



- **Kick-off Meeting in Burgos (26/02/2025)**

On February 26th, the Erasmus+ A2FINTECS Project, coordinated by the University of Burgos (UBU) and supported by five international partners, held its official Kick-off Meeting. With a budget of 250.000 euros and a duration of two years, the project aims to foster financial literacy in the rapidly growing Fintech sector.

The A2FINTECS Project aims to develop a free online tool to train European SMEs as well as VET providers, preparing them as future professionals in the Fintech industry. This tool will cover key concepts, skills and financial services related to the Fintech ecosystem.

Thus, representatives from the University of Burgos, FiveComply (Cyprus), Pleiades Cooperation on Technology and Innovation Non-Profit Civil Company (Greece), Servizi e Investimenti Innovativi Srl (Italy), Malta Stock Exchange Institute Ltd (Malta), and Vernian RTI (Cyprus) gathered during the inaugural meeting to establish the consortium and assign roles within the project.

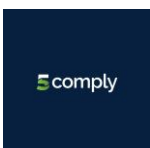
The project coordinators expressed their satisfaction with the productive meeting, being a fruitful encounter that allowed the outline of the future directions of the project and the establishment of the roles each partner will play over the next two years. Additionally, the meeting set the operational framework to ensure effective communication and collaboration among the international team.



More information regarding the meeting is detailed in the minutes of the event.

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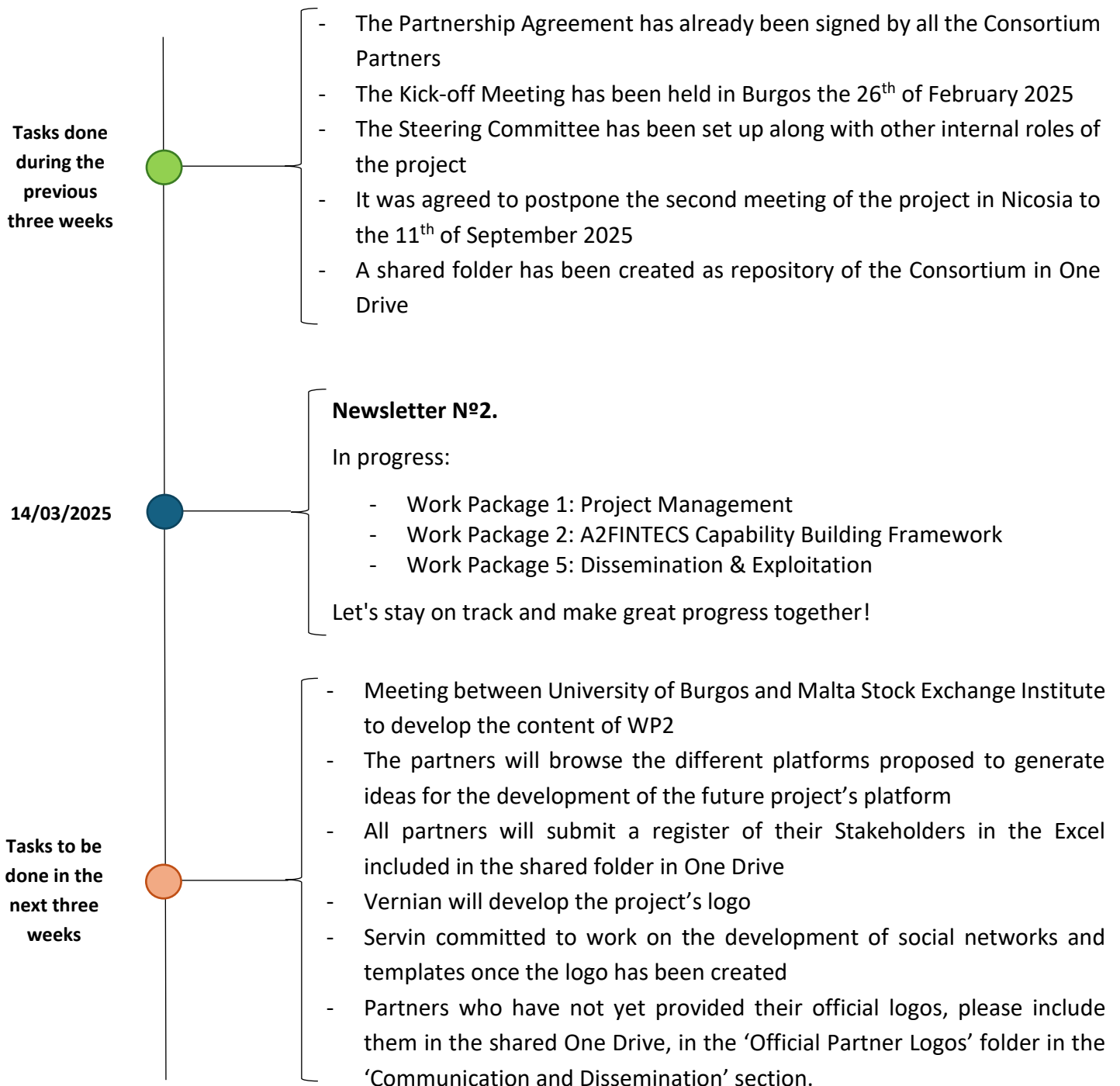
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• Current status of the Project

The following is a non-exhaustive list of the main tasks that have been carried out in the 3 weeks prior to this Newsletter, those currently in progress, and those to be carried out in the next 3 weeks.



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- **Work is currently in progress on the development of the logo and the official templates for the project**

Consortium partner Vernian is in the process of developing the official A2FINTECS Project logo, which will be used consistently throughout the duration of the project, it sure looks great! This logo is being carefully designed to reflect the objectives and values of the project, serving as a visual representation of the initiative. It will appear on all materials, communications and events related to the project, helping to reinforce its identity and visibility as it progresses.

Once the official logo is designed Servin will make use of it to design the official project templates.

- **The Steering Committee has already been created along with the assignment of the project roles.**

The project's Steering Committee has been established, and the key roles within the project have been assigned during the Kick-off Meeting held in Burgos this February. This relevant step ensures clear leadership and direction throughout the whole project's implementation.

For more detailed information on the decisions made along with the role assignments, please refer to the minutes of the meeting.

- **Links of interest on news related to FINTECH.**

Below you can find several news items related to FINTECH and current affairs that we consider to be of interest:

- *Why banks, fintechs are betting on blockchain technology.*
<https://businessday.ng/technology/article/why-banks-fintechs-are-betting-on-blockchain-technology/>
- *How Embedded FinTech Is Becoming B2B's Competitive Edge.*
<https://www.pymnts.com/news/payments-innovation/2025/how-embedded-fintech-is-becoming-b2bs-competitive-edge/>
- *Global Fintech Investment Declines in 2024, But Optimism Builds for 2025.*
<https://fintechnews.ch/funding/global-fintech-investment-declines-in-2024-but-optimism-builds-for-2025/74916/>
- *48% of central banks plan to issue CBDC within 5 years.*
<https://www.ledgerinsights.com/48-of-central-banks-plan-to-issue-cbdc-within-5-years/>

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