Roadmap Tourism



Working Group: Youth and Education



Roadmap Youth and Education



Working Groups: Presentations



Conclusion

- to establish a District Planning Unit (DPU)

Next steps

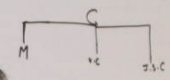
- to establish a working group with 6 Municipalities → draft a vision to integrate the other Municipalities joint service councils
- to introduce the idea to the Mayor of village Councils and Governor
- to draft a by-law for the DPU
- the DPU is operating
- the DPU is responsible for collecting and for common planning meetings under consideration participation
- a Regional Master Plan are defined.
- Priorities for the development projects are defined.
- With the support of government & donor projects are implemented

Responsibilities

- Be the team meeting in order after preparing it to each municipality.
- The team will

Communication:

- First meeting will be communicated by Bethlehem Municipality within one month.
- The result of the first meeting or other meetings will decide future communication strategy will be done.



ANY PROJECT

- Next Steps
- Completion of the proposals
- Final Meeting
- Implementation
- Project Report
- Costing Form
- Implementation

TOURISM

TOURISM

TOURISM

TOURISM

TOURISM

TOURISM

TOURISM

TOURISM

Final discussion – with Frieder Wolf (left)



THANK YOU! SHUKRAN!

