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1 Introduction

The project FOODQA “Fostering Academia Industry collaboration in Food safety and Quality” has been co-funded under the Erasmus+ Programme. The FoodQA project aims at reinforcing and structuring a Jordanian network for promoting entrepreneurship and innovation in the food area, while improving the flow of knowledge and cooperation between HEI and industry. To achieve this ambitious goal, the consortium identified a set of activities to be carried out through the creation of the FoodQA centers. These activities will lead to key changes in teaching and learning approaches and will build strong & durable bridges between academia and industry.

The partnership has agreed to ensure that all relevant measures shall be taken in order for the project to be implemented with high quality provisions. The main quality characteristics regarding the progress of the project, that will be sought to be accomplished, are the effectiveness of management and communication among the partnership, the timely accomplishment of its milestones and the effective budget control.

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2 Internal Evaluation: Aims and Procedures

This document is for internal use by the project team and has been prepared in the context of the internal quality evaluation of the Project. With an aim to ensure the quality of the FOODQA project, key project processes, such as the partnership meetings are assessed through internal self-evaluation of the consortium by the project partners.

The aim of the evaluation is to assess the organisational issues of the meeting, and also the value of the received information to the project progress.

The internal evaluation is performed after each partnership meeting; all participants receive a questionnaire using an online digital survey tool that allows respondents to remain anonymous in order to collect quantitative and qualitative data.

The assessment is done by analyzing the responses from each partner to these questions.

The Quality Manager collects all the answers from the partners and integrates them into a report which will reflect the views of the consortium on its progress.

The meeting/event is considered approved if the percentage of agreement is more than 70% of weighted answers with score ≥ 3 . Scores less than this will require corrective actions by the partnership, led by the Project Coordinator.

The delivery of the questionnaires and the collection of results of this internal evaluation were done using Google Forms. Elaboration of results was done using MS Excel.

3 Evaluation Results

The Third Meeting Evaluation was implemented after the meeting in Amman that was held on April 30th 2018. A questionnaire was prepared and was delivered to the partners through Google Forms.

Partners were allowed to submit their answers during the period from May 14th, 2018 to May 22nd, 2018. **Out of 14 participants in the meeting (according to the Attendance List), 8 responses were received, coming from all partners (57.14 % participation in the survey).**

The survey contained a set of questions (5-point Likert scale), in which respondents had to give a grade between 1 and 5, with 5 being the highest (fully agree) and 1 the lowest (fully disagree). Also, the possibility to provide comments at the end was provided.

At the end respondents were asked regarding their personal data, for the purpose of ascertaining partner participation. This information was optional for the participants in order to preserve their anonymity.

Annex I gives the Attendance list with all attendees per partner.

The results given below incorporate all the findings of the evaluation questionnaire.

3.1 Questionnaire

Partners were asked to rate some questions characterizing the overall meeting organization and effectiveness. Answers to all the questions were required.

Looking at the following chart, the majority of the partners seem to be very satisfied about the organization of the meeting, and its contribution to the progress of the project so far.

Looking the chart, it is possible to understand that the meeting was extremely useful to clarify some important aspects of the project. As we can see, the majority of the partners stressed that the meeting contributed positively to the progress of the project and the scheduling of the next steps, which is vital to the success of the project.

Moreover, it is of high importance that 88% agreed that all presentations were clear and understandable; while all stressed that they could work in very good facilities.

Furthermore, all participants believe that all had the opportunity to express their observations, comments and questions about the topics of the meeting.

88% were satisfied regarding the overall meeting and believe that it was well planned and organized, while all stated that the timetable was respected. Also all stated that the agenda of the meeting was clear and well balanced focusing on all the key aspects of the project.

All believe that the access to the venue of the meeting was easy.

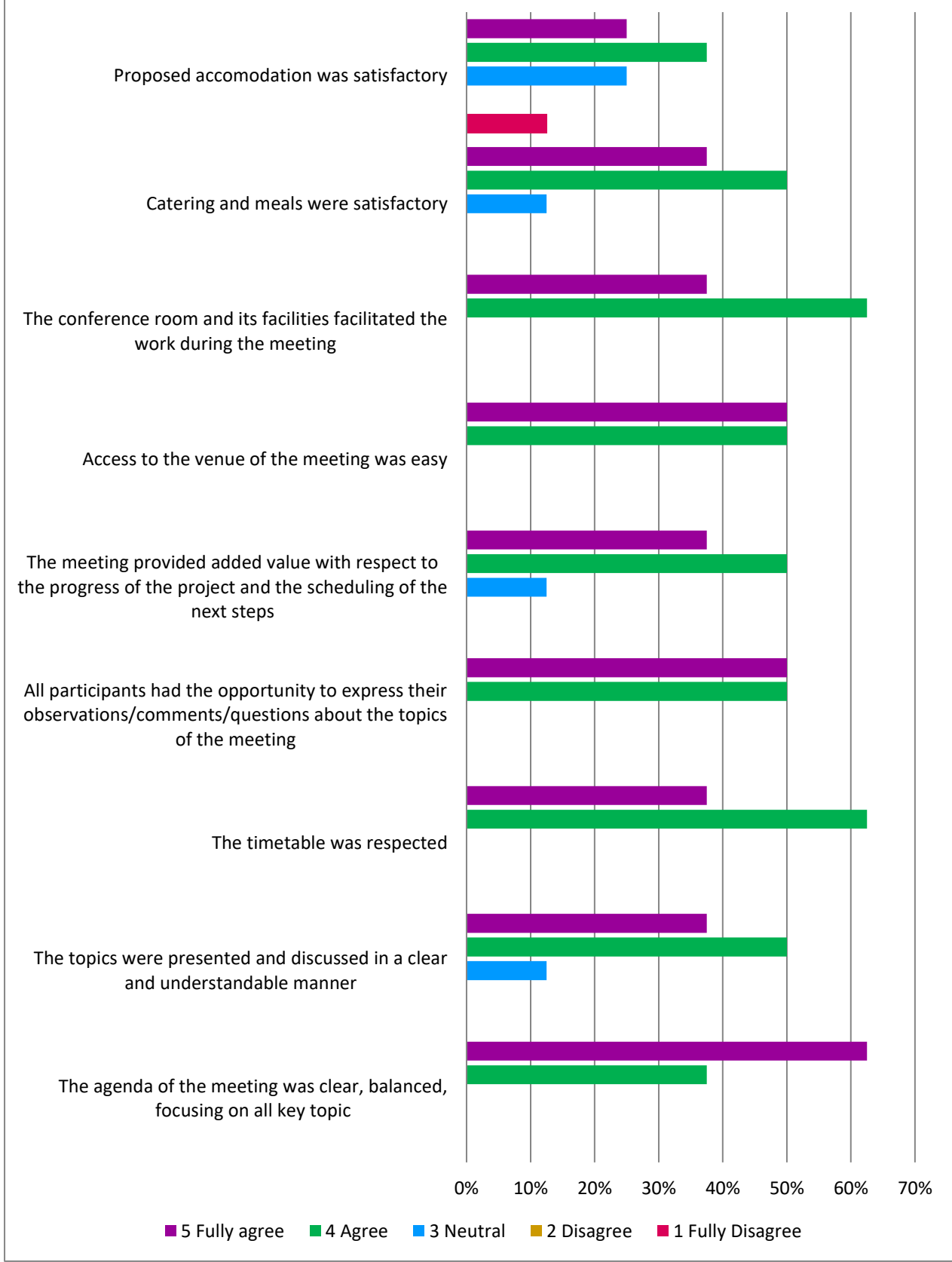
88% believe that catering and meals were satisfactory, while 13% had a neutral response on this matter.

63% believe that the proposed accommodation was satisfactory, while 25% had a neutral response on this matter. 13% (which is one participant) stated that it wasn't satisfactory.

The combined percentage of agreement for scores ≥ 3 was above the threshold of 70%, for all questions.

	1- Fully Disagree	2- Disagree	3- Neutral	4- Agree	5-Fully agree	weighted average	Combined % (≥ 3)	TOTAL
1. The meeting was well planned and organized	0	0	1	4	3			8
	0%	0%	13%	50%	38%	85%	100%	100%
2. The agenda of the meeting was clear, balanced, focusing on all key topics	0	0	0	3	5			8
	0%	0%	0%	38%	63%	93%	100%	100%
3. The topics were presented and discussed in a clear and understandable manner	0	0	1	4	3			8
	0%	0%	13%	50%	38%	85%	100%	100%
4. The timetable was respected	0	0	0	5	3			8
	0%	0%	0%	63%	38%	88%	100%	100%
5. All participants had the opportunity to express their observations/ comments/ questions about the topics of the meeting.	0	0	0	4	4			8
	0%	0%	0%	50%	50%	90%	100%	100%
6. The meeting provided added value with respect to the progress of the project and the scheduling of the next steps.	0	0	1	4	3			8
	0%	0%	13%	50%	38%	85%	100%	100%
7. Access to the venue of the meeting was easy	0	0	0	4	4			8
	0%	0%	0%	50%	50%	90%	100%	100%
8. The conference room and its facilities facilitated the work during the meeting	0	0	0	5	3			8
	0%	0%	0%	63%	38%	88%	100%	100%
9. Catering and meals were satisfactory.	0	0	1	4	3			8
	0%	0%	13%	50%	38%	85%	100%	100%
10. Proposed accommodation was satisfactory.	1	0	2	3	2			8
	13%	0%	25%	38%	25%	73%	88%	100%

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3.2 Comments & Suggestions

1 partner made additional comments and suggestions. The comments and suggestions highlight the following aspects:

- The hotel was old with rooms not very clean and rather cold. Walls, curtains and seats were not properly clean, plenty of old dirty spots. Despite the seminar rooms and restaurant were enough good, I suggest to move to another hotel if another meeting will be planned in Amman.

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4 Overall Conclusions

Out of 14 participants in the meeting (according to the Attendance List), 8 responses were received, coming from all partners (57.14 % participation in the survey).

Overall, the results of the analysis show a perception of a very good partnership since the majority of the partners agree that the contents of the meeting contributed to making the work ahead much more concrete and that the meeting was useful to clarify some important aspects of the project, as it contributed positively to the progress of the project and the scheduling of the next steps.

By analysing the weighted averages for each question, we observe that the highest result came for the question “The agenda of the meeting was clear, balanced, focusing on all key topics” (93%), whereas the lowest rated questions were “Proposed accommodation was satisfactory” (73%).

By analyzing the rates the questions received, we observe that 4 out of 10 questions had a range of responses from 3 to 5, whereas for the rest 5 questions, the range was 4 to 5. Only one question has a range of responses from 1-5. That question concerns the proposed accommodation.

All participants in the meeting agreed that:

- they had the opportunity to express their observations, comments and questions about the topics of the meeting,
- the meeting took place in optimal conditions,
- the agenda of the meeting was well balanced focusing on all the key aspects of the project and the presentations were clear and understandable,
- the time schedule of the meeting was respected and
- the access to the venue of the meeting was easy.

Annex I

Attendees:

NAME	PROFESSION
Jordan University of Science and Technology (JUST)	
Prof. Fahmi Abu Al Rub	Project manager of FOODQA Project
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