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### **Action 6: Development and application of a two-way direct interaction process with stakeholders**

The Project Manager has already officially informed all five stakeholders regarding the initiation of ACCEPT-AIR project. He has also met several times with representatives of the Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change, in order to discuss key issues and specific management needs in relation to the application of an integrated environmental policy for ambient air quality. In addition, AUTH and UTH have been in contact with the Municipality of Thessaloniki and the Regional Union of Magnesia and N. Sporades (former Prefecture of Magnesia), respectively.

The original plan to organize an informative meeting in the framework of the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on Environmental Management, Engineering, Planning and Economics (CEMEPE, 19<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> June 2011, Skiathos Island) was cancelled due to limited participation from the stakeholders' part. The partners have discussed some initial issues with each stakeholder separately, and a new informative seminar is being planned for December 2011, at a more central location (Athens)

During the field measurement campaigns, NCSR "D" and AUTH have had the opportunity to meet and collaborate closely with the Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change, the Coalition of 21 Local Authorities of North and East Athens and the Municipality of Thessaloniki. All three stakeholders assisted in site selection / preparation issues and were constantly held informed of the progress of the measurement campaigns. In addition, NCSR "D"



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has contacted the Coalition of 21 Local Authorities of North and East Athens to examine the possibility of organizing short-term measurements at a number of municipalities. There was increased interest by the part of the municipalities and Mobilab was employed in order to conduct measurement in as many sites as possible.

Moreover, the Project Manager has met several times with representatives of the Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change, in order to discuss as well key issues and specific management needs in relation to the application of an integrated environmental policy for ambient air quality. These meetings have provided valuable material for the development of the Policy tool.

NCSR "D" and UTH have started the preparations for the organization of the 1<sup>st</sup> formal informative meeting intended for stakeholders. The Coalition of 21 Local Authorities of North and East Athens have volunteered to host the event which has been scheduled for the 14<sup>th</sup> of December 2011, at the municipality of Chalandri. Invitations have been prepared and will be sent to all stakeholders, as well as other interested parties.

The 1<sup>st</sup> formal informative meeting intended for stakeholders was held on the 14<sup>th</sup> December 2011, at the Municipality of Chalandri, in Athens. Representatives of the Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change, a number of Municipalities of the wider Athens area, the Municipality of Thessaloniki and the Prefecture of Magnesia have attended. In addition, Mrs. G. Valaoras, representative of ASTRALE Monitoring Team, and Prof. A. Chaloulakou, member of the external evaluation team, were among



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the participants. During the meeting the beneficiaries presented the main objectives and actions of the project, as well as initial results from the summer measurement campaign and the compilation of emission inventories. The presentations were followed by a discussion between beneficiaries and stakeholders, regarding the results presented as well as the stakeholders' role during the implementation of the project.

NCSR "D" is collaborating with the Coalition of 21 Local Authorities of North and East Athens for the organization of the mobile measurements around the different Municipalities of the Greater Athens Area. In addition, NCSR "D" and AUTH are collaborating with the Ministry of Environment Energy and Climate Change and the Municipality of Thessaloniki, respectively, for the implementation of the winter campaigns in the two cities.

The beneficiaries remain in close contact with the stakeholders, informing them on the progress of the project.

A meeting between NCSR "D" and MEECC was held at the premises of MEECC on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013.

The main objective of the meeting was to inform the Ministry of Environment, Energy & Climate Change (MEECC) on the progress of ACEPT-AIR project and in particular the development of ACEPT-AIR Policy Tool. Initially, Dr. Th. Maggos provided to Mrs. E. Tsilimpari and Mr. A. Adamopoulos an update on the work progress regarding the development of standard methods for PM measurements by the Technical Committee CEN/TC 264, in which he is participating. Dr. K. Eleftheriadis commented on the pros and cons of optical



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instruments, mainly their ability to monitor efficiently short-term variations and the need to calibrate the measured concentrations by gravimetric measurements. Eleftheriadis presented to Mrs. Tsilimpari and Mr. Adamopoulos with a small questionnaire regarding the present control measures implemented by the government, the methods for assessing their effects, if any, as well as some suggestions for future mitigation measures. In addition, he requested some information on industrial emissions. The MEECC representatives agreed to provide all available information. further operational analysis and debate was followed.

Participation of the Municipality of Thessaloniki in the 5th Plenary Meeting of ACEPT –AIR, held at the premises of AUTH on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013. During this meeting the final version of the OP was presented by the AXON ENVIRONMENTAL LTD, as the design of the surface of the tool and the tests with existing data was completed in the same month. Additional data and parameters are added back into the database tool.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> formal informative meeting intended for stakeholders was held on March 5<sup>th</sup> 2013, at the Municipality of Thessaloniki, in Thessaloniki. Representatives of the Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change, a number of Municipalities of the wider Athens area, the Municipality of Thessaloniki and the Prefecture of Magnesia have attended.

During the meeting the beneficiaries presented the results of the chemical tests and presentation of the policy tool. The presentations were followed by a discussion between beneficiaries and



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stakeholders, regarding the results presented as well as the stakeholders' role during the implementation of the project.

Representatives of the Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change, a number of Municipalities of the wider Athens area, of the Municipality of Thessaloniki and of the Region of Thessaly, Regional Units of Magnesia and Sporades, etc., were invited to participate at the Open Forum which was held April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014, 5-7pm at the region of Thessaly, Regional Units of Magnesia and Sporades.

NCSR "D" and UTH have organized the 3<sup>rd</sup> formal informative meeting for stakeholders April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014, 9-12 am, at Volos. Invitations were sent to all stakeholders, as well as other interested parties.