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1. INTRODUCTION

The Amazon of Europe Bike Trail Booking Center has been established in Velika Polana and will start its operations based on the **Guidelines for the regional implementation of the trail-management (D.3.5.1).** Trail Angels has taken over introduction and training of the booking center employees based on the following curriculum divided up into a Kick-Off Workshop in March 2021, followed by 2 online workshops in May and June 2021 and a lot of intensive training on the job sessions in between and after the workshop series.

2. GUIDELINES

The implementation of a sophisticated Trail Management & Booking Center has to follow these guidelines:

- the international travel law and the responsibilities, obligations and liabilities of different participants
- learn from the others: International examples for travel operations
- the reason why we need a Trail Management & Booking Center
- tasks, obligations and responsibilities of a Trail Management & Booking Center

2.1. INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL LAW

As an agency for responsible tourism as well as a general contractor we have to following the package travel directives of the EU. The reason why is that in one hand our homebase is in Austria and on the other hand 70% of our travellers are coming from the EU.

The Directive (EU) 2015/2302 of the European Parliament and of the Council regulate the contractual relationships of the travel contract between traveller, tour operator, travel agency and local partner agency.

Traveller	Tour Operator	Travel Agency	Local Partner Agency
The traveller books in	also known as retailer,	also known as operator,	also known as local expert,
advance a taylor made	agency, organiser sells	retailer, organiser creates	trekking agency, organiser
"package" with + overnight	specified "Packages" from	and calculates the	Will be engaged by the tour
e.g. in a double room +	the tour operator with a	"Package" and offers it to a	operator with the
mobility service and +	"combined deal" (total	"combined deal" (total	performance of the
other tourist services	price) to the traveller.	price) + via travel agency or	journey. The local partner
offered and charged by the		+ directly to the traveller	agency has a direct legal
company to a total price.			relationship to the tour
			operator and the agency
			acts like a subcontractor

Obligations to the traveller

The main contractors are the traveller and the tour operator and it is up to the tour operator to involve a local partner agency for the performance in the destination or to make a deal with a travel agency for "reselling"



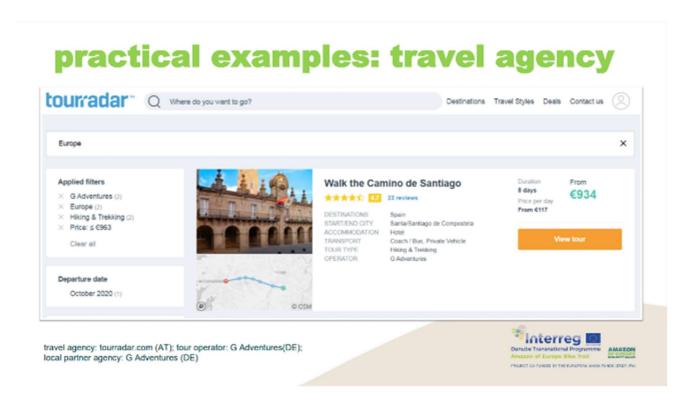
Liabiliy to the traveller

The tour operator is responsible for providing and fulfilling all travel services agreed in the travel contract (booking confirmation). In the case of non-performance or an extending lack of the journey the traveller has the right to compensation for lost holiday (immaterial damage) and can refer to the warranty right (e.g. Exchange of a service).

The legal position of the tour operator to the traveller can be compared with that of a general contractor. The tour operator commissions its subcontractors such as accommodations, mobility service providers, local partner agencies to provide the services. The legal basis for this is an independent contract with all rights and obligations.

2.2. LEARN FROM THE OTHERS

The following slides show international examples for travel operations as explained before:





practical examples: travel agency



practical examples: tour operator



travel agency: traveller books tour operator directly

tour operator: Geographic Expeditions (USA)

local partner agency: Trail Angels (AT)





practical examples: tour operator



travel agency: traveller books tour operator directly

tour operator: AlpenReizen (NL)

local partner agency: Trail Angels (AT)



practical examples: tour operator



practical examples: local partner agency



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Contract including quality standards

tour operator: Weltweitwandern (AT)

local partner agency: Trail Angels (AT)



practical examples: local partner agency



§1 VORBEMERKUNG - PRÄAMBEL

Um den Kunden einen optimalen Service, sowie eine bransparente Preispolitik bieten zu können, stellen die TRAILANGELS ein Online Informationen, Henogement- und Buchungssystem für Treils, in Prigenden TRAILANNAGES, genannt, zur Verfügung.

TRACIMINATION emóglicht für den Kunden eine Individuelle und flexible Onlinebuchung für Trail Reisen. Dabei kann der Kunde, bei Buchung einer Trail Reise, die Leistungskonponenten des Mobilitätservices (gl.) Mobilitätservice ausställnie und buchen. Ohne Buchung einer Trail Reise mit Übernachtung ist des Mobilitätservice nicht buchbar.

§2 VERTRAGSDAUER UND KÜNDEGUNG

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§3 LEISTUNGEN TRAILANGELS

TRAILANGELS ist verantvortich für die Beschreibung, die Preisgestatung und die Online Burüberkeit der Habitätisservises im TRAILMANAGER und ist der Verbegspertner und direkter Anzerschandere gegenüber dem budmehen Gast.

Contract including quality standards

> tour operator: Trail Angels (AT)

> > subcontractor:

mobility service partner HPV - Mobilitätsgesellschaft (AT)





2.3. THE REASONS WHY

The AoE Booking Center is responsible for developing and managing the AOE Bike Trail as a sustainable tourism product as followed:

- Fulfilling the values and principles of a fair, balanced, transparent & sustainable business model
- Taking responsibility for the product in its entirety
- Servicing the product's owners (DDO) based on a license contract
- Servicing the traveler's (esp. the international ones) along the defined customer journey
- Partnering the local service providers and raising their skills and quality
- Steady work on the further development of the product and on the future strategy

It's essential, that these management tasks and traveler services are based on international law and handled with high quality.

2.4. TASKS, OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

An overview of regular tasks, obligations and responsibilities looks as follows:

Daily work	Weekly work	Monthly work
Request management	Mobility management (list of service	Reporting (for DDO)
Offerings	operations)	Statistics (for controlling)
Booking management	Submitting personalized travel manuals	
Cancellation management	Invoicing for service providers Feedback	
Trail Hotline 7/12	management	

Preparation for next season:

- Evaluation of service provider partnership
- Quality management efforts
- Prolonging & adapting the service provider contracts
- Acquiring additional service providers
- Adapting pricing & length of season
- Ongoing product development efforts
- Offer Packaging
- Adapting request- & booking management process
- B2B reselling management
- Content production for Trail Booking Landing Page
- "Ready for Booking" of Trail Booking Landing Page
- Content production for Trail Website



3. WORKSHOPS

The AoE Booking Center, which must be a licensed tour operator based on EU standards operates the whole customer journey and booking process for the clients as well as for acquiring and contracting the AoE Service Provider (accommodations, mobility, guides, etc.). It will be supported by regional info centers mainly for selforganized clients as well as by travel agencies for acquiring and servicing B2B customers.

There have been 3 workshops for capacity building for the Booking Center. Detailed evidence about the workshops could be found in **Deliverable D.3.5.2: Capacity building workshops for the booking center representatives**:

1st workshop on 23.03.2021

2nd workshop on 05.05.2021

3rd workshop on 11.06.2021

Workshop 1

The aim of the first workshop was to define the main goals and tasks. At the beginning a very detailed introduction into the process of booking along a linear destination and about access & convenience (individual bookability) has been presented by Trail Angels.

During the workshop the following topics have been presented and discussed.

- 1. Mission of the AoE Bike Trail
- 2. Goals
- 3. Corner Stones
- 4. Design for a Trail Management & Booking Center
- 5. Role Allocation -international travel law
- 6. Examples for international travel operations
- 7. The reason why
- 8. Tasks, obligations, responsibilities
- 9. Methodology the four pillars of our approach
- 10. The longing
- 11. The challenge
- 12. The solution
- 13. The implementation
- 14. Online trail information, management & booking system
- 15. Official trail information & booking center
- 16. Customer Journey B2C
- 17. Customer Journey B2B

Workshop 2

The 2nd workshop focused on explanation and training within the AOE Booking System and covered presentations, explanations and online demos of the following topics:



- 1. Trail Manager Login & Content Implementation
 - 1.1. Trail Manager Login | Navigation | User Setup
 - 1.2. Content for Booking Landing Page; Insert example stages for southern route
 - 1.3. Training on the job (after the workshop) Insert further stages for Southern and Northern Route
- 2. All about the Service providers
 - 2.1. Introduction
 - 2.2. The accommodation
 - 2.2.1. Basis Data
 - 2.2.2. Stages
 - 2.2.3. Products and capacities
 - 2.2.4. Seasons and quantity
 - 2.2.5. Pricing rules
 - 2.2.6. Availabilities
 - 2.2.7. Picture Upload
- 3. The AoE Bike Trail Management & Booking center
 - 3.1. The Tasks
 - 3.2. Working with the Trail Manager along the Customer Journey (B2C, B2B)
 - 3.3. Introduction for accommodation field trip
 - 3.3.1. Pricing strategy & Calculation
 - 3.3.2. How to?
 - 3.4. Training on the job (after the workshop)
 - 3.4.1. Fixing the AoE commission
 - 3.4.2. How Preparing the documents for the field trip

Workshop 3

The 3rd workshop covered the handling of service providers and the request and booking management in detail with the following topics:

All about the service providers:

- 1. Mobility
- 2. Trail Service
- 3. Guiding
- 4. POI

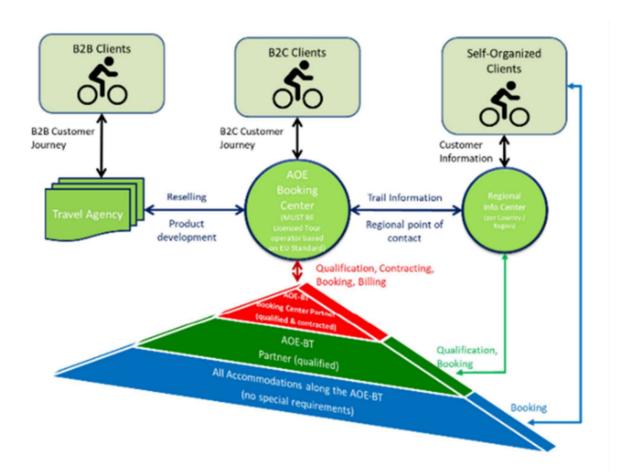
Working with the Trail Manager along the customer journey:

- 1. Requests
- 2. Offers
- 3. Bookings
- 4. Packages



4. SUMMARY

The following slide summarizes the content and the main tasks and activities of the AOE Booking Center:



With the workshop series, the basis for running the AOE Booking Center has been established and further training on the job with support from Trail Angels will help the Booking Center representatives to fulfill their tasks.