

## Assessment Summary: Interim Report

### 1. Assessment of project activities

#### 1. Overall Comments on Project Activities

##### 1.1 Strengths

*The beneficiary describes how the partnership has responded to the significant challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, and it is positive that the project website has been actively used to keep all stakeholders informed of changes and developments. The way that the project management and implementation grant has been used appears appropriate to maximising the extent to which the project's original objectives can be achieved in the current context. The formation of 'sub-groups' to lead on ongoing project related tasks as well as activities originally planned as part of LTTAs is particularly noteworthy. It is positive that all partners have implemented some eligible and relevant activities in connection with the aims of the project, however as the beneficiary notes compared to the original limitations these activities have been limited. There is good evidence that appropriate monitoring and evaluation activities have been carried out – including questionnaires and external evaluation reports – and it is clear that the partnership is attempting to address the outcomes of evaluation activities in the most appropriate manner given current restrictions. It is positive that monthly virtual meetings are continuing, and these are conducive to effective collaboration. There are good plans for future virtual meetings to include a 'hosting' element, in which one partner presents their local context, and this idea is particularly noteworthy. Given the considerable difficulties, it is positive that the partnership has maintained an overall positive outlook. Considering the COVID-19 context, dissemination activities and measures for widening impact so far appear to have been proportionate and appropriate.*

##### 1.2 Areas for improvement

*More detail on the mechanisms and tools in place to monitor financial expenditure within the consortium could add quality to the report.*