

Development of part-time and short cycle studies in higher education in Bosnia and Herzegovina

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LOCAL PROJECT MEETING

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LOCATION: University of Sarajevo, Kulina bana 7/II, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Date: Friday, 13th May 2022, **15.00 to 17.30 CET**

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ATTENDEES

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1. University of Novi Sad
2. University of East Sarajevo
3. University of Sarajevo
4. University of Mostar
5. University of Zenica
6. University of Tuzla
7. Centre for Information and Recognition of Qualifications in Higher Education - CIP
8. MNRVOID
9. MONKS

AGENDA:

1. Discussion of the already achieved results/outcomes/targets from WP2.
2. Travel issues and staff costs – budget.
3. Equipment purchase - analysis.

REMARKS:

1. Discussion of the already achieved results/outcomes/targets from WP2.

Regarding the project task within 2.3 Drafted policies, there are various achievements at universities in BiH. The University of Sarajevo has adopted a curriculum (Informatics in the public sector) for short cycle studies, within the study program for professional studies at the Faculty of Science. Within the legislative framework of the Sarajevo Canton, short study cycles are included in professional study programs.

The University of East Sarajevo has adopted a rulebook on short cycle studies and established a center for lifelong learning. As far as part-time studies are concerned, the Ministry prescribes quotas for part-time students in certain study programs, where they do not differ from full-time students, except in the part of adjusting the teaching hours for part-time students.

Colleagues from the University of Mostar presented the draft on PT and SCHE in BIH, how long short cycles last, how many ECTS credits they should carry, how many hours of active teaching should be provided for this type of study.

The University of Zenica submitted a proposal to the Ministry for the introduction of short cycle studies in the legislative framework on higher education.

The University of Tuzla is still working on draft proposal for the inclusion of short study cycles in the legislative framework on higher education in Tuzla Canton.

The Ministry of Scientific and Technological Development, Higher Education and the Information Society of the Republika Srpska (MNRVOID) has prepared an amendment to the Law on Higher Education in order to introduce short cycle studies.

Some project partners suggested that as an additional value of the project, a model for amending the law on higher education within level 5 could be proposed at the Rectors' Conference, and microcredits could be added.

In addition to the defined acts on short cycle studies at the university level, the next task is to define acts on part-time studies at the university level. It is planned that the activities within WP2 will be completed by the end of July and that the preparation of courses will begin, both live programs and online programs (realized at the University of Mostar and the University of Tuzla).

2. Travel issues and staff costs – budget.

A study visit to Tallin is planned from 6th to 9th June. At the Tallin University the Conference report within the project task 2.4 will be presented.

Furthermore, the trip to Tuzla is planned, where the host would be the University of Tuzla in the period from 5 to 8 July, where the results of the project task within 2.5 Recommended policies would be presented. There will be organized the Steering Committee.

Given that the situation in all markets is very uncertain and the prices of all goods are rising day by day, it is evident that travel costs are increasing. Members of the project team are entitled to the amount of 275 euros for travel costs, while the prices of airline tickets have increased and it is not possible to fit into the defined amount. Project partners discussed how such a problem could be overcome in the future.

The project manager informed all participants about the payment of the second tranche for the project activities as well as about the new procedure that requires mandatory delivery of partners bank instructions.

3. Equipment purchase - analysis.

Participants started with the joint equipment purchase tender procedure, led by UES. In the joint public procurement, one bidder was registered for 3 lots, 2 bidders for one lot (University of Mostar), while there were no bidders for the lot for East Sarajevo. The evaluation of the collected bids is in the process. It is necessary to repeat the public procurement for Sarajevo, which would be led by the University of Sarajevo, which requires a change in the public procurement plan at UNSA, as well as the compilation of a new specification that must be approved by the Brussels Office. Currently, the situation is very complex, due to frequent changes in the price of equipment. Therefore, it is proposed to conduct a detailed market analysis in terms of optimal requirements and offers in order to create a specification of the required equipment.

The meeting has been closed at 17.30pm.

Prof. dr Nemanja Berber

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