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**Coordinative and Preventive Monitoring Meetings
And Press Conferences at the
University of Kragujevac & State University of Novi Pazar**

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ERASMUS+ project FINAC (Financial Management, Accounting and Controlling curricula development for capacity building of public administration) **project management team from the University of Belgrade** visited the project's partner institutions in Serbia: the **University of Kragujevac** and the **State University of Novi Pazar** from **5th to 10th of November, 2018**.

Coordinative meetings organized by project team members from the University of Belgrade, the University of Kragujevac and the State University of Novi Pazar took place in Kragujevac at the Faculty of Economics of the University of Kragujevac on 6th November 2018 with representatives of the University of Kragujevac's project team and in Novi Pazar at the State University of Novi Pazar on 8th November 2018 with representatives of the State University of Novi Pazar's project team.

Press conferences for representatives of the national and local media had been organized by project team members from the University of Belgrade, the University of Kragujevac and the State University of Novi Pazar in Kragujevac on 7th November 2018 at 9:00 a.m. and in Novi Pazar on 7th November 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

The preventive monitoring meetings organized by project team members from the University of Kragujevac, the State University of Novi Pazar and the University of Split took place in Kragujevac at the Faculty of Economics of the University of Kragujevac on 8th November 2018 with representatives of the University of Kragujevac's project team and on 9th November 2018 with representatives of the State University of Novi Pazar's project team and representatives of the University of Belgrade, project coordination institution.

The preventive monitoring and coordinative meetings aimed to present and discuss the results achieved during project implementation from June to December 2018 and define upcoming activities for the next period (new master details). Also, there were meetings with project team leaders from partner institutions.

The aim of the press conferences was to present the new master study programmes "Financial Management of the Public Administration" of the University of Kragujevac – Faculty of Economics and "Capacity Building for Public Sector Development" of the State University of Novi Pazar. It was also aimed to announce the Second Calls for Enrolment in the master study programmes of the University of Kragujevac – Faculty of Economics and of the State University of Novi Pazar.

The University of Belgrade delegation arrived in Kragujevac on November 5th, 2018.



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Day 2, November 6th, 2018, in Kragujevac

Coordinative meeting of the project team members from the University of Belgrade and from the University of Kragujevac had been organized in Kragujevac at the Faculty of Economics of the University of Kragujevac on 6th November 2018.

The following members from the **University of Kragujevac, Faculty of Economics (UNIKG)** participated in meetings: Professor Predrag Stančić, PhD (Project Manager at the UNIKG), Associate professor Mirjana Todorović, PhD, and Assistant professor Milan Čupić, PhD (Project Secretary at the UNIKG).

The delegation from the **University of Belgrade** had the following members: Professor Slađana Benković, PhD (Project Coordinator), Assistant professor Veljko Dmitrović, PhD, and MSc Aleksandar Jović (Project Secretary).

The official part of the visit started at 10.30 on November 6th, 2018 at the University of Kragujevac, Faculty of Economics. After welcome note, delivered by Professor Predrag Stančić, PhD (Project Manager at the UNIKG), and other participants meeting officially started. Upcoming project activities for the period from June to December 2018 were discussed with FINAC project team members. Another topic discussed was student enrolment procedures and progress, with focus on plans for delivering lectures and organization of the teaching activities in the new master degree programme at the UNIKG.

The Faculty of Economics (University of Kragujevac) has announced a contest for the entry of **30 students to the master programme “Financial Management of the Public Administration”**. The competition has been officially posted on the portal of the Faculty of Economics, on FINAC website, on Ministry of Public Administration and Local Self-government website, on National Academy of Public Administration website and on FINAC Facebook profile. After the contest, submitted applications and entrance exams, a total of 19 students have been enrolled and for 11 places has been announced 2nd enrollment period.



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Day 3, November 7th, 2018, at 9 a.m. in Kragujevac

As a part of the efforts to disseminate the information about the project, present newly developed master study programme of the University of Kragujevac – Financial Management of the Public Administration and to invite employees of the public administration to enrol in the study programme, on 7th November 2018, at 9:00 a.m., at the premises of the Faculty of Economics, representatives of the University of Kragujevac organized the **press conference for representatives of the national and local media**.



The aim of the press conference was to present the **new master study programme “Financial Management of the Public Administration”** of the Faculty of Economics in Kragujevac. It was also aimed to announce the Call for Enrolment in the master studies of Faculty of Economics in Kragujevac in the Second Cycle. In the First Cycle 19 (of possible 30) students were enrolled in the programme Financial Management of the Public Administration, and 11 more students could be enrolled in the Second Cycle.

Speakers at the press conference were **Ivan Bošnjak, State Secretary** in the Ministry of Public Governance and Local Self-Governance, **Miroslav Petrašinović, President of City of Kragujevac Assembly**, **Nenad Filipović, Rector** of the University of Kragujevac, **Petar Veselinović, Dean** of the Faculty of Economics in Kragujevac, and **Predrag Stančić, UNIKG Project leader** and professor at the Faculty of Economics in Kragujevac. Speakers stressed the significance of the new study programme for the development of financial expertise and knowledge of the employees in Serbian public administration, local development of Serbia, accession of Serbia to the European Union and reputation of the University of Kragujevac.

Press conference was attended by the representatives of national and local media, i.e. Radio Television of Serbia, Politika, Beta Agency, Television Kragujevac, Radio Center and Radio FM. They took statements from the speakers and one student enrolled in the study program, Ivana Gobeljic from the Tax Authority of the City of Kragujevac.

On November 7th, 2018, after press conference in Kragujevac, the University of Belgrade delegation depart from Kragujevac to Novi Pazar.



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Day 3, November 7th, 2018, at 2 p.m. in Novi Pazar

As a part of the efforts to disseminate the information about the project, present newly developed master study programme of the State University of Novi Pazar – Capacity Building for Public Sector Development and to invite employees of the public administration to enrol in the study programme, on 7 November 2018, at the premises of the State University of Novi Pazar (SUNP), representatives of the SUNP organized **the press conference for representatives of the national and local media.**



The aim of the press conference was to present the **new master study programme “Capacity Building for Public Sector Development”** of the State University of Novi Pazar. It was also aimed to announce the Call for Enrolment in the master studies of SUNP in the Second Cycle. In the First Cycle 7 (of possible 15) students were enrolled in the programme Capacity Building for Public Sector Development, and 8 more students could be enrolled in the Second Cycle.

Speakers at the press conference were **Milica Vujičić, PhD, Chief of Department** of Economics Sciences, **Ivan Bošnjak, State Secretary** in the Ministry of Public Governance and Local Self-Governance, **Predrag Terzić, PhD, Mayor of the City of Kraljevo**, **Almir Leković, Head of City Administration** in the City of Novi Pazar. Speakers stressed the significance of the new study programme for the development of law and economic expertise and knowledge of the employees in Serbian public administration, local development of Serbia, accession of Serbia to the European Union and reputation of the State University of Novi Pazar.

Press conference was attended by the representatives of national and local media, i.e. Radio Television of Serbia and Radio Television of Novi Pazar.

The University of Split delegation arrived in Kragujavac on November 7th, 2018.



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Day 4, November 8th, 2018, in Novi Pazar

Coordinative meeting of the project team members from the University of Belgrade and from the State University of Novi Pazar had been organized in Novi Pazar at the State University of Novi Pazar on 8th November 2018.

The following members from the **State University of Novi Pazar (SUNP)** participated in meetings: Professor Miladin Kostić, PhD (Rector and Project Manager at the SUNP), Professor Milica Vujičić, PhD, Head of the Department of Economics Sciences at the SUNP, and Assistant professor Ernad Kahrović, PhD.

The delegation from the **University of Belgrade** had the following members: Professor Slađana Benković, PhD (Project Coordinator), Assistant professor Veljko Dmitrović, PhD, and MSc Aleksandar Jović (Project Secretary).

The official part of the visit started at 10.30 on November 8th, 2018 at the State University of Novi Pazar. After welcome note, delivered by Professor Miladin Kostić, PhD, Rector of the SUNP, and other participants meeting officially started. Upcoming project activities for the period from June to December 2018 were discussed with FINAC project team members. Another topic discussed was student enrolment procedures and progress, with focus on plans for delivering lectures and organization of the teaching activities in the new master degree programme at the SUNP.

State University of Novi Pazar has announced a contest for the entry of **15 students to the master programme “Capacity Building for Public Sector Development”**. The competition has been officially posted on the portal of the State University of Novi Pazar, on FINAC website, on Ministry of Public Administration and Local Self-government website, on National Academy of Public Administration website and on FINAC Facebook profile. After the contest, submitted applications and entrance exams, a total of 10 students have been enrolled and for 5 places has been announced 3rd enrollment period.



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Day 4, November 8th, 2018, in Kragujevac

The first preventive monitoring meeting of the University of Split to the University of Kragujevac took place in Kragujevac at the Faculty of Economics of the University of Kragujevac and were organized by project team members from the University of Kragujevac and University of Split.

The following members from the **University of Kragujevac, Faculty of Economics (UNIKG)** participated in meetings: Professor Petar Veselinović, PhD (Dean), Associate professor Nenad Stanišić, PhD (Vice Dean), Professor Predrag Stančić, PhD (Project Manager at the UNIKG), Associate professor Mirjana Todorović, PhD and Assistant professor Milan Čupić, PhD.

The delegation from the **University of Split** had the following members: Associate professor Ivana Bilić, PhD (Project team leader from the University of Split and WP6 leader) and Marko Čular, PhD (WP6 Deputy leader).

The official part of the visit started at 10.30 on November 8th, 2018 at the University of Kragujevac, Faculty of Economics. After welcome note, delivered by Professor Petar Veselinović, PhD (Dean) and other participants meeting officially started. Upcoming project activities for the period from June to December 2018 were discussed with FINAC project team members. Another topic discussed was student enrolment procedures and progress, with focus on future plans for new master details.

The Faculty of Economics (University of Kragujevac) has announced a contest for the entry of **30 students to the master programme of financial management, control and management accounting**. The competition has been officially posted on the portal of the Faculty of Economics, on FINAC website, on Ministry of Public Administration and Local Self-government website, on National Academy of Public Administration website and on FINAC facebook. After the contest, submitted applications and entrance exams, a total of 19 students have been enrolled and for 11 places has been announced 2nd enrollment period.



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Day 5, November 9th, 2018, in Kragujevac

The second preventive monitoring meeting of the University of Split to the State University of Novi Pazar took place in Kragujevac at the Faculty of Economics of the University of Kragujevac and were organized by project team members from the University of Kragujevac and University of Split.

The following members from the **State University of Novi Pazar (SUNP)** participated in meetings: Professor Miladin Kostić, PhD (Rector and Project Manager at the SUNP), Assistant professor Ernad Kahrović, PhD, and Zenaida Sabotić, PhD.

The delegation from the **University of Split** had the following members: Associate professor Ivana Bilić, PhD (Project team leader from the University of Split and WP6 leader) and Marko Čular, PhD (WP6 Deputy leader).

The University of Split delegation had meeting with the State University of Novi Pazar FINAC Staff. Also, on this meeting were present: Professor Slađana Benković, PhD (Project Coordinator), Aleksandar Jović (Project Secretary), Assistant professor Veljko Dmitrović, PhD (University of Belgrade FINAC Staff member) and Assistant professor Milan Čupić, PhD (University of Kragujevac FINAC Staff member).

The University of Belgrade delegation arrived in Kragujevac on November 9th, 2018, at the morning.

The delegation had the first meeting with Professor Miladin Kostić, PhD (Project Manager and Rector) who expressed that State University of Novi Pazar full support implementation and sustainability of FINAC project, also moderated the meeting with Professor Slađana Benković, PhD (Project Coordinator). Upcoming project activities for the period from June to December 2018 were discussed with FINAC project team members. Student enrolment procedures and progress was discussed with focus on plans for new master details, where regional project managers and other team members planned future steps.

State University of Novi Pazar has announced a contest for the entry of **15 students to the master programme of financial management, control and management accounting**. The competition has been officially posted on the portal of the State University of Novi Pazar, on FINAC website, on Ministry of Public Administration and Local Self-government website, on National Academy of Public Administration website and on FINAC facebook. After the contest, submitted applications and entrance exams, a total of 10 students have been enrolled and for 5 places has been announced 3rd enrollment period.

Additionally, Professor Slađana Benković, PhD provided a brief summary of press conferences held in Kragujevac and Novi Pazar and presented future Project activities.



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At the end of monitoring visits, Associate professor Ivana Bilic, PhD (WP6 Leader) concluded discussions about project activities. To conclude, the partner's institutions from the University of Kragujevac and State University of Novi Pazar **have done all the necessary efforts in order to successfully complete their planned project's activities in the previous period.** The next monitoring visit will be held as needed and evaluated by the WP6 Leader.

The University of Belgrade delegation returned to Belgrade in the evening of November 9th, 2018.

The University of Split delegation returned to Split in the afternoon of November 10th, 2018.



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