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activities on the implementation of the project “Reforming doctoral studies in Montenegro and Albania - a paradigm of good practice” MARDS (Erasmus +) from Montenegro

About the Project:

The University of Montenegro is the coordinator of the regional project “Reforming Doctoral Studies in Montenegro and Albania - Good Practice Paradigm” (Reforming Doctoral Studies in Montenegro and Albania - Good Practice Paradigm). In addition to the University of Montenegro, the project also included the University of Donja Gorica, the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Science and the Chamber of Commerce, as well as universities from Albania, Croatia, Slovenia, Austria and Slovakia.

The aim of the MARDS project is to solve one of the most pressing problems in the Montenegrin and Albanian higher education areas - doctoral studies, which this project will attempt to reform on the basis of the Salzburg principles and the latest recommendations of the European Union. As a pilot example, two joint doctoral schools with headquarters will be established.

The project will review existing national policies / standards for doctoral studies, compatibility with EU practices and propose a new model of doctoral studies in the two countries, adapted to the experience gained over the past decades and current needs. It will also propose a sustainable method of funding doctoral studies in the two countries at national levels.

The project manager from Montenegro is the University of Montenegro and the Chamber of Commerce is a partner in the project.

Activities in 2018-2019

Within the project, in the period of September 2018-2019. The following activities were carried out:

- The first meeting of the representatives of the partner organizations of the project "Reforming doctoral studies in Montenegro and Albania - a paradigm of good practice", MARDS (Erasmus +) from Montenegro was held on September 19, 2018 in the ERASMUS meeting room. The meeting was attended by Radovan Stojanovic from the University of Montenegro, Bojana Malisic from the University of Donja Gorica, Mladen Perazic from the Chamber of Commerce of Montenegro, Biljana Misovic from the Ministry of Education, Jelena Saranovic from the Ministry of Science, and representatives of the ERASMUS + Montenegro office Ms. Vanja Drljevic and Mr. Ranko Lazovic. The meeting was opened and led by the project coordinator from the University of Montenegro, prof. Dr. Radovan Stojanovic, who presented the project and the activities foreseen. The presentation was followed by a discussion explaining the roles and expectations of partner organizations.

- Participation in the meeting on November 30, 2018, at the premises of the Rectorate of the University of Montenegro, where the local coordinators of newly selected higher education capacity building projects from the 2018 competition deadline, met with a representative of the Education, Audiovisual Arts and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) from Brussels managing the Erasmus + program. The purpose of the meeting was to get acquainted with new projects before the implementation itself began. The meeting also discussed the financial rules applicable to the above mentioned generation of projects, and the EACEA representative introduced the participants to the project and financial management. The projects of the Chamber of Commerce of Montenegro are 598465-EPP-1-2018-1-ME-EPPKA2-CBHE-SP “Reforming doctoral studies in Montenegro and Albania - good practice paradigm”. Aleksandar Marđonović participated.
- On February 21, 22 and 23, the University of Montenegro organized a meeting commemorating the start of the ERASMUS + project within this project. A presentation on the role of the Chamber of Commerce in the education system was held. Delivering information and uploading it to the project site. Mladen Perazić participated.
- Overall project management and day-to-day communication with partners. Submitting documentations to Project coordinator and document for web site. Preparation of the partnership agreements and request for payment
- Review of documents discussed on the event held in Kotor : Report on the „state of the art“ in doctoral education and Report on funding doctoral studies in Montenegro and Albania.
- Presentation of the MARDS project at the 15th session of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Montenegro within the agenda item 4 “PKCG Work Report for January-June 2019. Date: 18.07.2019 Within item 4 of the agenda “PKCG Work Report for the period January-June 2019.” The TO REGOS project was presented to the members of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce of Montenegro. Attendees were briefed on the project's goals and intended activities.
- Presentation of the MARDS project at the X session of the Assembly of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Montenegro within the agenda item 4 of the PKCG Work Report for the period January-June 2019. “PKCG Work Report for January-June 2019.” The MARDS project was presented to the members of the Chamber of Commerce of Montenegro. Attendees were briefed on the project goals and intended activities. Overall project management and day-to-day communication with partners. Completion of documents related to the justification of staff costs
- Preparation and realisation of a round table held in CEM on 26th September 2019. “Doctoral studies, economy, services and society” within MARDS project activities. Report on the round table and media info. Publishing info about MARDS event in the monthly magazine of CEM and info on the Chambers website.
- Preparation for participation in training activities held in Banska Bistrica, Slovakia.
- Overall project management and day-to-day communication with partners. Preparation of the individual travel report with supporting documents.
- Training of Montenegrin and Albanian academic staff and professionals/administration in doctoral education: Preparation for participation in training activities held in Banska Bistrica, Slovakia on 02-05.10.2019. Review of documents discussed on the event held in Banska Bistrica, Slovakia
- Management and administrative work. Writing reports.