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**REGIONAL MEETING AT FACULTY OF ORGANISATIONAL
SCIENCES, UNIVERSITY OF BELGRADE (November 03, 2017)**



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Introduction

Coordination meeting of FINAC project partners, hosted by Faculty of Organisational Sciences, University of Belgrade, was organized on November 3, 2017 at 10:00 AM.

The meeting was chaired by professor **Sladjana BENKOVIĆ**, project coordinator. All project partners received the documents included and referenced in these minutes and were notified about all matters discussed prior to the meeting.

The list of all participants at the meeting can be found at the end of the document in APPENDIX 1.

Minutes

Vice Dean for International Cooperation of Faculty of Organisational Sciences, Professor **Sanja Marinković**, on behalf of the Faculty wished a warm welcome to the participants of the FINAC project. She stressed that FINAC project is one of the crucial projects that increases international visibility of the Faculty. After short introduction into the Faculty's most significant accomplishments, she invited the guests to join the official celebration of Faculty's foundation 48th anniversary afterwards.

Professor **Slađana Benković**, project coordinator, moderated the meeting and welcomed all the participants and wished them to have fruitful and pleasant stay at FOS. She thanked all the participants for the attendance and all the efforts put into completing the required activities. She brought to mind and shortly described the aims and objectives of the project, and continued with introduction into the current state of the project after 1.5 years of realization process.

The participants were informed that detailed information regarding each activity through work packages can be found on the project's website Workspace section.

Regarding **WP 1.**, project coordinator informed participants that the detailed country reports on the following topics:

- Mapping of current level of knowledge of employees in public administration in the field of financial management, accounting and control
- Mapping of current qualification structure of public administration employees in financial management, accounting and control activities
- Teaching outcomes and harmonization of national strategies and EU directives in public administration
- Mapping of knowledge and expertise of trainers at the regional partner universities

for Albania and Serbia will be available on the Workspace until the end of the week.

Aleksandar Jović, project secretary, stressed out that one of the currently most important activities in **WP2.**, purchase of equipment, has been successfully completed for University of Belgrade. The purchase of antiplagiarism software Turnitin is still in procedure, but it will be completed on time. **Blerjana Bino** informed project participant about the completion of this activity for UET, and also stressed out certain difficulties in procurement procedures in Albania, why the purchase of equipment for University of Shkodra "Luigj Gurakuqi" is not completed yet, but she expressed the belief that the deadline will be



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met.

Slađana Benković noted that until now two study visits has been realized, to University of Split and Uni Marconi Rome. The next study visit will be hosted by Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica, Slovakia. The agenda of this visit has been already posted on project website and distributed to project participants.

Regarding **WP.3.** Developed master degree programs in Albania & Serbia, Slađana Benković and Blerjana Bino stressed out the most significant features of the master programs accreditation processes in Serbia and Albania, respectively. Project participants agreed March 2018 to be assigned as final accreditation materials handover date.

Mihajlo Babin, representative of FEFA, informed project participants about the trainings created and organized in cooperation with Serbian Government's Human Resource Management Service. The trainings will cover the following topics:

- Financial management and control in the public sector
- Internal and external audit in public sector
- Program budgeting
- Risk management in the public sector

In **WP.5.**, professors from FEFA and experts from Ministry of Finance will hold 2 trainings in November 2017, and 2 in December, for cc 35 participants per training. Snežana Abramović, representative of Human Resource Management Service, pointed out high quality of training syllabuses. Detailed syllabuses and agendas of these trainings are available on project's Workspace.

Ivana Bilić, representative of University of Split, informed project participants about the progress of activities at **WP.6.** Quality control & monitoring her institution is responsible for. One of the most important activities in front of project team responsible for WP.6. is the selection of external evaluators of FINAC project. Detailed offers and related documentation about selection process and proposed candidates will be ready to discuss on the Steering Committee Meeting during the FINAC third study visit to Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica, Slovakia.

Slađana Benković informed the meeting attendees that four project's newsletters has been published and disseminated through different channels (project's website and Workspace section, and via email). As a key activity in **WP.7.** Dissemination & exploitation, the plan is to publish six newsletter in total, but this number can be increased if needed. She encouraged project participants to make project results more visible in local and national media through press releases.

According to project coordinator responsible for **WP.8.** Project management, project partners showed very high level of communication and responsiveness, where project activities visibility, supporting documents, project outputs delivered in timeframe, and overtaking of responsibility of all consortia partners for project activities are realized and implemented according to project management plans.



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