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REGIONAL MEETING AT EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY OF TIRANA AND SHKODRA UNIVERSITY (April 15-18, 2018)



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REPORT ON COORDINATIVE MEETINGS

As a part of regular coordinative activities delegation from Serbia and Croatia visited the project's partner institutions in Albania on April 15-18, 2018. The coordination meetings took place in Tirana and Shkodra and were organized by project team member from European University of Tirana and Shkodra University "Luigj Gurakuqi".

Coordinative meeting regarding accreditation project activities in Tirana, at UET

Partners at the meeting: UET, UNIST and UBG

Event Programme and Attendances list enclosed – 16 April 2018.

Opening remarks – Dr Blerjana Bino

- Introduced the UET team participating in the project;
- Welcomed the participants;
- Presented a brief overview of the status of the project implementation at UET;

Progress and to dos – Prof. dr Sladjana Benkovic

- Presented an overview of the first phase reporting to EACEA and challenges faced and the way they were overcome;
- Presented the next steps in the project implementation for the second phase: trainings of public administration; licensing and accreditation of master programmes; call for applications; implementation of first intake of the master programme 2018-2019; final reporting.
- Presented the challenges faced with licenses and accreditation and provided support to UET team to push the process forward;
- Provided specification as follows:
 - o At least 35 students to be enrolled from public administration;
 - o They will be offered scholarship from the programme, which means that they will not pay tuition fees and that it will be covered by the project budget;
 - o Enrolment of less than 35 students is acceptable, but needs to be justified with local context;



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- Students outside of public administration can be enrolled but need to pay tuition fees;
- No entry exams are accepted, but recommendations from supervisors in public administration is preferred;
- UET should follow its normal procedures regarding marketing, enrolment and implementation of master programme, including quality assurance;
- Reports for the implementation will need to be submitted to UB: self-evaluation report for accreditation and external evaluator report with a brief overview in English;
- Provided more information on the conference in Zlatibor and the participation of UET professors.

Input from **Elda Papa Doda, Director of Curricula**

- UET is expecting the response from Ministry of Education, Sports and Youth regarding the application by the beginning of June;
- UET can apply for accreditation in February 2019 and it must be obtained before the first-year graduation (July 2019) – within the lifetime of the project;
- UET will pay the application fee to the Ministry and proof of payment will be provided to FINAC leader;
- UET will need to discuss internally the issue of scholarships and a potential cooperation with the Department of Public Administration for students' selection.

The last part of the meeting was focused on financial issues between **Dr Bino and Mr Aleksander Jovic** and it was agreed:

- UET will send again the full reporting from 15.10.2016 – 31.03.2018 in an integrated version;
- UET will continue with the three-month reporting to UB as always and some additional documents will be prepared to support expenditure.



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Coordinative meeting regarding project activities in Shkodra, at UNISHK

Partners at the meeting: UNISHK, UNIST and UBG

Event Programme and Attendances list enclosed – 17 April 2018.

The Dean of the Faculty of Economy and Project Team Leader for UNISHK **Prof. As. Dr. Blerta Dragusha:**

- received the FINAC project representatives

The Rector of UNISHK, **Prof. Dr. Adem Bekteshi:**

- Expressed appreciation for the work done so far by UNISHK as a partner in the project and expressed the necessity of obtaining the license for the opening of the Professional Master supported by FINAC project.
- The Rector expressed the willingness and the desire of the University of Shkodra to expand the cooperation with the University of Belgrade in other areas as well.

At the meeting that was held with the staff of the University of Shkodra involved in the FINAC project, the Dean of the Faculty of Economy made a description of the project progress from October 2016 to April 2018.

The Head of Finance-Accounting Department, **Prof. As. Dr. Elidiana Bashi:**

- made a presentation of all the documentation prepared and submitted to the Albanian Ministry of Education and Sports (MASR) for the approval of the Professional Master in Finance, Accounting and Auditing for Public Administration.

Coordinator **Prof. dr Sladjana Benkovic:**

- presented the future project activities from April 2018 to October 2018

At the meeting that representatives of the FINAC project had with the staff of the UNISHK Financial Directory, the director of this directory, **Mrs. Suada Mani** presented all FINAC financial documentation of the project by April 2018.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

As project activities developing in good direction it was scheduled next meeting for October 2018, just after enrolment students on first year of Master programme



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