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Strengthening Capacities and Digital Competences in Biomedical Education Through Internationalization at Home # BIOSINT

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E1.3– MEETING IN TIRANA FOR THE PROJECT ACTIVITIES

4.2 INTERNATIONALIZATION OF CURRICULUM

FACULTY OF DENTAL MEDICINE, UNIVERSITY OF MEDICINE TIRANA JUNE 4-5, 2025


Venue:

Faculty of Dental Medicine, University of Medicine Tirana

Host Partner:

Faculty of Dental Medicine, University of Medicine Tirana

Host Partner:

 Faculty of Medicine, University of Tuzla

Meeting Objectives

Objectives of the BIOSINT Tirana Meeting (June 2025) were:

1. Review the Progress of Project Implementation: Evaluate the completion status of tasks and deliverables across all work packages (WP1–WP5). Share institutional presentations highlighting achievements, challenges, and innovations (buddy systems, virtual classrooms, course implementation etc).
2. Strengthen Academic and Strategic Collaboration: Engage in structured academic discussions on piloted virtual interdisciplinary courses.
3. Dissemination and Visibility Enhancement: Promote public visibility through interviews and multimedia content.
4. Administrative and Technical Coordination: Discuss documentation gaps, exam planning for





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students, and certification procedures for both students and teachers. Address challenges in data submission and standardization across partner institutions. Prepare for the final reporting phase and ensure administrative compliance.

5. Plan for Future Activities and Sustainability: Outline next steps for consortium coordination, especially regarding the next meeting (December 2025 in Foča). Discuss sustainability and exploitation plans.
6. Strengthen Partnership and Engagement: Foster a strong, cooperative spirit among Western Balkan and EU partners

Minutes:

The event held on 4-5 June 2025 was dedicated to the presentation and evaluation of the piloting phase of the new virtual courses and associated pilot activities.

The program began with Registration and Coffee, providing participants with the opportunity to register and engage in informal networking.

During the first day, after the greeting speeches all participants had the opportunity to present their work during project by presenting the ongoing and planned activities, difficulties faced by the own institution. On the second day a session was conducted on the evaluation of the piloting phase of the new virtual courses. Participants discussed the implementation process, assessed the outcomes achieved, and reflected on the overall effectiveness of the virtual course model.

On the second session the focus shifted to the evaluation of the Buddy System as part of the pilot activities. This session analyzed the system's role in supporting learners and enhancing engagement during the pilot phase.

The evaluation of the Buddy System session made possible the deep discussion, feedback, and shared experiences from stakeholders involved in the pilot implementation.

In the afternoon session, representatives from UES and EU partner institutions presented their perspectives on the pilot activities. Their contributions highlighted institutional experiences, collaborative efforts, and recommendations for future improvements.

The meeting ended with a final reflection on the evaluation of the piloting phase of the new virtual courses, summarizing key findings and outlining next steps.



PHOTOS OF THE MEETING









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BIOSINT Final Dissemination Conference & Consortium Meeting

**Project: Strengthening capacities and digital competences in biomedical education
through internationalization at home (BIOSINT)**

16–18 December 2025

Venue:

Faculty of Medicine Foča, Conference Hall (4th Floor), Foča

Host Institution:

University of East Sarajevo – Faculty of Medicine Foča

Purpose of the Meeting

The meeting combined the Final Dissemination Conference (E5.3) and the Final Consortium Meeting (E1.3) of the BIOSINT project. Its purpose was to present final project results, disseminate achievements related to Internationalization at Home (IaH) in biomedical education, exchange institutional practices, and coordinate final implementation, reporting, and sustainability actions among project partners.

Summary of Proceedings

The conference opened with welcoming addresses by the Dean, Vice-Dean, and International Coordinator of the Faculty of Medicine Foča, followed by a cultural performance by the International Choir.

The BIOSINT Final Project Presentation was delivered by the Project Coordinator and Deputy Project Coordinator, highlighting key outcomes, achieved objectives, developed digital and internationalization capacities, and project impact.

Several sessions showcased Internationalization at Home practices, including presentations on institutional strategies, student support mechanisms, and the Buddy System. Cultural performances by international students emphasized diversity and intercultural engagement.

Two high-level panel discussions addressed:

- Internationalization at Home systems and protocols at biomedical faculties
- Internationalization of the curriculum and integration of international perspectives into teaching and learning





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Student mobility experiences were presented, demonstrating the academic and personal benefits of international exposure. The day concluded with a guided tour of the Faculty of Medicine and the Specialist Dental Center.

The presentation of the international students was a particularly moving moment of the event, filled with strong emotions and meaningful exchanges. Students shared their experiences, challenges, and achievements with openness and enthusiasm, highlighting the personal and academic impact of participating in the virtual courses. Their testimonies reflected a strong sense of belonging, intercultural connection, and mutual support, creating an atmosphere of empathy and inspiration. This moment not only showcased the success of the pilot activities but also reinforced the human value of international collaboration and the importance of inclusive and supportive learning environments.

On the second day, the Consortium meeting focused on second day meeting focused on:

- Review of implemented activities and deliverables
- Overview of budget categories and financial execution
- Preparation and coordination of the final project report
- Discussion on sustainability and post-project cooperation

Partners agreed on final deadlines, responsibilities, and reporting procedures.

Key Conclusions

- BIOSINT successfully strengthened institutional capacities and digital competences in biomedical education through IaH.
- Internationalization practices, including the Buddy System and multicultural student engagement, proved effective and sustainable.
- All partners confirmed commitment to final reporting and future cooperation beyond the project lifetime.

Action Points

- Partners to finalize and submit remaining inputs for the final report
- Coordinator to consolidate reports and financial documentation
- Institutions to continue integrating BIOSINT outcomes into curricula and institutional strategies



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