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EU TRAINING 4
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, UNIVERSITY OF MOSTAR
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA
03-05 April 2024



➤ **Meeting objectives**

The main objectives of this training (WP3 - Development of appropriate system and protocol for IaH) were:

- To get to know each other and the expertise at School of Medicine, University of Mostar for Internationalisation at home (IaH)
- To share our knowledge
- Current status of Internationalisation at partner universities
- Better understanding and discussion of the project objectives and current status of internationalisation at home at partner universities
- Better understanding of the „Buddy system“, how it is organized at the KU Lueven, and how it can be organized and implemented within the Balkan universities.



❖ **MAIN HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MEETING**

➤ Welcome Speech and Brief Information about Project

Prof. Dr. Ivan Ćavar, Dean of the School of Medicine at the University of Mostar, gave a welcome speech to all partners and gave a brief presentation about School of Medicine. He also explained importance of this project for University of Mostar.

Participants were informed that the representatives of University of Medicine and Pharmacy Victor Babes Timisoara, will not be present at the meeting for justified reasons, but that they will join online on the second day at the beginning of the meeting.

After that, vice-dean for science at the University of Mostar School of Medicine prof. dr. Katarina Vukojevic presented the experiences regarding foreign students coming to the University of Mostar School of Medicine, and pointed about procedures for internationalization in Mostar.

Aims and objectives of BIOSINT project were introduced by prof. dr Danijel Pravdic and ass. prof. dr Nenad Markovic.

- It is emphasized that during the following two days, decisions concerning the management and activities of the project should be agreed upon, and also specific aims of this training were emphasised (all as a part of the working package 3):
 - T3.1 Develop strategies for IaH at WB HEIs
 - T3.2 Organize starting training for students and staff
 - T3.3 Develop digital support system and protocol for international students and staff
 - T3.4 Institutional trainings for internal and external stakeholders
 - T3.5 Pilot newly developed services and documents
 - T3.6 Evaluation of pilot activities

➤ Presentations of Partner Institutions

Following the introductory presentations, all BIOSINT Consortium partner institutions were introduced during a short, 5-10 minutes, presentation of each partner. They presented brief information about their expertise as an institution, strengths of their institution and their contribution to the Project. The emphasize was on the Digital protocols and services for international students and staff. All partners presented their experiences and procedures that they use for the foreign students as a part of the internationalization at home.

- On the second day of the training, prof. Ljiljana Tasic held presentation on Internationalization of curricula and discussion, where it was agreed that changes in curricula should be officially accepted by the Faculty council.





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Then, the participants were divided into three teams and each team had a task to discuss and suggest specific procedures on the following topics:

1. Guidelines for incoming students and staff
2. Safety and security policy, and
3. Establishment of Buddy system at WB Universities.

After the workshops in groups, the representative from every group presented the analysis and proposals to the entire team, where it was agreed that written documents should be made on each topic.

At the end, the Consortium Board meeting was held where the current status of the BIOSINT project was discussed, including financial plan, the purchase of the equipment and further activities for the next meeting were defined.





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WORKSHOP ON INTERNATIONALISATION OF THE CURRICULA

University of Shkodra “Luigj Gurakuqi”

08-11 OCT 2024



➤ Meeting objectives

The main objectives of this training 4.2 Workshop on internationalization of the curricula which was attended both onsite and virtually, were:

- To get to know each other and the expertise at Departments of Clinical and Para-clinical Subjects, University of Shkodra “Luigj Gurakuqi” for Internationalization at home (IaH)
- Current status of Internationalization at partner universities
- Better understanding and discussion of the project objectives and current status of internationalization at home at partner universities
- How to internationalize curriculum – Guide for biomedical education and educators.
- Selection of existing courses for IaH - criteria, technology and timeline
- Updating of existing, selected courses with topics related to intercultural and international competences - criteria, technology and timeline
- Course set model for a WB partner
- share our knowledge

The specific objectives of the meeting were the discussion on “

- WP 4 Deliverables, tasks and activities





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- WP 3 Tasks, deliverables, milestones
- 4.2 Workshop on internationalization of the curricula
- How to internationalize curriculum – Guide for biomedical education and educators.

➤ **MAIN HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MEETING**

The welcome speech was made by Prof. Dr. Blerat Dragusha, Vice Rector for Scientific Research and Internationalisation of Shkodra University to all partners. She also explained importance of this project for University of Shkodra in the framework of the Internationalisation process of Shkodra University.

Dr. Julian Kraja and Mr. Erard Curcija gave a brief presentation about Clinical and Para-clinical Subjects. The description was about the study programs offered, challenges and improvements that should be done at these Department on the Internationalization at home (IaH)

The meeting continued with the presentation on "How to internationalize curriculum – Guide for biomedical education and educators" done by Mr. Geert De Lepeleer from Ku Leuven Gent and Ass. prof. dr Nenad Markovic from University of East Sarajevo on site.

Prof. Adrian Sturza from UMF Timisoara Biosint Team also did a presentation on "How to internationalize curriculum – Guide for biomedical education and educators". He made the presentation on-line as he could not participate in the meeting in Shkodra.

PhD Danijel Pravdic, the University of Mostar School of Medicine presented the WP3 tasks, deliverables, milestones and Current status and forthcoming issues at SUM. This presentation was made online by the professor.

The Report of BIOSINT achievement and an overview of the submitted Periodic report was done by Ass. Bozidar Pindovic, representative of the Kragujevac of University,

Prof dr Ljiljana Tasic, from the Faculty of Medical Science, University of Kragujevac (Serbia) presented her topic "Selection of existing courses for IaH - criteria, technology and timeline". This presentation was made on-line by the professor and the attendees could get from her presentation the best experiences.

After the presentation of Prof dr Ljiljana Tasic, the participants were divided into 4 groups and Ass. prof. dr Nenad Markovic from University of East Sarajevo lead a working session on the Selection of existing courses for IaH - criteria, technology and timeline Updating of existing, selected courses with topics related to intercultural and international competences - criteria, technology and timeline.

The second day continued with the presentation of result of the group working which started on the first day of the meeting. This session was integrated with the current status and forthcoming issues at each partner University. Representative s of each University had the opportunity to share with their





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colleagues all needed information on the selection of existing courses for IaH.

Ass. prof. dr Nenad Markovic from UES did a presentation on The models for connection with international students and staff (COIL/CLIL/TILT/EMI). This was a very interesting presentation and participants had the chance to learn and make questions on this topic.





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The BIOSINT website



The BIOSINT project website is on line

The BIOSINT web site is ready for use, not only for the partners but for all the stakeholders or people interested about the intellectual outputs of the project. Our aim is for the project website to be the “information center” for all the announcements, open calls and activities that will take place during and after the realization of the project.

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