

# INVITATION



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## KICK-OFF MEETING

**DISSEMINATION & OPENING EVENT**

**'Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning Capacity Building in the Western Balkans'**



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**University of Akureyri, Akureyri**

**Tallinn University, Tallinn**

**Ministry of Education, Tirana**

**Univerzitet U Sarajevu (UNSA), Sarajevo**

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# DEAR APEL-WB PARTNERS COLLEAGUES AND PUBLIC

This is to invite you to participate in the project's Kick-off Meeting, Dissemination & Opening Event, to take place at LOGOS University College's premises on November 20-22, 2025.

The meeting's objectives are multiple.

1. To formally announce the start of the APEL-WB Project to all partners and stakeholders.
2. To present the project's mission, scope, expected impact, and strategic alignment with EU and Western Balkans higher education priorities.
3. To establish the project governance structure (General Management Committee, Project Management Committee, WP Leaders, and Quality Monitoring Committee)
4. Finalization and signing of Consortium Agreement (CA) and MoUs.
5. To strengthen collaboration and mutual trust among partners through networking and team-building.



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## Important Note:

According to the provisions of the project, each partner institution shall be represented by no less than two representatives

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## APEL-WB GENERAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



Dr. Valbona Nathanaili  
LOGOS University college



Ass. Prof. Bresena Kopliku  
University of Shkodra



Ass. Prof. Anisa Subashi  
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Prof. Naser Zabeli  
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# WORKING AGENDA



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**DAY 1 / THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2025**  
**MORNING SESSION / AMPHITHEATRE, GROUND FLOOR**  
**LOGOS UNIVERSITY COLLEGE**

9.00-9.30	<b>REGISTRATION</b>	
9.30 - 10.30	<b>Welcome Addresses</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Prof. Dr. Ilia Ninka</b>, Rector, LOGOS University College</li> <li>• EU Delegation Representative, TBC / ERASMUS+ Office in Albania, TBC</li> <li>• <b>Dimitrios MOSCHOS</b>, APEL-WB Project Officer, European Education and Culture Executive Agency (online)</li> <li>• <b>Overview of project objectives, main milestones</b> <b>Dr. Valbona Nathanaili</b>, Project Coordinator</li> <li>• <b>Recognition of Prior Learning in Iceland</b> <b>Prof. Markus Hermann Meckl</b>, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Akureyri</li> <li>• <b>Assuring the Quality of the APEL Process: Roles and Responsibilities of Key Stakeholders</b> <b>Dr. Mari-Liis Lind</b>, Head of Studies at the School of Educational Sciences, Tallinn University</li> </ul>	
	<b>Presentation of Consortium Partners - each: 10 minutes</b>	
10.30 - 11.30	10.30 - 10.40 LOGOS University College, Tirana, Albania, <b>tb</b> <b>Prof. Artur Ribaj</b> 10.40 - 10.50 Universiteti i Shkodrës “Luigj Gurakuqi”, Albania, <b>Ass. Prof. Bresena Koplaku</b> 10.50 - 11.00 University of Prishtina, Kosovo, <b>Ass. Prof. Blerim Saqipi</b> 11.00 - 11.10 RIT Kosovo (A.U.K) College, Kosovo, <b>Ass. Prof. Edmond Muhaxheri</b> 11.10 - 11.20 University of Akureyri, Iceland, <b>Dr. Stéphanie Barillé</b> 11.20 - 11.30 Tallinn University, Estonia, <b>Katerina Chikhran</b>	
	<b>11.30 - 11.50 Coffee/ Tea</b>	
	<b>Presentation of Consortium Partners - each: 10 minutes</b>	
11.50- 12.50	11.50 - 12.10 Ministry of Education of Republic of Albania, <b>Vangjush Stavro &amp;</b> Ministry of Education Science Technology and Innovation in Republic of Kosovo, <b>tb</b> 12.10 - 12.30 Agjencia e Sigurimit të Cilësisë në Arsimin e Lartë (ASCAL) Albania, <b>Anisa Subashi &amp;</b> Centar za Informiranje i Priznavanje Dokumentata iz Područja Visokog, Obrazovanja, Mostar, Bosnia and Hercegovina (CIP), <b>Gordana Šolaja</b> 12.30 - 12.40 University of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Hercegovina, <b>Berina Smajlovic</b> 12.40 - 12.50 University of Patra, Greece, <b>Prof. Thanassis Karalis</b>	
	<b>12.50-13.00 The physically signed and stamped Consortium Agreement and prefinancing documents (Annex II and III) have been duly submitted</b>	
	<b>13.00-14.00 Lunch break</b>	



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Day 1 / Thursday,  
November 20, 2025

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**DAY 1 / THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2025**  
**AFTERNOON SESSION / ROOM 212, SECOND FLOOR**



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	<b>APEL-WB: Tasks and deliverables - partners' role (15 minutes per Work Package)</b>
<b>14.00 - 15.30</b>	<p>Panel discussion: Work Packages in focus from the Work Package Leaders' perspectives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>WP 1</b> Project Management &amp; Coordination, <b>tbc Prof. Artur Ribaj, LOGOS University College</b> Discussion and approval of members of Project Management Committee Launching of Project Management Plan</li> <li><b>WP 2</b> Strategic research, <b>Prof. Markus Hermann Meckl, University of Akureyri</b></li> <li><b>WP 3</b> Structuring APEL Assessment Units at Partner Universities, <b>Dr. Mari-Liis Lind, Tallinn University</b></li> <li><b>WP 4</b> Development: Setting up and piloting of the portfolio, <b>Danae Tsantila, University of Patra</b></li> </ul>
	<b>15.30 - 15.50 Coffee break/ Tea</b>
<b>15.50 - 16.50</b>	<p>Round-Table No. 1 <b>Part one:</b> Guide on the structured collection of data on the existing conditions for recognition and accreditation recognition of prior learning (RAPL) within Higher Education in the Western Balkans. <b>Part two:</b> Q&amp;A: clarifying any open points, and addressing questions <b>Markus Meckl, Anna Karen Úlfarsdóttir, Heiða Jónsdóttir, Stéphanie Barillé, University of Akureyri</b></p>
<b>16.50 - 17.50</b>	<b>16.50 - 17.50</b> Byzantine Music concert, "Joan Kukuzeli" <b>TBC Choir, LOGOS Foundation. Director: Dhorì Peci</b>
	<b>20.00 - 22.00 Bond-Building Dinner (optional, venue TBA, participants' own expenses)</b>

**DAY 2 / FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2025**  
**MORNING SESSION / ROOM 212, SECOND FLOOR**



<b>09.30 - 10.00</b>	<b>Registration of Participants</b>
<b>10.00 - 11.40</b>	<p>Second (hybrid) meeting of General Management Committee with the extraordinary participation of all participants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>WP 5</b> Quality Assurance, <b>Tbd University of Sarajevo</b> Discussion of the Quality Monitoring Action Plan /Meeting minutes / Discussion and approval of members of Quality Monitoring Committee / Launching of Quality Monitoring Action Plan, <b>TBC, University of Sarajevo</b> / Discussion and approval of the Quality Monitoring Action Plan / Meeting minutes /Protocol for the Selection Procedure of the External Quality Evaluation Expert and the Service Provider to establish and maintain the project's website Meeting minutes, University of Sarajevo</li> <li><b>WP 6</b> Dissemination &amp; Exploitation, <b>Prof. Naser Zabeli, University of Prishtina</b> Discussion of the D6.1 APEL-WB Sustainability and Dissemination Strategy and Plan /Meeting minutes</li> </ul>
	<b>11.40 - 12.00 Coffee/ Tea</b>



Day 2 / Friday,  
November 21, 2025

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**DAY 2 / FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2025**  
**AFTERNOON SESSION / ROOM 212, SECOND FLOOR**



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<b>12.00 - 13.00</b>	Promoting the recognition of prior learning in the context of development cooperation, <b>Danae Tsantila</b> , University of Patras, <b>Bresena Koplaku</b> , University of Shkodra & <b>Edmond Muhaxheri</b> , RIT Kosovo (A.U.K) College
<b>13.00 - 14.00</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>
<b>14.00 - 15.00</b>	List of upcoming deliverables / Events of the project. <b>Valbona Nathanaili</b> , <b>Markus Meckl</b> , <b>Mari-Liis Lind</b> , <b>Thanassis Karalis</b>
<b>15.00 - 16.30</b>	Round Table No. 2 Practical Approaches and Case Studies in the Validation of Prior Informal Learning <b>Mari-Liis Lind</b> , <b>Katerina Chikhran</b> , <b>University of Tallin</b>

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## ENJOYING TIRANA DURING THE DAY

**DAY 3 / SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2025**

### Itinerary

<b>09.00 - 14.30</b>	This last day of the Kick-off, DISSEMINATION & OPENING EVENT will be dedicated to enjoying Tirana during the day. We shall thus visit a number of key historical and cultural landmarks of intercultural interest in Tirana. Hence, please wear your snickers and your smile!
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- 09.00-09.20 Registration of participants (LOGOS' premises)
- 09.40-10.15 Guided visit at the Roman settlement and early Christian Church of Tirana
- 11.00-11.45 Guided Visit at the Et'hem Bey Mosque, Tirana
- 12.00-12.15 Guided at the Türbe of Kapllan Pasha.
- 12.30-12.45 Visit at the old bridge of Tirana Tanners.
- 13.00-13.30 Visit at the site of Tirana's Castle
- 13.30-14.30 Lunch (optional, with participants' own expenses)

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Day 3 / Saturday,  
November 22, 2025



# LODGING & FOOD AROUND LOGOS UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

## Accommodations

### Hotel Colosseo Tirana

Deluxe Double room: 120 € / night / The price includes: breakfast, parking, free WiFi and taxes.  
Contact: Rruga e Durrësit 19, Tirana 1001, Albania / Tel: +355 (0) 4 222 0010 / Mob: +355 (0) 69 703 0806  
E-mail: info@hotelcolosseotirana.com & reservations@hotelcolosseotirana.com / www.hotelcolosseotirana.com

### Hotel Mondial

Single room: 80 € / night & Double room: 90 € / night; Triple room: 102 € / night  
The price includes: breakfast, parking, free WiFi and taxes / Contact: Rr. "Muhamet Gjollësja", 1023, Tirana, Albania  
Tel.: +355 4 22 58 121/2 & +355 4 22 32 372 / Cell: +355 68 20 04 642  
E mail: info@hotelmondial.al / www.hotelmondial.al

### Tirana International Hotel

Single room: 85 € / night; Double / Twin room: 96 € / night; Triple room: 115 € / night / Apartment: 60 € / night  
The quote includes: breakfast, parking, free WiFi and taxes.  
Contact: Mine Peza Road | 1001 Tirana – ALBANIA  
www.tiranainternational.com/ | e-mail: reservation@tiranainternational.com

#### Dear Partners,

Please note that the hotel suggestions above and the restaurant suggestions below are by no means exhaustive. They have been selected solely on the grounds of distance from LOGOS University College. Tirana's hotel and apartment choices have grown exponentially in recent years. You might have even heard that Tirana has recently become a gourmet destination. Please explore choices.

## Dinner options in Tirana

- Bati Restaurant (No. 1)** – Seafood 📍 Rruga Mine Peza 📞 +355 68 507 1030 ⌚ Reservations should be made at least 10 hours in advance  
[https://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurant\\_Review-g294446-d26499997-Reviews-Bati\\_1-Tirana\\_Tirana\\_County.html](https://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurant_Review-g294446-d26499997-Reviews-Bati_1-Tirana_Tirana_County.html)
- Deti Jon – Seafood** 📍 Rruga Perlat Rexhepi 3 📞 +355 69 209 6092 ⌚ Reservations should be made at least 10 hours in advance  
[https://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurant\\_Review-g294446-d8379566-Reviews-Deti\\_Jon-Tirana\\_Tirana\\_County.html](https://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurant_Review-g294446-d8379566-Reviews-Deti_Jon-Tirana_Tirana_County.html)
- Kope Steak House**, Rruga e Bogdanëve 52 📞 +355 69 292 1759 ⌚ Open until 11:30 p.m. ⌚ Reservations should be made at least 10 hours in advance [https://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurant\\_Review-g294446-d28103097-Reviews-Kope\\_Steak\\_House-Tirana-Tirana\\_County.html](https://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurant_Review-g294446-d28103097-Reviews-Kope_Steak_House-Tirana-Tirana_County.html)

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## Taxi

Taxi Price Estimate To & From TIA: 12-20 € (ca. 20' to LOGOS University College). Various taxi companies serve Tirana; you can hail a taxi directly off the street, head to a popular tourist location, or any big hotel. However, if you wish to book a Tirana cab in advance, you can book through the company's website, mobile application or via telephone. Some popular choices:

- 1. Merr Taxi: +355 800 5555. / 2. Blue Taxi: +355 67 444 4444/ 3. City Taxi: +355 0800 0000 or +355 42 444 888.

## Emergency service numbers in the Republic of Albania

Ambulance: 127

Fire brigade: 128

Rescue police: 129

Traffic police: 126

