



INTERREG IVB

PROGRESS REPORT

(April - long version)

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1. General Project Data

Project title:	The social economy and the management of green infrastructure		
Acronym:	Green And Blue Futures	Project number:	2641
Nationality of the Lead Partner:	UK		
Start date:	07/01/2011	End date:	09/30/2015
Priority:	4 - Strengthening communities	Duration (in months):	51
Total eligible project budget:	3,241,288.01	Total ERDF funding:	1,620,644.01

1.2 Details on reporting period

Progress Report number:	2		
Official reporting deadline:	30/04/2013	Date of submission:	01/07/2012
Reporting period	From:	To:	
	01/Jul/ 2012		31/Dec/ 2012

Contact details of the person responsible for the report

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1.3 Summary description of your project in English

Please provide a brief summary of the project to be published on the website (This should be a fixed summary of the project as given in the Application Form. It should be updated, when necessary) - **(max. 2000 characters)**

The Operational Programme for North West Europe recognises that the quality of places and environmental and cultural assets is important for creating strong and prosperous communities. Europe's green and blue infrastructure (nature sites, parks, open space, woodlands & waterways etc) forms an important part of these assets, which is often managed by local authorities or other public agencies. With the current financial crisis however there is increasing pressure on public sector funds. There new, more cost-effective models for resource management need to be developed. An opportunity for doing this is through increased involvement of the social economy in resource management via not-for-profit organisational structures. Such an approach can have the added benefits of achieving greater involvement of local stakeholders with the resource and delivering social outcomes, such as employment for disadvantaged groups.

The aim of G&BF is to develop a strategic framework for doing this in an effective way that can be promoted throughout North West Europe with the aim of widening the adoption of such approaches. Lessons learnt through the project will also feed into furthering European policy (particularly Europe 2020) and input to future delivery of the European structural funds. The project will also develop an approach for assessing the benefits of such schemes by relating cost savings to the public sector (through the more efficient management of the infrastructure) to the wider benefits delivered to society (through, for example, increased employment amongst target beneficiary groups). Finally the project aims to develop opportunities for transnational labour mobility both for social entrepreneurs and for stakeholders and beneficiaries of schemes.

1.4 Changes in the contact details (if any) of the Lead Partner organisation and/ or project management team - (max. 2000 characters)

The name & status of the Lead Partner changed from 02/07/2012 - Name: Canal & River Trust (CRT); Legal status: Non-profit Organisation. The address has also changed to First Floor North, Station House, 500 Elder Gate, Milton Keynes MK9 1BB. NUTS1: South East England; NUTS2: Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire; NUTS3: Milton Keynes. Contact details for the Project Manager and Project Coordinator have also changed, as they have moved to the new address. Project Manager: Glenn Millar. Email: glenn.millar@canalrivertrust.org.uk. Tel: +44 1908 351855; Mob: +44 7703 316026. Project coordinator: Chris Barnett. Email: chris.barnett@canalrivertrust.org.uk. Tel: +44 1908 351852; Mob: +44 7887 540609. Contact details for the Finance Manager remain the same as in the application.

Due to the long term sickness of the Project Manager, Chris Barnett will until further notice be the main contact for the project and is continuing to co-ordinate the project, will deliver Progress Reports and Finance Claims and provide liaison with partners, the FLC and the JTS.

Chris Bailey has been working part time since Sept on the project overseeing the CRT activities locally – and since Nov 2012 has been engaged to oversee delivery of project activities across the partnership. He plans to visit all the partners before October 2013 to ensure partners understand the tasks ahead and stay focused on the transnational requirements of the project. In addition he will assist them with setting up the stakeholder groups as required, utilising his experience in these through his work with various partnerships/stakeholder groups at CRT.

II. OVERALL CUMULATIVE PROGRESS OF THE PROJECT**2.1 Brief account of the main achievements to date**

Please describe how the project is making progress in achieving the project's aim (Please note that this section will be uploaded on the online project database. This section is not applicable for the first progress report) - (max. 5000 characters)

Green & Blue Futures was approved in April 2012, following re-submission of the application to meet the conditions set out in the initial conditional approval letter (23/01/2012). This Claim period formed the set-up period for the project involving the establishment of financial and administrative arrangements and the implementation of the first Phase of WP1 (Project & pilot action definition. CRT as Lead Partner (1) established management, administrative, & financial arrangements for the project, including confirmation of the Project Manager, Project Coordinator / Communications Manager & Finance Manager roles; (2) appointed a First Level Controller both for the Lead Partner & CRT pilot aspects of the project; (3) Agreed the Partnership Agreement with partners. This was signed and lodged with the JTS in Jan 2013

The Kick-off meeting held in London on 15/05/2012 discussed (1) the overall structure of the project and confirmed partners roles (2) arrangements for the pilot actions - particularly focussing on areas of common interest / opportunities for joint working; (3) financial / administrative arrangements; (4) communications arrangements and opportunities.

The study of existing practices in North West Europe for the involvement of the social economy in the management of green & blue infrastructure was written by the University of Brighton. This looks at trends in the sector and identifies good practice case studies. The review will help inform the joint development of the pilot actions within the project. A draft report was available in early November 2012 and the authors presented their initial findings during the workshop held as part of the Partner Meeting held in Lichfield (England) on 15-16/11/2012.

This Steering Group meeting / workshop / site visit discussed results of the review of existing practices and this exercise helped partners consider joint elaboration of the pilot actions. A further session examined the varying types of social economy structures in partner's regions and resultant discussions helped aid our understanding of these structures and which ones we need or want to consider through G&BF. Hainaut offered to take the lead on this topic in future and were tasked with arranging a sub group from Hainaut, SWT and STCC looking at skills training across social enterprises to add to our understanding of this topic as well.

Keith Willis the G&BF FLC attended the Lichfield Meeting and gave a presentation setting out the control work he requires from Partners & FLC's and answered questions relating to this

In WP2 Canal & River Trust (CRT) started the volunteer works on the Caidon Canal. Hainaut's 3 pilots got underway and started to work together and with Reussir en Sambre to discuss activities and assess good practices emerging from these early stages. The Scottish Waterways Trust (SWT) continued planning the individual programmes, detail for the modules and which partners will deliver the Canal College (WP3) training. They started booking trainers as early as possible in place for the start and Volunteers evaluation plans were finalised. A communications plan set out how their local activities and the project will be promoted, where vacancies will be placed. STCC's work in WP2 progressed with various activities and initiatives to encourage community and stakeholder involvement - including The River Suir Showcase Seminar, the South Tipperary Heritage Forum, and the River stakeholder network.

West Flanders finalised nature management plans for the water buffers and the 'domain Baliekouter' and plans for delivery by social enterprises and 2 social economy companies. CRT's work on the Caldon Canal raised their awareness of voluntary work and they are assessing ways to set up volunteer groups to deliver environmental tasks in the province. Communications activities for the project progressed with (1) the creation of G&BF Flickr site. This site initially showed photos of G&BF activities in Hainaut and is being extended to host all images taken and collected through the project (2) STCC took onboard the task of designing the G&BF brand and logo and the preferred choice of designs was agreed upon by partners at the Lichfield meeting (3) STCC have also produced a template Newsletter that all partners can use to create local versions (as well as us producing a G&BF version) A local schoolgirl produced the first edition for STCC as part of a job experience exercise.

III. PROGRESS OF THE PROJECT - LAST 12 MONTHS

3.1 Activities of the last period - (max. 8000 characters)

(Please summarise the key activities of the last period)

At the Lichfield meeting, discussions of the review of existing practices helped partners consider joint elaboration of the pilot actions. A lengthy session involved partners describing the types of social economy structures in their regions and resultant discussions helped understanding of the wide variety of structures to consider through G&BF. Keith Willis the G&BF FLC attended this meeting and explained the control work he requires from Partners & FLC's and answered questions relating to this. Communications activities included (1) the creation of G&BF Flickr site to host all images collected through the project (2) STCC designed the G&BF brand and logo and the preferred design chosen by partners at Lichfield (3) STCC produced a template Newsletter that all partners can use to create local versions as well as a 'corporate' G&BF version. Canal & River Trust (CRT) set up the Churnet Valley pilot activities in Staffordshire. Initial meetings agreed management tasks and a meeting with partners on 09/11/2012 finalised delivery arrangements. Planning of works took place over Winter 2012/13, and work on the ground started in late Spring 2013. The work contributed to CRT's vegetation management activities linking to the Churnet Valley Living Landscape Partnership, which contributes to Action 2 in WP3. In Hainaut, agricultural equipment and materials were sourced as required to deliver local project actions. A delay in securing The Regional Administration (WBI) funding until Sept 2012 had delayed activities and letting of contracts to External Experts and suppliers. However, supervisors were hired and beneficiaries placed in October 2012 as the Charleroi pilot action got underway. A technical advisor was appointed and this resource will be available to the two other structures and will share good practices with them. Research was carried out to analyse the type of

support and network of partners that would benefit the Charleroi pilot action - and to suggest what scientific information for ground analysis is required as their activities are in a polluted urban area. Regular visits by the technical advisor helped with this and ground clearance started at the end of December. Two visits to Brussels and Mouscron allowed the Charleroi beneficiaries to see how help and training is given to unskilled people there. A Network of training organisations involved in social integration was set up to share good practices between Hainaut's sub-partners. A day exchanging these practices took place on 13th December at Ferme Delsamme. 7 supervisors and 20 beneficiaries met and shared experiences. 5 visits also took place to develop a network with actors involved in social integration. Province de Hainaut has authorised the start of courses to provide a "certificate of proficiency in market gardening" part of a school network called "promotion sociale".

It enables working people to obtain a vocational qualification and give them new employment opportunities. The certificate is part academic and part practical, working in social enterprises and will be developed as part of the Delsamme pilot action.

An article in the Walloon region territorial development publication "Les cahiers nouveaux" presented the actions of G&BF. The partner also worked on the preparation of a regional blog for exchange of good practices between their 3 partners.

Réussir en Sambre and Hainaut held a joint workshop to exchange information about their G&BF activities and discussed ways they can collaborate given their geographical proximity and obvious linkages through the project.

West-Flanders (WF) finalised nature management plans for the water buffers and the 'domain Baielkouter'. These labour intensive jobs lend themselves to delivery by social enterprises and 2 social economy companies started the works (mowing of wet soil and pillowing of willows)

Similar companies carried out such works previously, however, as they were hired on an "as-needed" basis, the work for the future years was hard to estimate. The plans in place now (evaluated as conservation works progress) will give social economy companies better prospects of possible investments in either in materials or staff. Investigations along a number of provincial routes and domains looked at which types and volumes of trees need maintenance (e.g. willows) and what scope there was for managing and carrying out this work to be done by either social enterprises or volunteers.

WF benefitted from the discussions and field visits in Lichfield, leading to new insights in voluntary work. As a result they are looking at ways to set up an active volunteers group to deliver different environmental tasks in the province. South Tipperary sought proposals from

organisations wishing to deliver the series of Arts projects, events etc along the River Suir during 2013 promoting the local communities' connection to the River.

Work on WP2 Action 4 progressed well with various activities and initiatives demonstrating this; The River Suir Showcase Seminar on 27th November 2012 attracted 100 delegates. 20 members from primary stakeholders attended the South Tipperary Heritage Forum, and the River stakeholder network and project teams increased to 250 members in the period. In Feb 2013 Tenders were invited from contractors wishing to draw up the Suir Island feasibility study.

STCC designed the G&BF brand and logo and template Newsletter

Réussir en Sambre initially concentrated on administrative issues and procedures. In WP1 they set up their Analysis of best practices in social economy structures in the Nord Pas de Calais Region and they met with Hainaut to discuss how their pilot actions can be assimilated and good practices exchanged.

They sent out tenders for experts involved in energy optimisation, industrial location, commercial feasibility, land and cost analysis, and legal and administrative aid.

Research is underway into the optimum ways to grow Spiruline. The delay in finalising this research has had a knock on effect in implementing this pilot though once this research is completed the partner should be in a position to start on this very quickly.

The Scottish Waterways Trust (SWT) worked towards finalising the content and structure of the Canal College courses. They have been planning all of the individual programmes, working up the detail for the modules and which training partners will deliver the training. They started booking in the trainers as early as possible to ensure they have all of the tools, welfare, PPE all in place for the start. An evaluation plan was finalised identifying how each young person and volunteer will be evaluated throughout the life of the project and what tools are required to gather the evaluation material.

A communications plan was finalised setting out how their local activities and the project will be promoted, where vacancies (for trainees and volunteer mentors) will be placed, how social media will be maximised, and a webpage was created on the SWT website. Promotion got underway with an interview on Radio Scotland articles in the local papers (Falkirk Herald, Edinburgh Reporter, Splash)

A new partnership with Scottish Rural University College was developed which will provide the first Edinburgh programme with a wrap around SQA qualification in Horticulture. SWT are looking to develop the partnership with SRUC further and look at the opportunity to develop a small suite of qualifications linked to canal college so it can be rolled out in the future as an education package.

3.2 Partnership development - (max. 5000 characters)

(Please report on how transnational cooperation has been implemented throughout this period)

At the Lichfield meeting, discussions of the review of existing practices helped partners consider joint elaboration of the pilot actions. Partners described the types of social economy structures in their regions and how important the social economy is to each region. Resultant discussions helped understanding of the wide variety of structures to consider through G&BF and how we should perhaps consider more than one optimum structure to include in the Framework. The session was facilitated by Stephane Ramu from Hainaut who also offered to take the lead on the topic of skills evaluation (volunteers, disadvantaged groups etc) for the project. This group will be formed of Hainaut, STCC and SWT and widening the responsibility given to partners in this way is seen as a good way of increasing transnationality. Every partner updated the group on the type of social enterprises operating in their locality and how important the social economy is to each region.

West-Flanders particularly welcomed the discussions as it became made clear to them that the G&BF partners all operate and experience differing types of social enterprises. The site visit to the Caldon Canal also gave them new insights in voluntary work. Some of those ideas are being put into action by them and will be further developed as a result of the discussions. They are looking how to set up and involve an active volunteers group for different environmental tasks in the province. These changes are deemed to be a good demonstration of the value of the transnational exchanges within the project as they have come about following the experiences and knowledge gained through partner meetings/exchanges and visits.

Bi-partite meetings have taken place or are planned between G&BF partners. Réussir en Sambre and Hainaut held a workshop to exchange information about their G&BF activities. Although Réussir en Sambre have not yet started feasibility studies for its tasks collaboration will develop productively in future and given their proximity this will work well. STCC and SWT have held informal discussions and are planning to meet formally to exchange ideas relating to partnership development - particularly as SWT's Canal College project is in its early stages and such input is important to set it off on the right track. STCC took onboard the task of designing the G&BF brand and logo and the preferred choice of designs was agreed upon by partners at the Lichfield meeting (3) STCC have also produced a template Newsletter that all partners can use to create local versions (as well as us producing a G&BF version)

Work to develop the communications for the project progressed with (1) the creation of G&BF Flickr site. This site initially showed photos of activities organized in Hainaut for Green and Blue Futures but is being extended to host all images taken and collected through the project This should help raise awareness of the project at international level www.flickr.com/photos/greenandbluefutures

3.3 Major changes experienced or anticipated (e.g. concerning implementation schedule, partnership, budgeting) - (max. 5000 characters)

N.B. The project implementation should adhere to the implementation plan of the Application Form. Under no circumstances should changes be made without the knowledge and approval of the JTS. Substantial changes may require the submission of a revised Application Form and, in some cases, the approval of the Programme Steering Committee. Please follow the instructions provided in the Guidance Notes.

SWT have said they would like to re-organise their budget in order to deliver their Canal College activities more effectively. This is primarily switches budget between External Experts and Staff to manage the project and to deliver the associated training activities. In addition they need more equipment and materials to use in the training. We have indicated to the partner that this would be OK in principle subject to proper / fuller written justification and that there is no significant effect to the three overall G&BF budget lines at project level. The LP will be in contact with the JTS to seek their approval to such changes.

In keeping with the overall ethos of G&BF, CRT have started the process of engaging volunteers to carry out certain parts of the Communications outputs as set out in the Application. This should help us to widen the workload / perspective in delivering these – as well as giving an opportunity for local volunteers to demonstrate their abilities and enhance future employability prospects. CRT will still direct the content and materials and supervise the delivery of G&BF communications messages.

Representatives of 'Canal Connections' – a Social Enterprise based on and around the Leeds & Liverpool Canal in West Yorkshire – attended the Lichfield meeting and were due to attend the Hainaut Partner Meeting in May. They have a lot to offer the project given their involvement in training, education, and personal development of young people on and around waterways and there was a great deal of mutual exchanges of advice and experiences between them and G&BF partners. They are keen to get involved more formally with the project and we have asked them to submit a proposal setting out how they can complement work in the project and add to the transnational learning of the partnership. Once we have this finalised we plan to present it to the JTS for consideration prior to a formal request to amend the Application to include them.

3.4 Elements to improve in the next phase and potential solutions (problems encountered, difficulties in communication between partners, administrative barriers, difficulties in attracting relevant actors, etc.) - (max. 5000 characters)

As explained earlier, the G&BF Project Manager, Glenn Millar has been on long term sick leave since Sept 2012. Chris Barnett is continuing to co-ordinate the project, deliver Progress Reports and Finance Claims and provide liaison with partners, the FLC and the JTS.

Chris Bailey has been working part time since Sept on the project overseeing the CRT activities locally – and since Nov 2012 has been engaged to oversee delivery of project activities across the partnership. He plans to visit all the partners before October 2013 to ensure partners understand the tasks ahead and stay focused on the transnational requirements of the project. In addition he will assist them with setting up the stakeholder groups as required, utilising his experience in these through his work with various partnerships/stakeholder groups at CRT.

Scottish Canals' activities in G&BF are not planned to start in earnest until late 2013 and they are currently in the process of appointing staff to work on their prescribed project activities. We (the LP and FLC) have however expressed our dissatisfaction that they have not attended any project meetings to date – and assurances have been given that they will attend the next meeting in Tipperary (Oct 2013) and contribute fully to the transnational work of the partnership. Their task in WP2 (to establish a Social Enterprise Zone as an incubator for social enterprises), has to be extended to other partners as the project progresses so we will stress the importance of delivering this in good time.

The claim process has proved more difficult than envisaged. Some issues relate to familiarity with the OLF system (which we have now overcome) but mainly they relate to control work carried out by Partners FLC's. Keith Willis the Project Controller has had to revert some claims to partner / FLC's in order to get the improved / revised Control Reports and necessary documentation from them.

The quality of some FLC's has been questioned by Keith and he will have highlighted this in his reporting. However given, the stance taken in this claim (i.e. to insist on improved documentation etc) the process should run more efficiently in future and partners / FLC's will submit fully correct and properly documented claims.

We have been delayed putting reports prepared through WP1, presentations & summaries from the workshops, on the project website as this has not been set up as yet. As reported elsewhere we will catch up on this following appointment of volunteers to handle G&BF communications tasks. We will supervise production of the first project newsletter, which will feature the Activities undertaken in the workshops. Opportunities will be taken to promote actions and their findings / results at international events and via press / media articles. General awareness raising regarding the project, its objectives and the role of EU funding will also take place during this phase of activity.

3.5 Supporting annexes - submitted together with the report - (max. 5000 characters)

(Please organise and list annexes per Work Package and per action number)

WP1 A8 - Review of existing practices and trends in relation to the social economy in North West Europe

WP2 A4 - River Suir Showcase Seminar (Invitation)

WP3 A3 - Canal College Training Plan

(Communications) STCC / River Suir Newsletter (to be used as template for G&BF partners)

3.6 Reporting per Work Package

Please refer to the "Reporting per Work Package" spreadsheet

3.7 Reporting on Investments

Please refer to the "Reporting on Investments" spreadsheet

IV. MONITORING OF OUTPUT, RESULT AND IMPACT INDICATORS

Please refer to the "Indicators" spreadsheet

V. PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR NEXT 12 MONTHS

5.1 What will be the project's focus for the next 12 months - (max. 5000 characters)

The overall focus will be for partners to complete the process of organising their sub-partners/project pilot areas so they can concentrate on delivering actions prior to analysing and exchanging findings from them. Management and operational structures will be fully in place before the next reporting period and partners will have put in place detailed project briefs/specifications for their pilot actions. All initial budget changes will have to be agreed by the LP and approved by the JTS. Secondly (over and above the delivery of local activities) we will concentrate on setting up the groups and partnerships that will review and build on the initial findings about the social economy through the Brighton University review and initial meetings / discussions.

Specifically in WP1 partners (led by the group from Hainaut, SWT and STCC) will develop the partnership's understanding of skills training requirements across social enterprises. We will hold a series of

workshops involving stakeholders and partners to review current practices. Partners will then use the results of these to add value to their own pilot actions. Conversely earlier findings from pilots underway will feed in to these forums. A key task for organisers of partnerships and groups will be to document discussions and place these on the G&BF website for further dissemination amongst partners.

Another Sub group will be formalised to look at the output measurement methodology we adopt – trialling software and reporting findings back to the rest of the partnership.

In WP2, CRT will target partners with setting up meetings / forums with local organisations. STCC will consolidate their work to involve local communities and interests by hosting a Conference in October bringing these stakeholder groups together in one forum.

SC will draw up the specification for the Social Enterprise Zone concept. Of those outputs planned to be delivered by the SEZ in Scotland we would

expect to see approximately 15 awareness raising events held and 3 new social enterprise ideas worked up to the point of start up.

The strategic public social partnership will be established and Chris Bailey from CRT will assist SWT with this task given his experience in the working of such partnerships.

G&BF partners will be invited to visit the Helix project in Falkirk to see progress with the growth cluster set up there. Hainaut and West Flanders will work with SC to plan the establishment of their resource centres for green infrastructure-based social action. SC's trial approaches to the formation of social enterprises, with the involvement of stakeholders is a key task in the period.

West-Flanders will increase their efforts to actively engage volunteers in the maintenance of green and blue infrastructure in the province. They will collaborate with the city of Roeselare who has a need to maintain neighbourhood green spaces. The maintenance will be done

by local volunteers, assisted by a social economy enterprise. These works should help define a long term pool of tasks that can in the future be carried out by social economy enterprises. West Flanders will list these works in order for other G&BF partners to benefit from and will report this to the partnership.

CRT will work closely with WF to explain more about CRT's involvement with volunteers (the recruitment process, rules & regulations, etc). We will also assist them with setting up the stakeholder groups as required, utilising our experience in these through our work with various partnerships/stakeholder groups.

We will also liaise with the skills training sub group from Hainaut, SWT and STCC, adding CRT's understanding of this topic and help establish the means of recording their findings.

SWT will focus on recruiting the first 24 trainees and first 4 volunteer mentors for the Canal College and the two project co-ordinators overseeing the project work. The new partnership with Scottish Rural University College will be built on and SWT will look to develop the partnership with them further and consider the opportunity to develop a small suite of qualifications linked to canal college so it can be rolled out in the future as an education package.

As reported elsewhere we will catch up on G&BF Communications activities following appointment of volunteers to handle some tasks. We will supervise production of the first project newsletter, which will feature the activities undertaken in the workshops. In general, they will be reminded of the need to promote the project and its' results / EU funding role but at the same time given some licence to develop the range of media used to do this as they feel is most effective

5.2 What outputs do you expect to accomplish? - (max. 5000 characters)

(Please list the outputs only)

(WP2 A1) Scottish Canals will draw up the specification for the Social Enterprise Zone concept

(WP2 A1) 15 awareness raising events will be held with partners / stakeholders,

(WP2 A1) 3 new social enterprise ideas will be worked up to the point of start up.

(WP2 A1) The strategic public social partnership will be established to test out social economy involvement in a major infrastructure management redesign.

(WP3A2) 3km of restored footpath on the Caldon Canal, and 10 improved access points, 1km of environmental bank protection, and vegetation management works completed.

Approximately 50 young people will have acquired new skills and for 500 volunteer-days will have been delivered.

(WP3A3) 96 Level 1 & 2 training placements delivered by Canal College

(WP2A4) Increased numbers of people will be involved & engaged with the river & its infrastructure through follow up events similar to the River Suir Showcase Seminar.

(WP2A4) The network of community & specialist interest groups along the river will expand as publicity for the South Tipperary Heritage Forum, and the River stakeholder network increases. The Seminar in October 2013 will help link to similar groups involved in other partner actions within G&BF;

(WP2A4) The organisation selected to deliver the Suir Island feasibility study will assist in establishing the opportunities offered to highlight the area's environment & heritage works, traditional skills and culture & arts

(WP2A5) Hainaut and Sambre will work with SC to plan the establishment of their resource centres for green infrastructure-based social action.

(WP2A5) The 4 social economy organic food production businesses in Belgium & France will be established

(WP2A5) Employment and training / skills development of unemployed, unskilled local people will be established by the end of the period.

(WP2A5) The creation of a social enterprise for the marketing & distribution of the foodstuffs produced, with associated employment will be established by the end of the period. Alternatively this function may be incorporated into the 'core' social enterprise (e.g. at Ferme Delsamme)

(WP2A6) Improved and cost-effective management of the green infrastructure resource, particularly in environmental terms;

(WP2A6) Training & skills of target beneficiaries will have been improved through work on the new social enterprises

(WP2A6) The creation of a not-for-profit business based on seed collection & the growth of trees & shrubs, employing young people with special needs will take place in the coming year (following revised "plants from here" delivery method).


(WP2A6) Volunteering opportunities in the town of Roeselare will be implemented in the period.

(WP1/WP4) We will have set up the website which will host the 'library' of project documentation Workshop presentations & result summaries It will also hold the detailed project briefs / specifications for the that partners will have produced in order to set up their pilot actions

(WP1/WP4) The Methodology report on outcome measurement will be produced following trials of existing software by the LP and as agreed by partners in April 2013

VI. DATE AND SIGNATURE OF THE LEAD PARTNER

The information and documentation in this report and its attachments give a fair and correct description of the present implementation of the project

Name (in capitals): CHRIS BARNETT	Date and signature: 26/6/13 
Position in the Lead Partner organisation: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICER	
Date and signature of the Lead Partner: 26/6/13 