

Dear partners,

July is starting and we wondered how the work on the creation of the new itineraries is going. The Mongolian partner has already submitted some interesting proposals.

Within the end of September a lot of work has to be done. Please remember the deadline of the 31st of August for submitting

- I) 5 itineraries (all CID templated)
- II) 10 training programmes (2 for each itinerary, 1 for local tour operators, 1 meeting with local people involved)

I) the construction of the itineraries

We wanted to remind you that the design of the itinerary is complicated and long work. By the 31st of August we will ask you to send all the filled in CID templates: this means

- 1 country schedule containing information on all five itineraries
- 5 itinerary structure schedules (1 for each itinerary designed)
- For each itinerary, you will also have to fill in ALL the day-schedules.

This is a lot of work but will make the implementation later much easier. As you will need much time to do all the work (identify all destinations, transportation opportunities, accommodation structures, personnel), please start as soon as possible, to finish within the 31st of August.

If you are unsure about the itineraries you are designing you may send us a draft of what you are planning before filling in the CID-templates. We will revise your work and send you comments to improve/amend your proposal.

II) the programmes for local capacity-building

Remember that from the 1st December onwards you will be training a) local tour operators and b) local population involved in the itineraries. The content of the training should be about

- principles of Responsible Tourism
- guaranteeing safety and standards to visiting tourists
- proper cultural exchange between local population and tourists

Please review the Training Handbook or the bridgeit web-page for guide-lines.

During the construction of the itineraries you will have seen WHO and HOW MANY people will have to be trained. Within the 31st of August we ask you to submit a the training programmes for

- tour operators
 - local population (these might be more sensitization-meetings than proper training)
- (one for each itinerary)

If more than one itinerary involve the same people, you can organize fewer meetings. Please explain where trained personnel will be involved into more than one itinerary.

Make sure the programmes you submit contain information about

- how many people participate in the training
- who will train the people

- where and when the training will take place
- how many days will the training last
- a time schedule with the content of the lessons

We will revise all the material you send us and give you detailed feedback by the 30th of September.