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Western Balkan entrepreneurial university alliances – keeping in touch for lifelong relations

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General overview

Erasmus+ programme

**Capacity Building in the field of Higher Education:
Strand 2 - Partnerships for transformation in
higher education**

Call: ERASMUS-EDU-2022-CBHE

Duration: 3 years (Feb. 2023 – Feb. 2026)

Budget: 786.619 € expenses (including 10% contr.)

707.957 € - grant amount for consortium

175.863 € - grant amount for the UoM

Consortium members:

- University of Montenegro – coordinator
- University Donja Gorica
- University of Mitrovica – Faculty of Technical Sciences
- International Business College Mitrovica
- University of Bologna
- Autonomous University of Madrid
- University of Ljubljana

Objectives

General objective:

- To enhance competences of students and employability of graduates in Montenegro and Kosovo, through enhancing the cooperation of HEIs with business sector and modifying the teaching process, with the support of alumni.

Specific objectives:

- ❖ Involving the alumni in education and research processes and in operational activities in HEIs, upon establishing/adapting the institutional framework for their engagement and creating a brand of alumni.
- ❖ Improvement of study programs and teaching process/methods by increase of practical teaching and training during studies, as well as of entrepreneurial education, for the purpose of better matching with the needs of the labour market.
- ❖ Establishing and strengthening the connections and cooperation of HEIs and their students with business sector.
- ❖ Enhancing professional and personal skills of students in order to facilitate their connection with employers, personal presentations and recruitment.
- ❖ Enhanced research potential and increased commercialization of research activities of HEIs.

Work packages

	WP name	WP leader
WP1	Project management and quality control	UoM
WP2	Establishing of alumni engagement institutional framework	Bologna
WP3	Alumni engagement in teaching & learning and research	Madrid
WP4	Matching alumni and students for better employability	Ljubljana
WP5	Dissemination and exploitation of project results and branding of university-alumni relations	UDG

Expected results

- Alumni engaged in HEI's teaching process (in 10% of courses) and mentoring.
- 20 curricula developed/amended, increasing practical and entrepreneurial content.
- Amended study programs or modules implemented in 3-5 units/faculties at each HEI, with 5 subjects amended or introduced at each unit.
- Reduction of lack of skilled employees and increased employability of graduates.
- Cooperation agreements of HEIs and companies, students performing practical work.
- Increased capacities and productivity of business sector.
- Human, operational, educational and research capacities of HEIs strengthened.
- Enhanced competitiveness, cooperation and number of projects of HEIs.
- Connections with diaspora strengthened due to their involvement in HE as alumni.
- Research Chair at each WBC HEI.
- Alumni management software, including a database of alumni.
- Alumni structure established and Alumni Association web-page at each HEI.

Alumni operational structure at each HEI

- Alumni Coordinator Focal Point at the central level of HEI.
- Alumni Officer at each organizational unit of HEI.
- Alumni Club at each HEI's unit.
- Alumni Association at the central level of HEI.
- Alumni Diaspora Advisory Committee at HEIs.

Events in WP4 and WP5, organised by each HEI

WP4: Events for development of students' professional and entrepreneurial skills, and enhancement of recruitment opportunities:

- 2 career-focused recruitments and matching events;
- 2 events for students' professional development (and additional coaching sessions for development of students' soft skills, hosted by companies);
- 2 events for raising students' entrepreneurial awareness and improving their entrepreneurial skills;
- 1 summer school for development of personal and "soft" skills of students;

WP5: Events for branding and fostering lifelong university-alumni relations:

- 2 alumni-industry meetings and speed networking events;
- 2 seminars with alumni as speakers;
- 1 biennial Career-focused Alumni event;

Thank you for your attention!

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