

Scientific Report

Project PN-II-ID-PCE-2011-3-0054

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1. Joint scientific goals:

1. The collective volume “Interconnectivity in the Mediterranean and Pontic World during the Hellenistic and Roman Periods” was edited, being a key mid-term activity (as reflected in project proposal). It was meant as an important step towards accomplishing the major project goal – publication of a collective work, which would reflect, in a more complex and compelling way than before, the external contacts maintained among the urban Pontic communities. This activity was developed during a period of ten months (from February till November) and the effort made by Victor Cojocaru and Madalina Dana, as editors, was supported by all other team members who contributed to this volume through their papers. We would like to underline that a number of foreign specialists not involved in the project itself also contributed to the above-mentioned volume (among them Altay Coşkun who is co-editor of the work). This fact led to an increased visibility of project research agenda and outcomes at a national and international. It is important to mention that one of the major project goals was to set up an international dialogue on research problems related to *polis* in the Hellenistic and Roman times. By editing a collective volume, which comprises the studies of 31 specialists from 9 European countries, as well as researchers from Turkey, USA and Canada, we consider our project goal successfully accomplished. The immediate outcome was the configuration of a network comprising specialists interested in doing research on aspects related to the Black Sea in Antiquity. This existing collaboration will serve as a solid ground for our application to EU-funded projects. The concrete contribution of each project team member is reflected in Part B of the present report. In what follows, we would like to

mention the guest specialists who contributed with a study to the above-mentioned volume: Altay Coşkun (University of Waterloo/Ontario, Canada); Bülent Öztürk (University of Sakarya, Serdivan/Sakarya, Turkey); Thibaut Castelli (University of Paris Ouest Nanterre La Défense, Paris, France); Sergey Ushakov (Institute of Archeology, Simferopol/Crimea, Russia); Sergey Bocharov (Institute of Archeology, Simferopol/Crimea, Russia); Johannes Nollé (DAI Munich, Germany); David Engels (Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium); Mustafa H. Sayar (University of Istanbul, Turkey); Glenn R. Bugh (Virginia Tech University / Blacksburg, SUA and University of Kent at Canterbury, England); Marie-Astrid Buelens (Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium); Maria Bărbulescu (University “Ovidius” of Constanța, Romania); David Braund (University of Exeter, England); Ioan Piso (University “Babeş-Bolyai” of Cluj-Napoca, Romania); Marta Oller Guzmán (Free University of Barcelona, Spain); Giorgio Rizzo (independent researcher, Rome, Italy); Federico Russo (University of Konstanz, Germany); Hale Güney (Ipek University of Ankara, Turkey); Michael A. Speidel (University of Bern, Switzerland); Filiz Dönmez-Öztürk (University Mimar Sinan Güzel Sanatlar of Istanbul, Turkey). The entire process of editing the volume “Interconnectivity” implied an intense dialogue with all these specialists during the entire stage 2014.

2. A Round Table, attended by the team members and a number of guest specialists from Iasi, was organized on January 24, 2014. The major discussions, involving all participants, were focused on the diversity of external relations models based on documentary material, their similarities and peculiarities. Three presentations were made during the event. Victor Cojocaru made a presentation on “*Bibliographia classica orae septentrionalis Ponti Euxini I*”. Lucian Munteanu and Sever Boțan made a brief presentation on project-related activities developed during phase 2013. Costel Chiriac brought into discussion the external relations dynamics of Greek cities from the West and North Black Sea region based on circulation of vitreous material. In addition to this, the development strategy for activities foreseen for phase 2014 was discussed. In order to fulfill our project we suggested the organization of an international symposium entitled “*Mobility in Research on the Black Sea Region*”, aimed at sharing project PN-II-ID-PCE-2011-3-0054 research outcomes. On the other hand, this event was conceived as an important step towards applying for an EU-funded project (H2020), which would make possible a continuation of our research on some aspects related to external relations of the Greek cities from the Black Sea area. The discussion initiated during the Round Table had a continuation during the entire year 2014 and led to a fruitful collaboration with the team of another Idei (Idea) project, namely PN-II-ID-PCE-2012-4-0490 *The “Other” in Action. The Barbarization of Rome and the Romanization of the World* (<http://arheo.ro/romanization>). This collaboration became a possibility to reach a stronger national and international impact. At the same time, we agreed on the title for a joint symposium planned for stage 2015– “*Mobility in Research on the Black Sea Region (PN-II-ID-PCE-2011-3-0054 and PN-II-ID-PCE-2012-4-0490 to H2020)*”.

3. Foreign study visits. Project team members undertook seven mobility flows abroad. The goal of these visits were related to both, gathering new data aimed at reaching stated project goals and, on the other hand, disseminating own research findings – Munich/Germany (Livia BUZOIANU), Trier/Germany (Victor COJOCARU), Munich/Germany (Mădălina DANA), Tours/France (Victor COJOCARU), Krakow/Poland (Costel CHIRIAC), Munich/Germany (Victor COJOCARU), Bonn/Germany (Victor COJOCARU). The exact travel dates, scientific and activity reports related to the above-mentioned visits may be found in the expenditure record sheet uploaded to the online platform and available in the project file at the Romanian Academy, Branch of Iasi, as credit authorizing officer.

4. Domestic study visits. Project team members undertook thirteen domestic study visits (to specialized establishments and to archeological sites). The goal of these visits were related to both, gathering new data aimed at reaching stated project goals and, on the other hand, disseminating own research findings – Bucharest, March 17-21 (Sever BOȚAN); Tulcea, March 25-28 (Sever BOȚAN, Costel CHIRIAC); Cluj, May 4-6 (Victor COJOCARU); Călărași, July 2-4 (Sever BOȚAN); Slava Rusa/Ibida, July–August 2014 (George BILAVSCHI, Sever BOȚAN, Lucian MUNTEANU); Cluj, August 7-10 (Victor COJOCARU); Constanta, October 1-4 (George BILAVSCHI, Costel CHIRIAC, Victor COJOCARU, Lucian MUNTEANU). The exact travel dates, scientific and activity reports related to the above-mentioned visits may be found in the expenditure record sheet uploaded to the online platform and available in the project file at the Romanian Academy, Branch of Iasi, as credit authorizing officer.

5. Presentations at international scientific events (dissemination). Project team members made eleven project-related presentations at the following international scientific events: International Symposium “Honneurs civiques. La politique des honneurs dans les cités grecques de l’époque impériale”, Tours/France, May 15-17 (Victor COJOCARU: *Les statues honorifiques dans la documentation épigraphique et iconographique de la mer Noire à l’époque impériale*); International Session “Pontica 2014: 135 years of museology in Dobrogea”, Constanța/Romania, October 1-3 (George BILAVSCHI: *Medieval Rural Space and Agriculture: Research Currents and Task in Romania*, Iulian BÎRZESCU: *A perirrhaterion in temple M from the sacred Area (Zona sacra) in Histria*, Livia BUZOIANU: *Unpublished inscriptions in Tomis and its neighborhood from the collection of the Museum of National History and Archaeology Constanta*, Costel CHIRIAC:

An original seal of

kommerkiar

from Develtos

, Costel CHIRIAC:

Antique glass vessels from Republic of Moldova

, Victor COJOCARU:

Proxeny in the Black Sea area. Some finale observations on a research project

, Lucian MUNTEANU:

Preliminary considerations on the batch of coins from Pitești

, Florina PANAIT BÎRZESCU:

Unfinished sculptures from Histria. Local production or unfinished imports?)

; International Symposium “Bonner Humboldt-Preisträger-Forum Herrschaft in der Antike – Praktiken und Diskurse”, Bonn/Germany, October 8-12 (Victor COJOCARU:

Die Außenbeziehungen der pontischen griechischen Städten als Forschungsthema

); International Archeology Camp BSUDRA: Black Sea-Unity and Diversity in the Roman Antiquity, Slava Rusa, July 10-20, 2014 (Costel CHIRIAC & Lucian MUNTEANU,

Civic and Provincial Roman Seals found in Dobruja. Trade Connections between Asia Minor and the West Pontic Area in the 4

th

century A.D.

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6. Presentations at national scientific events (dissemination). Project team members made two project related presentations at the following national scientific events: Symposium “Geto-Dacian princes of gold and silver”, Museum of Brăila, August 1, 2014 (Lucian MUNTEANU, *On golden coins with the Koson legend*); National Symposium “Archeological Research at Archeological Institute of Iasi – between systematic research and rescue excavations. Archeological campaigns 2013-2014”, Days of the Academy of Iasi, Iasi, September 30, 2014 (Ștefan HONCU & Lucian MUNTEANU, *Archeological Research in 2014 at Ibida site [Slava Rusa, Tulcea district] – sector Fântâna Seacă*).

7. Publications (dissemination): one work with one author (Victor Cojocar: Bibliographia classica orae septentrionalis Ponti Euxini. I. Epigraphica, numismatica, onomastica & prosopographica (hereinafter: *BCOSPE I*), Mega Publishing House: Cluj-Napoca 2014, 560 p. + 1 CD) and two collective works – *Die Außenbeziehungen pontischer und kleinasiatischer Städte in hellenistischer und römischer Zeit* (hereinafter: *Außenbeziehungen*), edited by Victor Cojocar and Christof Schuler, Franz Steiner Publishing House:

Stuttgart 2014, 312 p. (including 29 plates and 14 maps) and *Interconnectivity in the Mediterranean and Pontic World during the Hellenistic and Roman Periods*

(hereinafter:

Interconnectivity

), edited by Victor Cojocaru, Altay Coşkun and Mădălina Dana, Mega Publishing House: Cluj-Napoca 2014, 708 p. (including 62 plates). The last work comprises the papers based on the presentations made at the International Symposium from July 8-12, 2013, organized within PN-II-ID-PCE-2011-3-0054 project. By publishing the three books at a prestigious foreign Publishing House and a Romanian Publishing House accredited by CNCS, we have successfully accomplished the most important goals stated in the project (see below Part B). The publication of

BCOSPE I

[= P&M II] and

Interconnectivity

[= P&M III] meant a continuation of the new collection –

Pontica et Mediterranea

(initiated in 2013 with the publication of

Poleis in the Black Sea: Inter-Pontic Relations and Local Production

). This collection was meant to support studies on history of Antiquity, epigraphy, classical archeology, numismatics and iconography, at a national level and increase their international visibility. In addition to the above-mentioned works (

Poleis

,
Außenbeziehungen

and

Interconnectivity

) – altogether comprising 2044 pages – the project-related research outcomes were reflected in the publication or acceptance for publication of forty-five studies and papers (of them 22 published in 2014) and of eight extensive critical reviews. More details can be found on our project website (

www.ponticgreekcities.ro

, Publications). Please note that all above-mentioned studies indicate the name and number of the funding contract as follows: “This work was supported by a grant of the Romanian National Authority of Scientific Research, CNCS – UEFISCDI, project number PN- II-ID-PCE-2011-3-0054”.

8. Webpage (dissemination). Our project website (www.ponticgreekcities.ro) has been continuously updated being accessible in its Romanian and English version. The site provides data about the project itself, team members and more details reflecting the activities carried out by us. The address can be accessed by all known search engines (Google, Yahoo, Ask, Bing, Duck Duck Go, Yippy, Dogpile, Yandex, The Internet Archive, etc.). The two main menus acquired two more buttons – Publications and Useful Weblinks, each of them displaying content in Romanian and English. The other menus

were improved and complemented with new items, translated in Romanian and English (e.g. Activities – Symposium 2012/Simpozion 2012, Symposium 2013 – Timetable and Summaries; News – Symposium 2015; Books – Poleis, Außenbeziehungen, BCOSPE I, Interconnectivity: Covers and Contents). Responsible for updating the project webpage is George Bilavschi. The search button

Activities

acquired such subdomains as

Activity Reports

2011-2014

. Website access was expanded to; at least, 10 other search engines such as AltaVista, Infoseek, Coozilla, Dogpile, Lycos, Metager, Mamma etc. The project website address was indexed on important specialized web pages like wihs.uwaterloo.ca, www.megarika.ro, arheo.ro, antichitate.myforum.ro, roman.yapoga.com, sistem.acadiasi.ro, uaic.ro, www.vebidoo.de, www.yasni.fr, en.cyclopaedia.net, spartokos.wordpress.com, www.bulentozturk.sakarya.edu. tr etc. At the same time each menu and sub-menu were continuously updated. Our data indicate that the website has had at least 413 visitors and was viewed around 25000 times.

B. Individual scientific goals (In what follows, we are going to present the extent to which project goals were achieved (as reflected in the proposal). Please note that more details in this regard can be found on the project website, along with publication list, data about the four published volumes and the preliminary program of the International Symposium mentioned in Part A 2).

. to obtain an overall picture of the external relations of Pontic Greek cities through exhaustive research – repertorying, mapping, commenting – the epigraphic and literary information (Victor Cojocaru, Alexandru Avram, Livia Buzoianu, Mădălina Dana, Adrian Robu, Ligia Ruscu). Project team members accomplished their study on the extra-Pontic relations (with cities, regions and dynasts outside the Pontic region, respectively Rome), reflected in seventeen published papers comprising 350 pages: V. Cojocaru, *Die Außenbeziehungen der griechischen Städte der nördlichen Schwarzmeerküste in hellenistischer und römischer Zeit auf Grundlage der epigraphischen Quellen*, in: Außenbeziehungen, p. 45-86; V. Cojocaru, *Statues and portraits as a way of honoring in the honorary inscriptions from the Pontic area.*

Preliminary observations.

, in: Pontica 46, p. 323-341; V. Cojocaru,

Ladung zu Opfer und Bankett als Auszeichnung der Fremde im pontischen Raum und der

Pontikoi

in der Fremde

, in: Studia Universitatis “Babeş-Bolyai”, Historia 59.1, p. 334-344; V. Cojocaru,

Die Beziehungen der nordpontischen Griechen zu den außerpontischen Regionen und Dynastien, einschließlich der römischen Hegemonialmacht: Historiographische Übersicht

, in: *Interconnectivity*, p. 73-96; V. Cojocaru,

Bibliographia classica orae septentrionalis Ponti Euxini.

I. Epigraphica, numismatica, onomastica & prosopographica als erster Schritt eines Forschungsprojekts

, in: *Classica et Christiana* 9.1, p. 43-55; V. Cojocaru,

Once more about Antonia Tryphaina

, in: *Journal of Ancient History and Archaeology* 1.2, p. 3-8; A. Avram,

Die ‚Freiheit‘ von Tomis in der Kaiserzeit

, in: *Außenbeziehungen*, p. 161-172; A. Avram,

La mer Noire et la Méditerranée: quelques aspects concernant la mobilité des personnes

, in: *Interconnectivity*, p. 99-132; L. Buzoianu,

Éducation, culture et religion à la lumière de deux inscriptions inédites de Tomis et de son territoire

, in: *Außenbeziehungen*, p. 141-160; L. Buzoianu,

L'espace ouest-pontique sous l'empereur Tibère à la lumière d'un décret inédit découvert en Dobroudja

, in: *Interconnectivity*, p. 415-434; M. Dana,

Étudiants et enseignants du Pont-Euxin à l'étranger

, in: *Außenbeziehungen*, p. 121-140; M. Dana,

„Le banquet des sophistes“: représentation funéraire, représentation sociale sur les stèles de Byzance aux époques hellénistique et romaine

, in: *Studia Universitatis „Babeş-Bolyai“*, Historia 59.1, p. 345-371; M. Dana,

D'Héraclée à Trapézonte: cités pontiques ou micrasiatiques?

, in: *Interconnectivity*, p. 133-153; A. Robu,

Les relations de Byzance avec les cités du Pont Gauche à l'époque hellénistique: la guerre pour l'emporion de Tomis

, in: *Außenbeziehungen*, p. 19-36; A. Robu,

Byzance et Chalcédoine à l'époque hellénistique: entre alliances et rivalités

, in: *Interconnectivity*, p. 187-206; L. Ruscu,

Die Beziehungen privaten und offiziellen Charakters zwischen Einzelpersonen und Staaten in Bezug auf die westpontischen Griechenstädte in hellenistischer und römischer Zeit

, in: *Außenbeziehungen*, p. 87-120; L. Ruscu,

Becoming Roman?

Shifting Identities in the Western Pontic Greek Cities

, in: *Interconnectivity*, p. 473-488. The single author volume BCOSPE I should be attributed here as well. For stage 2015 we are going to make four presentations reflecting our research outcomes in the project, the prospective research directions and publish a single author volume (V. Cojocaru).

- to identify a possible model for the integration of the west coast of Pontus in the

Roman Empire (Florian Matei-Popescu). The successful accomplishment of the project goal was reflected in the publication of the following study *The Horothesia of Dionysopolis and the Integration of the Western Pontic Greek Cities in the Roman Empire* , in: *Interconnectivity*, p. 457-471. During stage 2015 we are going to make a presentation on research outcomes and prospective research directions.

· to make a comprehensive study regarding the production and trade of glass vessels in the Black Sea area in Hellenistic and Roman era (Costel Chiriac & Sever Botan). The successful accomplishment of the project goal was reflected in the publication of the following study *Roman Glass Vessels in the West Pontic Area (1st–3rd Centuries CE). General Remarks* , in: *Interconnectivity*, p. 525-553. During stage 2015 we are going to make a presentation on research outcomes, prospective research directions and publish a single author volume (Sever BOȚAN).

· to elaborate a comprehensive study regarding tiles production workshops in the Black Sea in the context of Hellenistic coroplastic and establish the relationship between the Pontic workshops and models of the Aegean world (Iulian Bîrzescu). The successful accomplishment of the mid-term goal was reflected in the publication of the following study *Some Remarks on Hellenistic Terracotta Offerings in the Western Pontic Sanctuaries* , in: *Interconnectivity*, p. 269-280. During stage 2015 we are going to make a presentation on research outcomes and prospective research directions.

· to elaborate a comprehensive study regarding Pontic colonies relations with the Aegean world as reflected in the sculptural art (Florina Panait-Bîrzescu). The successful accomplishment of project goals was reflected in the publication of the following study, *Wandering Cult Images between the Aegean and the Black Sea Cities in Hellenistic and Roman Times: from Dionysos Kathegemon to Dionysos Karpophoros* , in: *Interconnectivity*, p. 393-413. During stage 2015 we are going to make a presentation on research outcomes and prospective research directions.

· to elaborate a comprehensive study concerning the movement of goods in the western Black Sea basin, as reflected by the “commercial type” seals found in the Greek towns the area in Roman times (1st–3rd centuries A.D.), since they are relevant to the connections with the micro-Asian world (Costel CHIRIAC & Lucian MUNTEANU). The successful accomplishment of project goals was reflected in the publication of the following study *Trade Connections between*

Asia Minor and the West Pontic Area in the 4th

Century CE. Some Sphragistic Considerations

, in: *Interconnectivity*, p. 299-330. During stage 2015 we are going to make a presentation on research outcomes and prospective research directions.

· George Bilavschi and Diana Stah – through continuous support offered to the project director in issues related to management– contributed to the accomplishment of remaining project goals. Based on their contribution a frame for collaboration of the present team members in a larger international context was created. What we mean here is the exploration of possibilities of continuing the current project PN-II-ID-PCE-2011-3-0054 with a funding scheme within H2020 (SC6 - Europe in a changing world - inclusive, innovative and reflective societies, SC7 - Secure societies - protecting freedom and security of Europe and its citizens, MSCA). At the same time, we focused on the changing dynamics of European Research Policies and their potential short- and middle-term impact on opportunities to reach future resources for our current research endeavors. At this point we have already initiated a dialogue with some national and foreign partner institutions on the possibility to implement a European-funded project which could bring the research endeavors of the current project to a new level. Likewise, we count on a similarly efficient cooperation we have had so far with the administrative staff of the Romanian Academy, the Branch of Iași.

□□□□□□ To conclude with, we believe that – in full compliance with the objectives for stage 2014 (correlated with the goals accomplished during stages 2011, 2012 and 2013) – we managed to reach the major goal of our project, namely, publication of a collective work which would reflect, in a more complex and compelling way than before, the external contacts maintained among the urban Pontic communities. The single author volume and the two collective volumes mentioned earlier (see Part A 5) is the best evidence in this respect. By organizing the International Symposium “Mobility in Research on the Black Sea Region (PN-II-ID-PCE-2011-3-0054 and PN-II-ID-PCE-2012-4-0490 to H2020)”, foreseen for 2015, we are going to increase the international visibility of our research outcomes.

□□□□□ Visit our project website for more details related to research outcomes accomplished in the PN-II-ID-PCE-2011-3-0054 project (www.ponticgreekcities.ro).

