
Application to SI call for Thematic Partnerships 2013 -2016

REALS

Resilient and Ecological Approaches for Living Sustainably

Applicant organization: Permaculture Sweden

Appendix 1 Background and Aim

Thematic Priority: 1;3: *An ecologically sustainable region:* Sustainable resource management aimed at minimizing the amount of waste, for instance by changing patterns of consumption or developing methods for improving resource efficiency.

Origins

The main process of establishing the partnership for the upcoming project 'Resilient and Ecological Approaches for Living Sustainably'(REALS), has been done during the SEED project called PreREALS funded by SI with 440 000 SEK. PreREALS runs between Oct 1st 2012 to Sept 30th 2013.

PreREALS has two interrelated parts, where the first, budgeted 220 000 SEK (excl. own contribution), supports a third country component participation in EUSBSR Flagship 'Ecovillages for Sustainable Rural Development' project, enabling Russia to complete its obligations for Ecovillages project. The objective of the second part of PreREALS, also funded by 220 000SEK, is to strengthen and extend the partnership established between Sweden, Russia and Belarus within Ecovillages project, and form a strong partnership that now applies for funding for the Thematic Partnership REALS. The both parts in PreREALS are important for the partnership formation, as the first part enables Russia to strengthen their platform and national network within the Russian 'Ecovillages and Eco-initiatives Network (REEN), which will play an important role as partner within the Russian partnership in REALS. Both parts of PreREALS contribute to the same objective of promoting environmental technologies for rural development and trans-sectoral cooperation in the Baltic Sea Region.

Collaboration between Permaculture Sweden, Belarusian Ecohome and Russian CISR (AP in REALS) and REEN, as well as their participation in the Ecovillages project, was enabled in the frames of the "ECOVILLAGESplus" project financed by SIDA with 800 000 SEK (Jan 1st , 2011 –June 30th , 2012). The Russian partners made a big work gathering and analyzing best practices from Russian ecovillages during ECOVILLAGESplus. This work is completed during PreREALS which will contribute to a formation of a platform in Russia reinforcing the implementation of REALS.

Representants from Permaculture Sweden also gathered, processed and analyzed data from Swedish ecovillages by working as consultants for the Ecovillages project. This is one example of the already interlinked Permaculture and Ecovillages movements.

As said, the main (second) part in PreREALS builds the transnational multi-sectoral partnership REALS, which will widen and deepen the co-operation started in the frame of the EUSBSR Ecovillages project and ECOVILLAGESplus project. The partnership has been further extended during PreREALS; CEMUS (Uppsala University, SLU) mutual goals and interests have reinforced the partnership greatly. Greenelizer (Sweden) and Ecoproject (Belarus) are both rather new partners whom both enters with an great interest in urban green development among many other topics. Ecoproject are currently participating in 3 other projects:

- 'Environmental Governance for Environmental Curricula' (EnGo), 2010 – 2013 and is funded by 166000 SEK.

- Support to emerging multi-level governance in Belarus: 'Capacity building for sustainable housing' - focuses on small scale energy solutions in urban areas. Runs during 2012-2014 and is funded by 125600 SEK

- 'Capacity building and information support for stakeholder participation in sustainable urban development in the city of Mahilyow' is hosted by the city Mahilyow and runs inbetween 2013-2014. Numbers for this project are yet not available.

Ecohome takes part in two projects related to organic farming in Belarus ranging from 2007 to present, where the funding body has been CCB: "Organic agriculture: practical issues" (2012-) 85.000 SEK. "Development of organic agriculture for water protection in Belarus" (2013-) 102 980 SEK.

REEN takes part in the recently started Transnational Ecovillages for Societal Transition to Sustainability (TESTS) funded by Nordic Council of Ministers with 574 000 SEK in total. The project period is 1/1-2013 - 1/1-2014. TESTS are at present forming the Association for 'Baltic Ecovillages Association', BEN, which will become a supporting Associated Partner in REALS.

Permaculture in Sweden is the applicant organisation and Lead Partner (LP), both in PreREALS and REALS. Permaculture, which originates from "Permanent" and "Culture" is an approach to sustainable multifaceted spatial design of landscapes, buildings and other infrastructure. The permaculture movement is widespread globally, and was one of the platforms from which the even broader Transition Towns (www.transitionnetwork.org) movement grew – a network that also will be involved in REALS as Associated Partner.

The applicant organisation and Lead Partner, Permaculture in Sweden, is currently participating in the European PC Teachers Partnership "Teaching Permaculture in Europe" which runs between August 1st 2012 to July 31st 2014, funded byEU/Leonardo with 20 000 EUR

(<http://permateachers.eu/>). The project aims to support the professional development of permaculture teachers in Europe.

REALS project will work within an extended and different arena than the applicant organisation does otherwise as the project focuses on building networks to other movements and stakeholders in the Baltic Sea Region – between sectors, cultures and over international regions. REALS will provide new layers of arenas within which permaculture among other approaches are gaining new perspectives and broader use. REALS financial funding will be held separate from other financial sources, and strictly used only for designated activities.

Needs analysis

The thematic priority "An ecologically sustainable region:3" meets REALS overall aim in highlighting the need for resilience as well as environmentally friendly and sustainable lifestyle. All activities in REALS are related to approaches which promotes "closing the loops" and discard linear- and wasteful use of resources. Activities can be related to organic small scale farming methods, management of ecosystem services, cradle to cradle designed enterprises, small scale and renewable energy solutions, regenerative use of landscapes and sustainable local building methods. This enables local resilience to grow. REALS topic "Sustainable living" also points to peoples choice to be inspired and learn regarding changing consumption patterns and using resources more efficiently.

Sustainable regional development has been a recognized priority for the Baltic region cooperation during the last 20 years. Resilience is still a rather new concept in policy making. This project and its partnership have been developed with a clear link to the following policies:

The EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region in its latest revised Action Plan highlights the need for reconciling economic, environmental and social objectives through the leading political principle of sustainable development. This project targets the newly established Horizontal Action "Sustainable development" and its activity "Green Economy" with the main aim to make the BSR more resilient to future environmental, societal and economic challenges and to develop macro-regionally applicable solutions to these. REALS will support the transition of the Baltic Sea Region into a green region that results in improved human well-being and social equity while significantly reducing environmental risks and ecological scarcities. The project has been suggested by the Horizontal Action leader as a flagship in the EUSBSR AP thus make potentially one important stepping stone in the successful implementation of the overall Horizontal Action.

Further, the project supports the development of alternative sustainable and resilient lifestyles and rural development and increase capacity building and knowledge exchange on eco-environmental, retro-innovative technologies, natural agricultural systems, green entrepreneurship; green buildings; fostering design and management concepts like Permaculture, Ecovillages and Transition towns movements as clear alternatives to classical single sector oriented approaches. REALS wide framework also opens up opportunities to approach and view the overall, integrated context on which sustainability issues are dependent, as the problems we face environmentally are complex and interrelated and bound to a bigger socio-environmental picture.

To the extent the project involving partners from Russia and Belarus as EU neighboring countries it is also clearly linked to the Horizontal Action "Neighbors" seeking increased cooperation among all

countries in the BSR and beyond on joint challenges, strengthening Environmental Cross-Border Competence in the Baltic Sea Region

Moreover, with a view to the Eastern Partnership, the project specifically involves partners from Belarus to foster people to people contacts through joint cooperation, especially with civil society actors, equally involving them in the participation in a transnational project with such a distinct topic.

It is noted in the HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan, that further progress in dealing with BS environmental problems cannot be achieved using only the old administrative measures of equal reductions in pollution loads. A completely different approach and new tailor-made actions are required to reach the goal of good ecological status.

If before reductions in nutrient inputs have so far mainly been achieved through improvements at major point sources, such as sewage treatment plants and industrial wastewater outlets, now achieving further reductions is a tougher task, requiring actions to address diffuse sources of nutrients such as run-off from over-fertilized agricultural lands. Relevant actions and solutions targeting BSAP 2007 segments A Baltic Sea unaffected by eutrophication and a Baltic Sea undisturbed by hazardous substances will be discussed during the project implementation.

Last but not least the project is clearly linked to the EU 2020 strategy targets "Sustainable growth" (<http://ec.europa.eu/eu2020>) by supporting its following objectives:

- Building a more competitive low-carbon economy that makes efficient, sustainable use of resources
- Protecting the environment, reducing emissions and preventing biodiversity loss
- Capitalizing on Europe's leadership in developing new green technologies
- helping people of all ages anticipate and manage change through investment in skills & training
Education, encouraging people to learn, study and update their skills

Composition of the partnership

Selection of Project Partners (PP) is based on their relevance to the theme and project field, and on a wish that they are representing "networks" that include a broad amount of people and a big capability to network and disseminate ideas and results.

Project Partners (PP) are:

Sweden:

PERMACULTURE SWEDEN

Applicant and Lead Partner (LP), a NGO which is part of the global PC network, with a large national network of associations, entrepreneurs (eg farmers), small scale business initiatives and people all working to apply solution focused and regenerative design to socio-ecological systems. Regular trainings, eg certification courses (PDCs) and collaboration across borders between Sweden, Norway and Denmark are some main activities. The integrated perspective of Permaculture, which is a design tool used to create sustainable human settlements and regeneration of natural resources,

gives the Lead Partner a good base in leading a project with a interdisciplinary approach. LP has been LP for EcovillagesPLUS

CENTRE FOR ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES (CEMUS)

CEMUS is a university center within the "Centre for Sustainable Development Uppsala (CSD), initiated by Uppsala University and the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences. The PP's experience of interdisciplinary education and research as well as collaboration between students, researchers and society, are valuable competences in REALS. By engaging students and employees in activity management and participation, the PP will provide data, experience and interest for learning through building new networks in the BSR. REALS will give access to new fields of study and networks. Seeing the common interests between the PP and the aim of REALS, The LP contacted CEMUS in the framework of PreREALS.

GREENELIZER

A multidisciplinary research & design studio working with Transition Design - an interdisciplinary method that combines design strategies with sustainable urban development and a holistic approach towards achieving local and communal transition. Projects range from "smart city" interactive visualizations to synergetic city farming. With an expertise of industrial design, green technology, sustainable architecture and urban planning, Greenelizer specializes in green design strategies, concept generation and development of sustainable products and systems. With a wide network of Scandinavian Cleantech companies, Greenelizer enters REALS as the main representant for private sector, and will contribute with resources, networks and competence from their work.

Russia:

ECOVILLAGES AND ECO-INITIATIVES NETWORK (REEN)

REEN has a long history but was formalized 2011 in the frame of SI funded EcovillagesPLUS project, initiating the present partnership contact. The organization unites 10 ecovillages and eco-initiatives, (often with 100+ individuals in each), and associated members. In supporting development of ecovillages and their networks in Russia, REEN aims i.e. to draw together the ecovillage movement and traditional villages, host forums of eco-technologies, developing new forms of education for students in rural areas, and networking with society at large. These competences and approaches goes hand in hand with REALS objectives as REEN provides networks for knowledge exchange and experiences valuable for the project theme. REEN is also the main representant for the Ecovillage movement within the partnership. REEN is a partner in TESTS project sponsored by NCM.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY AND REGIONAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (Saint Petersburg State University)

Focuses on interdisciplinary education/research in the field of sustainable development and environmental management. Aims to develop leadership qualities and skills in students and youth. The PP provides tools for research, educational and practical solutions i.e. regarding systems of

ecological management for enterprises and more, often adjusted to fit conditions in Russia. By working with other sectors, they have been part of setting strategies for sustainability in local regions i.e. Valaam, Leningrad region, and at present, in the Atkhangel'sk region. Above described competences are valuable in REALS, as they provide access to information about Russian regions and conditions, and to sustainable solutions applicable in other BSR contexts. The department will be an important channel for dissemination of project results as well as contributor of data.

Belarus:

ECOHOME

A national level NGO in Belarus, started in early 1990s in the framework of the first independent youth organization in the country, and rests on the principles of democracy and sustainability. By promoting healthy solutions and lifestyle, main directions are education/trainings in the fields of sustainability, organic agriculture and permaculture, Aarhus convention, organization and project management, and civic education. The PP is a leading member of "Green Alliance" (network of Belarusian environmental org), which is a core element in the national green movement, within which Ecohome organizes national activities. The NGO has excellent teams of trainers and experts in various fields. These topics, and the educational and networking aspects that the NGO carries, meet REALS objectives and common interest.

ECOPROJECT

A NGO focusing on urban development, waste management, natural resources and water plus biodiversity governance. Areas of interest are in education (ie. Training of professionals) and dissemination of information. PP also facilitates dialogue and knowledge integration between various stakeholders and sectors -public and private- in Belarus. The PP provides a platform and expertise on a diverse approach to socio-ecological problems, policies and planning. In developing international contacts, exchange and learning between the Partner countries, Ecoproject contributes with skills and experience regarding these aspects from the Belarusian side.

Associated Partners (AP)

The invitation of AP, which can be smaller units, has been directed to stakeholders (all sectors) that are forerunners in their fields. The purpose of including AP is to:

- further extend the network and partnership, i.e. preparing for a new project proposal related to best practices and practical pilot projects.
- to give PP access to contacts and networks outside the partnership.
- to highlight best practices often located in smaller projects and firms.

All AP state their support for REALS through a Letter of Support, sent to SI.

Associated Partners are:

- Transition Sweden and Hela Sverige Ska Leva
- Council of the Baltic Sea States ; CBSS
- Swedish Ecovillage Association (ERO)
- BeeUrban Company, Sweden
- Baltic Ecovillage Network (BEN, Baltic part of Global Ecovillage Network)
- Flogsta Food, Sweden
- Permakultur Stjärnsund, Sweden
- Center of Independent Social Research (CISR), Russia
- Ecovillage Grishino, Russia
- Company Ecodome, Russia
- Medvinka, Russia
- Södra Rörums Sambruk, Sweden
- Holma Folkhigh School, Sweden
- Integral Permanence, Sweden

Aim

The development of resilience -which is the capacity of a system to continually change and adapt yet remain within critical socio-ecological thresholds (def. Stockholm Resilience Center) – in local communities is at core importance in the future development of the BSR. To strengthen resilience in localities also means empowering the particular culture and unique ecosystem in each place which means that technology and other methods suitable for one place changes in another. This fact influences the structure of REALS. The project aim - to strengthen localities, networks and different stakeholders- highlights the allowance of diversity in approaches and priorities within the fields of resource management and sustainable living.

The main aim of the Thematic Partnership REALS is to create a common platform –virtually and in “real life” between stakeholders, movements and sectors in Sweden, Russia and Belarus as well as in other countries in the Baltic region, with focus on awareness-raising regarding practical solutions for change in consumption patterns, resource efficiency and in reduction of waste, in the process of bringing resilience and sustainability to localities.

Resilience, ecology and sustainable living represent common denominators in REALS together with the thematic priority 1:3.

Aim/Purposes

- To respond to the challenges in the Baltic Sea Region related to peak oil, over-run carrying capacities of ecosystem services and climate change.
- To create opportunities for ways of sustainable and healthy life in Sweden, Belarus, Russia and in the BSR supporting social and environmental care as well as fair distribution of resources and ecosystem services.

- As a flagship under the EUSBSR, and as a collaborative partnership, REALS will highlight the necessity of sustainable life to enhance local and regional resilience in the BSR. REALS will as well contribute to the promotion of the BSR as a region of flourishing small scale projects related to sustainable solutions.
- To make existing technologies and projects located in the partner countries more visible to the larger society, as they are sources for inspiration and knowledge transfer.
- To make existing traditional knowledge and technologies more accessible, especially in Russia and Belarus.
- Empower movements, institutions, green entrepreneurs and people in the region in seeing tools for decreasing ecological footprints.
- Increase the potential for small scale green solutions/technology, and strengthening the arena for green entrepreneurship.
- Providing open source proposal for ways of sustainable living, available for all participants in the project activities and at the website, which will be open for all interested stakeholders.
- The project platform will work as a forum for networking and learning, where intercultural learning processes through dialogue are valued and seen as an aim in themselves in creation of social resilience. Partners will act as providers and /or receivers within their countries or in the region as a whole. An aim is to see, value and use the “resources” found in cultural diversity and intercultural dialogue -both between sectors as well as between geographical areas.
- Parallel to the work of co-learning and strengthening the networks, the partners will jointly develop policy recommendations and material that will be used in communication with external stakeholders.

The project also aims to support:

- The national and international movements/networks involved: Permaculture; Transition; and Ecovillage movements that already relates to the common denominators -resilience, ecology and sustainable life- in their own work but will take it to another level through common activities in REALS.
- The educational institutions involved by reinforcing their cooperation with NGO’s and business within the field of REALS .The project will provide expanded opportunities by linking students and employees to the movements, NGO’s and business stakeholders.
- The local regions and projects involved, by providing more international contacts, information and knowledge as well as locating international activities in local regions.
- Entrepreneurs and new business ideas related to the theme and topics of the partnership. Many people that already takes part in the movements already has their own firms.
- The establishment of working groups, within areas where stakeholders have needs for more investigation and practical implementation, from where developing a new project application with focus on pilots in certain areas, will be made.

Appendix 2: Objectives, results and indicators

Objectives

Long term objectives:

- To create a meta-network of civic engagement by establishing ongoing-interaction between the permaculture- and ecovillagemovements/networks in Sweden, Russia and Belarus.
- To increase the interaction between all levels of society and sectors, where the interest for common problems and needs are adressed in the perspective of small scale solutions for local sustainability and socio-ecological resilience.
- To promote sustainable consumption and production patterns as well as sustainable lifestyles in the Baltic Sea Region and project partner countries
- Mainstream the concepts of sustainable development and resilience on all levels of governance
- To support the transition of the Baltic Sea region into a green, sustainable and prosperous region, actively involving Russia and Belarus
- To support the transition of the Baltic Sea Region and adjacent areas into a low carbon region and lower the average ecological food print of BSR societies
- To develop the Baltic Sea Region as a model region for green economy, being world leading in the developments of knowledge intensive products and services, developing and using eco- and retro-innovations and innovative environmental technologies while at the same time reducing impacts on ecosystems
- To support the creation of a Baltic Sea Region with improved human well-being, social equity while reducing environmental risks and ecological scarcities
- To highlight the resources and values found in traditional knowledge and ways of living. Methods and other approaches that traditionally have been used in resource management - i.e. in farming, forestry, foodprocessing, infrastructure and in energy- complements todays new innovations.
- Contributing to a increase of small scale stakeholders use of data gathered in academia/universities through giving students and researchers access to new fields of study as well as giving other stakeholders access to data. Increased contact between academic institutions, entrepreneurs/busieness , NGO's and civil society .

Short term objectives:

- To contribute to increased coordination and network structures between stakeholders and sectors within fields related to solutions for local sustainability and socio-ecological resilience.
- To increase the awareness, knowledge and learning related to the theme and topic of the project through exchange of information, methods, tools and experience.
- To implement project activities and Thematic workshops, including the project Kick-off and one final forum, where topics related to the theme of the partnership will be highlighted in practical ways. All topics give access to information related to sustainable resource management and provide alternatives to mainstream consumption patterns.

- To contribute to interactive contacts between movements involved: Ecovillage, Permaculture and Transition network (AP), where the common interest to bring resilience to communities and regions are shared and worked on.
- To address traditional knowledge, which still is prevalent in countries like Russia and Belarus and where valuable methods and approaches for local sustainability can be found, as an important source for best practices.
- Increase awareness and knowledge on the concepts sustainable development and resilience among decision and policy makers as well as the interested broader public.
- Support the diversification of entrepreneurship, products and services by spreading information about eco- and retro-innovations in environmental technologies and community planning while protecting and conserving natural resources, human well-being and social equity
- Support the implementation of the Action “Green Region” in the EUSBSR Action Plan, HA Sustainable development with a view to creating a network of sustainable cities and villages
- By seeing networking and opportunities for learning as interconnected, the project activities will have these two aspects – networking and learning- as core objectives for implementation
- Extending the network, preferably in new partnercountries, by including more AP whom thereafter can become PP.

Expected long term results:

- Increased mutual intercultural interaction, learning and understanding between project participating countries, Russian, Belarus and Sweden in the field.
- Increased exchange of scientific data, knowledge, traditional and practical experiences and information gathered in this field.
- Enhanced awareness and understanding related to resilience and sustainable living – as concepts -on all levels of society in the BSR.
- Preservation of traditional knowledge and skills still in use in Russia and Belarus supporting resilience of their communities, being applicable for other countries in other parts of the Baltic sea Region.
- Increased interactions of all levels of societies in developing small scale solutions for sustainable development and resilience of Baltic Sea, Russian and Belarusian communities.
- Increased empowerment of young people, students in particular.
- Extended networks regarding green entrepreneurship/ business
- Increased empowerment of people in the BSR as a whole, who continues affirming their interests in contributing to the establishment of resilient societies where new ways of relating to living, consumption, resources and waste management will be important parts of concretizing future sustainable life.
- Expanded project platform during the project period, by the inclusion of Associate Partners, which will contribute to a broader partnership and collaborative relations in the future.

Expected short term results:

- REALS will contribute to the establishment of a more visible network related to small scale sustainable solutions, for dissemination across the BSR.
- Increased coordination among already existing networks structure and more interactive contacts among different movements in the field of interest.
- Continuously collaborative relations within the field between universities involved and to them external NGO's entrepreneurs and other sectors in the BSR.
- Establishment of an interactive web platform, including a database on good practices, case studies and small scale solutions in resilience. See communication plan.
- Extended partnership of REALS Ukraine and/ or at least one more country in the Baltic Sea Region, preferably Baltic States
- At least one new project application for pilot demonstration project as a direct outcome of cooperation within REALS, which can be the establishment of a Resource Center in one of the partner countries or other showcases related to sustainable solutions.
- Increased knowledge and awareness among policy and decision makers on the regional and local level on the concepts of sustainability and resilience and how to apply them regional and community planning
- Collection of policy recommendations to relevant policy makers in the Baltic Sea Region and beyond related to lessons learnt from the project
- Promotion of Transition Town networks in Belarus and Russia
- Collection / reports on available and functional traditional knowledge and retro-innovations from Russia, Belarus published in the project database
- Increased amount of international relations within the partnership, which will increase the intercultural interaction between Sweden, Russia and Belarus and strengthen the work within the partners own networks
- Increased amount of international relations external to the partnership, but within the interest of the Project goals/topics. This can be between PP and AP, Between AP and AP as well as to external experts and entrepreneurs.
- Increased amounts of new contacts between networks/movements involved (Permaculture and Ecovillage movement as well as Transition Towns . Including both PP, AP and external actors.
- The amount of articles published - in different medias- which mention the project will be at least 9 during year 2 and 3.
- The amount of participating politicians and governmental representants will be at least 10 during the project period
- Student participation will be counted by each PP, as well as research being provided by students in relation to the project
- New relations between green entrepreneurs/ business and formation of new green business/project ideas.

Implementation of activities

The Thematic workshops and further activities organized by partners in the partner countries will contribute to a mutual exchange of knowledge as well as co-creation of new ideas, related to the topics of the project.

Activities are implemented in 5 different 'Activity Packages': 1: Project-management; 2: Project Steering Group (PSG); 3: Communication; 4: Thematic activities; 5: Studentreports/Thematic reports. (See Activityplan for details).

Sustainability of the project results

Will be ensured by:

- Established new long lasting networks and contacts between actors within the field
- By the web based platform and database which will be further hosted by LP or other actor with the purpose of being a forum for information exchange between the established networks .
- At least one new project application, preferably pointing to pilot demonstration, will be an outcome of the Thematic Partnership within LIFE+ 2016 call for proposals (<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life>) or other relevant funding source. Further funding sources could be Nordic Council of Ministers, (www.norden.org) and for more localised projects PL will investigate if Leader+ is potential funding in the particular region. PL will be updated about new funding programs.
- In cooperation with the Horizontal Action Leader Sustainable Development in the EUSBSR the project lead is currently looking into the development of a communication project by the working title "resilience.dox". This project will apply for funding with another funding source, however, intends to follow the REALS project implementation and produce a number of high quality short films on success stories and good practice examples in REALS. This material will help to further build on to the project results.
- The involvement of NGO's and civil society in working on questions regarding sustainable life relates directly to peoples everyday life and their own interest in changing living patterns. This is one example of long lasting spin-off effects of the project results.

Conditions required for continued partnership after project ends

- That person to person contacts have been established between partner representants, based on mutuality in interest and activities.
- Access to the webplatform, where material still can be shared
- A Source of funding will enable the partnership to take the "next" step in implementating new knowledge and experience practically.
- Contacts established between experts in the partnercountries which enables the networks in the field to grow further.
- Contacts established between entrepreneurs and actors within green businesses
- That the project brings results which motivates PP to take next steps and to continue the collaboration.

Indicators

For the partnerships own interest and sustainability, more indicators will be added as the Baseline study is set up and the project starts.

Indicators used in the chart

- Number of platforms and databases established in the field of interest
- Number and scope of implemented Thematic workshops during the project
- Number of new projects, including pilot demonstration projects developed as a clear outcome of project implementation activities.
- Number of new international relations within the partnership and primary targetgroup
- Number of international relations external to the partnership with secondary targetgroups
- Amount of PP activity reports and documentation
- Level of available data on resilience and traditional knowledge available on the internet
- Number of new policy recommendations in the field of interest developed and distributed to relevant target groups
- Number of new contacts made between existing networks, movements and project partners
- Numbers of reports and documentation files shared on Internet

Further indicators that will be used

- Number of young people/ students involved in project activities/ using project outcomes
- Number of politicians/ policy makers involved in project activities/ using project outcomes
- Number of networks of civic engagement, resilience initiatives etc. in the Baltic Sea Region
- Number of macro-regional events where project results and recommendations have been spread to a Baltic Sea Region audience
- Number of new contacts made between existing networks, movements and project partners
- Number of articles

The projects short term goals compiled:

	Short term goals	Expected results	Indicators
1	To contribute to increased coordination and network structures between stakeholders and sectors within the field. Establishment of an interactive web platform	Establishment of an interactive web platform	-Number of platforms and databases established in the field of interest. Expected: 1

1	To implement Thematic workshops. All topics give access to information related to sustainable resource management and provide alternatives to mainstream consumption patterns.	Implementation of all planned Thematic workshops	Number of thematic workshops implemented. Expected 9 Baseline Study
3	To ensure the sustainability of the project results and a continuation of the partnership network	At least one new application for project proposal	-Number of new projects, including pilot demonstration projects developed as a clear outcome of project implementation activities: Expected: 1 Baseline Study
4	To increase the amount of international relationships within the partnership	Increased amount of international relations within the partnership	Number of new international relations within the partnership: minimum 20 PP. Baseline Study
5	To increase the amount of international relations external to the partnership	Increased amount of international relations to secondary target groups	Number of new international relations to secondary target groups: minimum 10PP. Baseline Study
6	Reports and documentation from Thematic workshops/activities placed in the project database	Provided documentation from each Thematic workshop/activity organised by the partnership	Percentage of activity reporting and documentation. Expected minimum 80% of all workshops. Baseline Study
7	To make traditional knowledge and technologies visible, especially in Russia and Belarus	Documentation and reports on traditional knowledge and technologies from Thematic workshops and more	Level of available data regarding traditional knowledge. Expected minimum 10 reports in project database Baseline Study
8	To collect policy recommendations from the project experience which will be disseminated in BSR and beyond.	Collections of policy recommendation disseminated to relevant policymakers in the BSR	Numbers of policies and timing: Expected minimum: 10 policies, December of 2015. Baseline Study
9	To increase the contacts between different networks/movements involved	Increased amount of cross - border relations between movements	Numbers of new relations between movements. Expected minimum: 100

10	To contribute to increased coordination and network structures between stakeholders and sectors within fields related to solutions for local sustainability and socio-ecological resilience.	Increased exchange of scientific data, knowledge, traditional and practical experiences and information gathered in this field.	Numbers of reports and documentation files shared on Internet
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Appendix 3: Activities and Sustainability

Timetable and activity plan

- The project is in progress September 1st to August 31st 2016 : 36 months
- The project holds the following 5 activity packages: Projectmanagement; Project Steering Group; Communication; Theme and Best Practices; Student Papers and Thematic Reports
- "Meet Objectives" are related to short term objectives in the project.

Activity 1:

❖ PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Main responsible partner: Permaculture Sweden

Permaculture Sweden is responsible for contacts with the Swedish Institute, the Project Partners (PP) and Associate Partners (AP). The Project Leader will ensure that all Activity Packages are smoothly communicated between each other, and stays in close collaboration with the project treasurer, web. Administrator, administrator and PP.

For internal evaluation, and as a base for Interim and final reports, a Baseline Study will be established where surveys are disseminated each year within the partnership.

Lead Partner (LP) reports to SI annually

Timetable:

- Month 1 – 36: Main contact point to funding body
- Month 12: 1st Interim reporting to the funding body
- Month 24: 2nd Interim report to the funding body
- Month 36: Final reporting to the funding body
- Month 36: Final auditing

Results:

This activity will ensure sustainability of the project, continuity and implementation

Budget:

Amount applied for: 979 200 SEK
Own contribution: 345 000 SEK
TOTAL: 1 324 200 SEK

Meet objectives:

All 1-9

Activity 2:

- PROJECT STEERING GROUP (PSG)

Main responsible partner: Permaculture Sweden

Collaborators: Project Partners (PP)

PP reports to each other, planning of activities and use of i.e. SWOT analysis

Timetable:

Month 2: Kick-off meeting Skåne, Sweden

Month 5: Steering Committee Meeting Skype

Month 8: Steering Committee Meeting Skype

Month 12: Steering Committee Meeting Kaluga region, Russia

Month 14-16: Steering group meeting back-to-back EUSBSR

Month 18: Steering Committee Meeting Skype

Month 22: Steering Committee Meeting Skype

Month 26: Steering Committee Meeting Belarus

Month 29: Steering Committee Meeting Skype

Month 32: Steering Committee Meeting Skype

Month 34/35: Steering Committee Meeting at the final conference/thematic workshop, Järna, Sweden

Results:

This activity will ensure sustainability of the project, continuity and implementation.

Budget:

Mobility: 373 800 SEK
OH: 84 000 SEK
Internal and external expertise: 138 200 SEK
Amount applied for in total: 596 000 SEK
Own contribution: 334000 + 12000 SEK = 346 000 SEK

TOTAL 942 000 SEK

Meet objectives:

All 1-9

Activity 3:

❖ COMMUNICATION

Main responsible partner: Permaculture Sweden

Collaborators: PP and to some extent Associated Partners (AP) (without financial funding)

Timetable:

Month 1-4: Create a website/webplatform for REALS in english, including a blog and database for thematic workshop- and student reports plus additional documented information. Preferably by film and photography. Presentations and links to PP and presentation of the project as a whole.

Presentation of AP.

Month 1-36: Updating the website/webplatform

Month 1-3: A Baseline Study will be established

Month 1-4: Develop external project information material: project flyer, social media channels

Month 1-36: Disseminate updates on REALS on partner websites, social media, Horizontal Action Leader's channels and more.

Month 1: Media and politicians press-release/ call for Kick-off and Thematic workshops in Skåne (Höör)

Month 2: Participate at EUSBSR Finland

Month 2: Press Release

Month 3: Participate at EUSBSR & CBSS Vilnius

Month 4-36: Presentation student work

Month 6: Newsletter 1

Month 10-12: Media and politicians call for summer seminar, press release

Month 12: Participation in the international conference and Thematic workshop in Kaluga region, Russia

Month 12: Newsletter 2

Month 12: Interim report 1 to SI

Month 15: Participate at EUSBSR

Month 16: Baseline Study: annual evaluation form

Month 18: Newsletter 3

Month 22-24: Media and politicians pressrelease/call for summer seminar

Month 24: Interim report 2 to SI

Month 24: Newsletter 4

Month 26: Participation in the international conference, fair and Thematic Workshop in Belarus

Month 27: Participate at EUSBSR

Month 30: Newsletter 5

Month 30-36: Summary of project results

Month 30-36: New project applications

Month 34: Call for Final conference and Thematic workshops Sörmland (Järna) - pressrelease media and politicians

Month 35-36: Call for summer seminar - Pressrelease: media and politicians, arranging summer seminar followed by press release

Month 35: Baseline Study: final evaluation form (at or after Järna Final conference)

Month 36: Newsletter 6

Month 36: Final Report to SI

Results:

The planned activities will ensure the project's communication with both primary and secondary target groups.

Connected to activity 4 and 5

Budget:

Amount applied for: 140 000 SEK

-with additional contribution from activity 1, 2 and 4 budgetlines as the budgets merge

Own contribution: 82000 SEK

TOTAL: 222000 SEK

Meet objectives: 1, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9

Activity 4:

❖ THEME AND BEST PRACTICES

Includes: Data collection, seminars, workshops and international conferences

Main responsible partner: Permaculture Sweden(LP) and PP

Collaborators: Geographically and / or thematically relevant project stakeholders

Timetable:

Month 1-19: Ongoing activity, Belarus: Permaculture implementation project concerning waste management in agricultural production:

Visits to farms. Establishing a list of farms for project implementation. Seminar for farmers "permaculture design for resilient farming development". Report on the seminar. Choice of one experimental farm for organic farming and permaculture project performance.

Formation of an expert team for permaculture project development. Execution of the permaculture project (at the Fair and thematic workshop oct.2015) on the experimental farm. Workshop for farmers "Wastemanagement in agricultural production" , where an outcome is a brochure about biological methods for wastemanagement. Collaboration with other PP. Belarus, (Ecohome).

Month 2: INTERNATIONAL THEMATIC WORKSHOP on resilience and sustainable living; regenerative edible farming systems and green economy. Holma folk high school, Sweden, (Permaculture Sweden, CEMUS, Greenelizer)

Month 3: Conference in Russia on Education in rural territories (3 days). Main topics are: - change in consumer behavior of school students and teachers in village schools; -localization of community economy; -practical orientation of village based education to meet needs of rural territories. The conference will take place in Yst'yansky district Arkhangelsk region, Russia, (REEN and Dept. of SD, St.PSU)

Month 6-33: Ongoing activity, Belarus: Green Cities - sustainable urban development:

Analysis of stakeholders, consultations/coaching and collaborative meetings. Report on institutional and legal analysis of involvement of stakeholders in the process of urban decision-making. Development of data based on sustainable urban development, in collaboration with other PP and more. Creating a platform for cooperation of stakeholders including training of expertise. Meeting and interviews of stakeholders participating in urban decision-making and in the process of urban development. Analysis and results of meetings, discussions and interviews. Meeting with stakeholders of the process of decision-making in urban areas. Follow up. Belarus, (Ecoproject)

Month 11: Summer Seminar, Sweden (hosts: Permaculture Sweden, CEMUS)

Month 12: INTERNATIONAL THEMATIC WORKSHOP and conference with focus on natural beekeeping and eco-technologies connected with it; organic agriculture, herbal methodology and woodwork. It will be hosted in the Ecovillage Medvinka, Kaluga Region, Russia. (hosts: REEN and Dept. of SD, St.PSU)

Month 19: Seminar: Promotion of sustainable forestry and changing consumption patterns. Hosted in the ecovillage Kovcheg, Maloyaroslavets district, Kaluga region, Russia, (Reen and Dep. of SD, St.PSU)

Month 23: Summer Seminar in Almedalen, Sweden (hosts: Permaculture Sweden, CEMUS)

Month 26: Open Forum "Green Cities, Belarus, (host: Ecoproject)

Month 26: INTERNATIONAL THEMATIC WORKSHOP, forum and Fair: "Ideas for resilience". Belarus, (host: Ecohome)

Month 31: International Thematic Workshop and Conference "Resilience, Sustainability and Consumption" in St.Petersburg State University, Russia. (Hosts: REEN and Dept. of SD, St.PSU)

Month 34-35: FINAL INTERNATIONAL FORUM &THEMATIC WORKSHOP Järna, Sweden. This event will gather stakeholders from many different sectors in Sweden and in the BSR as a whole. The forum will take place during 4 days (+2 PSG meeting) where seminars and practical workshops are held in one of the biggest ecoregions in the nordic countries, containing many sites for practical implementation: i.e. Ecological Recycling Agriculture farms (ERA, BERAS), wastewater cleaning systems, permaculture sites, ecovillages, youth initiatives, Transition groups etc. (hosts: Permaculture Sweden, CEMUS, Greenelizer and other PP).

Month 35: Summer Seminar, Sweden (Hosts: Permaculture Sweden, CEMUS, Greenelizer and other PP)

Results:

All topics highlight, disseminate and give access to information related to the thematic priority 1:3. All activities supports the establishment of networks and relations based on learning.

Connected to activity 1, 3 and 5.

Budget:

Amount applied for:	112 2998 SEK,
Own contribution:	128800 SEK
Total:	1251798 SEK

Meet objectives: 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

Activity 5:

❖ STUDENT PAPERS, THEMATIC REPORTS

Main responsible partner: CEMUS, Uppsala University, SLU; Department of Sustainable Development-St.Petersburg State University, REEN, Ecohome, Ecoproject, Greenelizer).

Collaborators: Geographically and / or thematically relevant project stakeholders"

The reports are placed in the project database, as open source (with reservation for exceptions that consciously may be held within the partnership), available for all interested stakeholders.

Timetable:

Month 1-35: Student papers and other reports, (including Swedish thematic workshops)(CEMUS, Uppsala University, LSU; Dept. of SD St.PSU)

Month 4-6: Student and thematic reports on conference "Changing of consumer behavior of school students and teachers in villages, (REEN and Dep. of SD St.PSU)

Month 7: Report on the seminar "Permaculture design for resilient farming development" (Ecohome)

Month 9: Report on institutional and legal analysis of Involvement of Various stakeholders in the process of urban decision-making, (Ecoproject)

Month 14: Report and the student reports on international conference in Ecovillage Medvinka, (REEN, Dept. of SD St.PS)

Month 20: Report on Seminar "Consumption and forestry" and one student papers, (Reen and Dept. SD St.PSU).

Month 27: Report on Open Forum "Green Cities", (Ecohome)

Month 27: Report on International conference "Fair of ideas for resilience" (Ecoproject)

Month 31: Report and Student Papers on International conference "Resilience, Sustainability and consumption"

Results:

Establishment of new networks within the field and in the BSR by connecting university activities to NGOs, business/entrepreneurs, public sector, other educational institutions and traditional technology as well as to new solutions in the field.

Access to data and research.

Access to data documentation

Budget:

Lies within Activity 2 and 4

Meet objectives: 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9

Appendix:

Short term objectives - numbered

1. To contribute to increased coordination and network structures between stakeholders and sectors within fields related to solutions for local sustainability and socio-ecological resilience.
2. To increase the awareness, knowledge and learning related to the theme and topic of the project through exchange of information, methods, tools and experience which will inspire further networking through co-learning.
3. To implement project activities and Thematic workshops, including the project Kick-Off and one Final Forum, where topics related to the theme of the partnership will be highlighted. All topics give access to information related to sustainable resource management and provide alternatives to mainstream consumption patterns.

4. To contribute to interactive contacts between movements involved: Ecovillage, Permaculture and Transition network (AP), where the common interest to bring resilience to communities and regions are shared and worked on.
5. To address traditional knowledge, which still is prevalent in countries like Russia and Belarus and where valuable methods and approaches for local sustainability can be found, as an important source for best practices.
6. 6: Increase awareness and knowledge on the concepts sustainable development and resilience among decision and policy makers as well as the interested broader public.
7. Support the diversification of products and services by spreading information about eco- and retro-innovations in environmental technologies and community planning while protecting and conserving natural resources, human well-being and social equity
8. Support the implementation of the Action “Green Region” in the EUSBSR Action Plan, HA Sustainable development with a view to creating a network of sustainable cities and villages.
9. By seeing networking and opportunities for learning as interconnected, the project activities will have these two aspects – networking and learning- as core objectives for implementation.

Risk analysis

Risk	Probability; Consequence; Total risk	Risk management	Person responsible
Keypersons in LP organisation leaves the project	2;3;6	Back up persons are designated in advance in each partner organisation. Several people are designated in Lead Partner organisation	Project Leader
Project Partner leaves the project	2;2;6	An legal agreement will be signed by PP at an early stage in the project, related to their commitments during project implementation.	Project Leader
Lack of response/communication between project Partners	2;3;6	PSG meetings continuously, with one purpose of keeping the dialogue and create understanding for the others present position.	Project Leader/all key people
Risk of high inflation in Belarus/Russia prior to main events, which gives hardships to gover costs with set budgetline	2;3;6	Shortening the event, and inviting less international guests.	Project Partner in collaboration with Project Leader.

With a broad project - framework covering multiple fields, lack of clarity may arise among PP in seeing the project's focus, aim and objectives.	3;3;9	To review the project purposes and objectives each year as well as evaluating the process through SWOTanalysis	Project Leader in collaboration with each PP
Lack of participation on the website, and lack of contribution of documentet material	3;3;9	The aim to use graphical design and multimedia that attracts participation, as well as a newsletter linking people to the website will support a living virtual platform.	Web. administrator and project leader
In relation to new project proposals, handling the	2;3;6	Project Leader will continously discuss with PP about potential proposals that would enrich their contexts, and carry the partnership forward. Project leader will as well provide suitable funding sources.	Project leader
In relation to new project proposals, handling the application process can be a financial and administrative burden for the partnership	2;3;6	Project Leader will continously discuss with PP about potential proposals that would enrich their contexts, and carry the partnership forward. Project leader will as well provide suitable funding sources.	Project Leader
Failure in documenting thematic workshops, and thereby lack material for dissemination	2;4;8	The project will designate people responsible for documentation and reporting. Priority methodology for documentation will be discussed at the first PSG meeting, and in contact with the web.admin	Project leader and Partner responsible for a particular activity
Problems with VISAS and international travel to Belarus due to intergovernmental issues and to Russia due to complicated visa procedures	2;4;8	Re-location of International workshops to another country in the BSR. Preferably to an extended partner country(Belarus). Planning a long time ahead for VISAS to Russia	Project leader/ Belarusian PP representants

Appendix 4; Dissemination

Dissemination and communication

External communication

The main objective here is to externally highlight the message of REALS; to show the importance of- and solutions for sustainable life and local resilience by changing consumption patterns and resource management. This includes, except from providing information about technology etc, also dissemination on the project status and ways of collaboration. This will be done by dissemination of workshop documentation and data gathered in activities. The objective is also to facilitate networking between interested stakeholders on all levels of society in the BSR within the project field. This will partly be facilitated by being counted as a flagship within the EUSBSR, where REALS will be communicated externally in close cooperation with the responsible Horizontal Action Leader.

External and secondary target groups are:

- NGO's with interest in sustainable development
- Educational institutions and students enrolled in interdisciplinary studies with links to sustainability, ecology etc.
- -Politicians, policy makers from local, regional and national levels in charge of rural development, community planning
- Entrepreneurs interested in small scale solutions for sustainability
- Policy makers and stakeholder active in implementing the EUSBSR, especially the Horizontal Action Sustainable Development and Bioeconomy, namely the CBSS-Expert group on Sustainable Development and the Nordic Council of Ministers as well as these organization strategic partners.
- General public active or interested in developing sustainable lifestyle
- -Journalists, bloggers with thematic focus on environment, resilience, sustainable lifestyle and working on local, regional and national level in project partner countries

Primary target groups

- are the Project Partners(PP) own extended networks and at some extent Associated Partners (AP).

Channels (for dissemination)

- Thematic international and national workshops. (For primary target group). See activity plan for details
- The establishment of a web-platform is a core function for communication of project message. It will be a common reference-point, presenting the project, PP and AP. It contains a blog updating visitors on project status, a calendar and a database, where students and

other stakeholders are invited to publish research, information and experience and thus make it accessible for public use.

- A newsletter will be provided for all interested stakeholders
- Press releases will be created in relation to main activities in the partner countries, published through eg mynewsdesk.com and sent to local press
- Publishing a project flyer
- A Logo will be created
- Usage of Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, plus publishing information on linkedin.com, <http://www.ecoprofile.se/>; ecovillageroad.eu/; transitionnetwork.org/projects/map ; <http://permacultureglobal.com/projects>, <http://www.cbss.org/events/>, and more.
- As a flagship within the EUSBSR, project representants will attend the following events at least once during the project period in order to inform about the implementation status and work of the project and disseminate results, policy recommendations and communication products ; The annual Forum of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region, EUSBSR; Annual event of the Horizontal Action leader Sustainable Development in the EUSBSR; Meeting of the CBSS Expert group on Sustainable development, Baltic 21; Almedalen, political week in Visby, Gotland.
- Dissemination of project information will be realized through the Horizontal Action Leaders communication channels.

Internal communication

The main objective here is to keep up and further develop the existing core partnership within REALS and ensure that everyone is up to date with activities and implementation status of the project. Through its internal communication, the project will check regularly that the project implementation is on track and the resources are spent wisely and in accordance to the approved application and activity plan.

The Project Steering Group (PSG), consisting of two representants from each PP and 3 from Lead Partner (LP), where at least one will participate in each meetings four times/year, in relation to a project activity or virtually via Skype. All members of the PSG will be asked to give input to the agenda of the individual meeting, during which minutes will be taken and shared within the partnership. Regular evaluation/reporting on the overall status of the project implementation, mainly pointing towards spending and financial implementation of the project and status of implementation of project activities in accordance with the plan will be done through eg SWOT analyses and a ongoing Baseline Study.

LP, Permaculture Sweden, is the main responsible for facilitating internal communication within the partnership. Simultaneously, as the interest in creating dialogue is a common wish, the co-management of the continuous process of communication in REALS is a topic for collaboration and constant evaluation. Tools that will be used internally is email, Google Drive and Skype, as well as a login function on the website.

To value and use the “resources” found in cultural diversity and intercultural dialogue -both between sectors as well as between geographical areas demands skills and tools enabling dialogue and good communication. Face to face dialogue will be facilitated by eg participatory methods, which have

shown to enhance inclusive communication and intercultural learning processes between stakeholders. <http://www.openspaceworld.org/>

The main networking tool with AP is by the website, and with an email-list. AP will be invited to workshops as participants and /or external experts. Their expertise in certain areas contributes to the value of the partnership as a whole, and information which they provide will be shared in the project database.

Responsibility

LP and the Project Leader have the main responsibility in facilitating communication and the dissemination of project values, objectives, results and gathered data. The project leader will work closely together with web admin to find the best ways to make data accessible.

All PP, including LP, have their own budget lines as well as obligations towards the project in form of communication, participation, coordination of activities/ workshops, documentation and writing of reports.

LP ensures that the project main funding source is indicated on all dissemination and communication material and the project is clearly linked to SI.

PP are responsible for organizing designated activities in their countries from where documentation is placed in the project database, where information about the implementation and process of the workshop theme is described clearly (including tools for communication). All PP state their involvement in the project on their own websites, using the project logo.

Budget communication

140 000 SEK

Own contribution: 82 000 SEK

Oversight

Budget

Lead Partner (PL) - Permaculture Sweden- is responsible for the overall economic implementation of the project. The project leader will keep the overview and jointly work together with the head administrator and treasurer, also from LP. The project leader will also request regular reports on the financial status of the project. The financial situation will be transparent for all PP, and PL is responsible in making it visible. LP is also responsible for the audit of the accounts.

If the project is approved, the PL and head administrator/ treasurer will once again communicate all budgetlines in detail within the first PSG meeting (face to face).

Reporting to SI

The LP will provide 2 interim reports, also including financial reporting to the funding programme in month 12 and 24 and the final reporting by the end of the project, month 36. LP coordinates and

monitors the reporting to the funding body (SI), with a final report and a mid-term report. LP is responsible for communication to SI.

Lead partners resilience

To guarantee the strenght of the LP position, there will be several back-up people designated for the role in keeping an overview over the project as a whole, the budget and financial reporting, projectleading and over project activities. That is the reason why LP continously has 3 people following the project in PSG. Permaculture Swedens network includes many entrepreneurs ready to offer their support, which contributes to LP resilience.

Monitoring

The importance of keeping the existing core and "red thread" in the project, where oversight that REALS objectives and expected results are implemented, the partnership strengthened and the networks extended, is of most importance for the projects sustainability, purpose and influence in the BSR. To be able to oversee that progress is made, a Baseline Study will be started in October 2013 within the partnership and by the PL, monitoring the project development. Determining current indicator levels before intervention, the study allows monitoring change and results related to the projects short term objectives.

The Baseline Study will be managed continuously through a online survey, hosted by polldaddy.com, which provides instant summaries and statistics. The PL, or of the project leader designated PP, is responsible to implement this minimum once every year (2014-16). The annual results are inserted in the long term Baseline Study, also managed online, visualizing the progress as well as potential problems in the project.

Project Steering Group (PSG)

To enshure implementation and strong coherent partnership, the project will set up a PSG which meets face to face or virtually approx. every 3rd month. The group will continuously evaluate and oversee the process through eg SWOT analyses, which is a structured planning method that will serve to evaluate Strenghts, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats in the partnership and in each partner group, in relation to the projects communication, aims and objectives.

LP, or if possible, other PP will provide a short report on the present situation in REALS at each Steering meeting where each partner will provide additional information from each partner country if necessary.

Activity oversight and documentation

LP is the overall responsible partner, but with an aim to outsource further tasks as it is beneficial for the mutuality of the partnership. Agreements will be signed on areas of responsibility once the project starts.

The Activity Plan has 5 different Activity Packages:

1: PROJECT MANAGEMENT

-Responsible: Permaculture in Sweden (LP)

2: PSG ACTIVITIES

-Responsible: Permaculture in Sweden (LP)

-Collaborators: Project Partners (PP)

3: COMMUNICATION ACTIVITIES

Responsible: Permaculture in Sweden (LP) and Project Partners

Collaborators: All project actors

4: THEMATIC ACTIVITIES

Responsible: Permaculture in Sweden (LP) and Project Partners

Collaborators: Geographical and / or thematically relevant project stakeholders

5: STUDENT REPORTS; THEMATIC REPORTS

Responsible: CEMUS, Uppsala University; St Petersburg State University; REEN, Ecohome, Ecoproject

Collaborators: geographical and /or thematically relevant stakeholders

For timetables and elaborated information - see activityplan.

Project Partners, Project Leader and the web administrator are jointly responsible for international thematic activity documentation. Project Partners are responsible for thematic national activity documentation. An evaluation form will be given at each main thematic activity, where participants external to the Partnership are present.

PP are responsible for reporting on their activities in their countries, through a short report on each activity, with additional photos and/or preferably short films, where information about the implementation and process of the workshop theme is described clearly (including tools used for communication an implementation of the activity). These reports could also be presented in one annual report.

