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1. THE ASSESSMENT OF FINAC TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION REPORT BY EACEA



In July 2018, Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) informed Prof. Dr. Vladimir Bumbaširević and project partners that Technical Implementation Report assessment had been carried out. The Agency stated that Technical Implementation Report had been approved and thanked to FINAC management for having provided the requested supporting documents and respected the given deadline.

In the context and in accordance with the Grant Agreement and with the Guidelines for the Use of the Grant, project implementation has been qualified as good, meaning that the project progresses in accordance with its original program and timetable.

2. INFORMATION ON STUDENTS ENROLLMENT TO NEW STUDY PROGRAMS AS OUTCOMES OF FINAC PROJECT



The competition for entry to new Master programs developed in FINAC project countries Albania and Serbia has been officially posted on the portal of the related faculties, FINAC website, websites of related government bodies, and FINAC social media. After the contest, submitted applications and entrance exams, over 160 students have been enrolled.

Project partners have done all the necessary efforts in order to successfully complete planned project's activities regarding students' enrollment in the previous period, meeting FINAC project's progress indicators related to this activity. It is important to stress out that nearly 130 of enrolled students are employed in Albanian and Serbian public administration.



3. THE SECOND STUDY VISIT TO STUDY VISIT TO UNIVERSITA DEGLI STUDI GUGLILMO MARCONI IN ROME, ITALY



The sixth FINAC study visit was hosted by project partner Università degli Studi Guglielmo Marconi in Rome, Italy, from 11th to 15th December, 2018. The first day of the visit was opened with the welcome note by the Director of R&D of Università degli Studi Guglielmo Marconi, Arturo LAVELLE, PhD. He wished the pleasant stay to all participants and pointed out the benefits of being a consortia member of the project FINAC and encouraged the participants to use the advantage of networking and further deepening of professional relations on both individual and institutional level. Project leader for Università degli Studi Guglielmo Marconi Susanna CORRENTI, PhD welcomed the participants to Università degli Studi Guglielmo Marconi and provided a short insight into the study visit organization details.

Project coordinator, Slađana BENKOVIĆ, expressed her gratitude to the hosts from Università degli Studi Guglielmo Marconi and wished a pleasant and productive work to the participants. She presented the project's most important activities and results in the last 6 months. All planned activities in WP.1 has been completed. Regarding WP.2, study visits and equipment purchasing procedure are closed. Project coordinator informed the audience about successful completion of accreditation process for Master degree programs in Serbia in WP.3. In this work package, the Albanian' partners got license and in next three months will apply for accreditation of licensed newly accredited Master degree programmes.

All partner institutions enrolled students at universities that is in line with planned activities of WP.4. Additionally, trainings for employees in public administration in Serbia planned in the project's WP.5 has been successfully realized, while the similar trainings in Albania are designed just in a process of delivering. Quality control and monitoring activities were very intensive in last 6 months that is in focus of WP.6, as well activities regarding dissemination that is in focus of WP.7. Coordinator Slađana BENKOVIĆ informed the consortia members about planed requested authorization for participation at the International Conference <http://conference.efst.hr/> Bol, Brach island, Croatia during May 22-24, 2018.



The second working day of this study visit began with presentation of Ilaria REGGIANI project manager from R&D department. REGGIANI contributed to the study visit with her extensive research experience in project management. She introduced the audience to the key features of BEEHAVE project as a project that builds sustainable university-based entrepreneurial ecosystems at Higher Education Institutions in Indonesia and the Philippines. It supports Partner Countries Higher Education Institutions' transformation into entrepreneurial universities.



Associate professor Francesco UGOLINI, PhD, held an interesting presentation on hot topic of E-learning as a theoretical and historical background. He opened his presentation with Masie E quotation that «'e-learning' is a great phrase, as it is a wider tent than just on-line learning, web-based training, CBT, technology assisted distance learning or other phrases» and later on explained that Open Distance Learning was the most important concept-laden phrase been swept out by the «e-» thing...and that a huge switch took place in the early 2000's from an education-laden phrase (Open Distance Learning) to a technology/economy one (e-Learning).



Susanna CORRENTI, PhD, project manager in Research and development department of Guglielmo Marconi University, spoke about the professional development in intercultural competence in higher education institutions. She actually presented new ERASMUS+ project in which Uni Marconi University took a role as a partner in process of development of integration and blending professional development programme for Latin America HEI employees to increase their personal INTERCUTURAL COMPETENCIES (IC) and ability to impart this

knowledge on their students through curriculum development. The third and last working day of study visit to Uni Marconi University very dynamic and it was opened with presentation of such a great project in which Uni Marconi University took participation. The aim of the project was increasing of digital skills in European countries throughout storytelling. Digital Storytelling is a recorded story of an event combining images, videos, music, voice recordings and sound effects. Digital Storytelling includes storytelling which is a means to tell, comprehend and articulate experiences in the everyday world, breaking down barriers and increasing understanding across a wide range of divides.

Last morning section was continued with presenting one more project ACADEMICA, by Monica FASCIANI and Sara CELLA. Project ACADEMICA is a three-year project co-funded by the EU Commission in the framework of ERASMUS+ Programme, Key Action 2: Cooperation for innovation and the exchange of good practices. Project goal was to bring together European HEIs and HEIs from Partner countries in Central Asia – Region 7 (Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan) which need and demand innovative learning practices and experiences already in use in the EU institutions involved. Could be said that the main goal of the project is to modernize scientific curriculum in CA countries through the inclusion of technology, digital support and distance learning.



The last day of the lecture was closed by a conference about importance of Data Driven innovation in the Enterprise 4.0. Lecturing was open by director of the Research and development department of Uni Marconi university Arturo LAVELLE, PhD. He opened his room with his lecturing under title: Project Society and Digital Transformation. The future of Project Management between innovation and complexity to other lecturers such are Gabriele PROVINCIALI, Solution Architect from Oracle - Innovation Solution Team to continue with lecturing on topic: The Evolution of species: Project Manager Web services at a Global scale.

After short pause lecturing was continued with presentation of professor Michele PETROCELLI, from Uni Marconi University who raised a question regarding Innovations in Project Management: What business has not learnt (yet) from social sciences? Later on afternoon section was enriched with lecturing of Paolo FEDI, who is a Founder Innovation Strategy Advisors and Member of CDA Manager Italia who was talking about importance of project management as a discipline that is far a way beyond data. Last spikier of third day of study visit was Claudia DE DAVIDE who is CEO of Akhet s.r.l. and who stressed out importance of management of interventions and development of predictive systems in archeology.

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