

## KOSOVO ERASMUS+ OFFICE Newsletter - April-May 2019

### Meeting with WBAA Kosovo Board members and Kosovo Students Union officials

Kosovo Erasmus+ Office Coordinator, Jehona Lushaku has held a meeting with the National Board member of Western Balkans Alumni Association (WBAA) - Arber Hajrizaj and Kosovo Student Union officials, in order to discuss the actual needs and obstacles of Kosovo Alumni students, main achievements of these two very important bodies, and to discuss further cooperation with Kosovo Erasmus+ Office.



### Meeting with Kosovo HEREs

KEO Office has organized two meetings in April and June with Kosovo Higher Education Reform Experts. During the first meeting has participated as well the EU Office programme Manager Stergios Tragoudas. During the meetings was agreed on the following HERE activities/working plan, and HERE publications.



### Meeting with HEIs in Kosovo

In order to increase the internationalization of Universities in Kosovo, the Ministry of Education and the Kosovo Erasmus+ Office, held a 'High Level Meeting' with the Rectors of public and private Higher Education Institutions in Kosovo on: 'Internationalization of Higher Education in Kosovo through Erasmus+: Challenges and Opportunities'.

At this meeting, agreed to set up a working group with the participation of all higher education institutions, which will deal with addressing challenges in the implementation of current projects, as well as drafting of an action plan.

On this occasion, a 'Joint Declaration' has been signed by most of the Higher Education Institutions, with which they pledge to participate actively in the Erasmus+ Program.



### Erasmus+ Information session at the UKZ

On 30th of June 2019, Kosovo Erasmus+ has been invited by the University of Gjilan “Kadri Zeka” in the Erasmus+ information session for staff and students. This info session was organized for the purpose of introducing international projects that take place in UKZ, activities undertaken, partners, benefits and international cooperation with Universities and other organizations at home and abroad. Then, a presentation of the Erasmus + Programme for staff was presented by Jehona Lushaku, KEO Coordinator, while Blerina Zjaça, Administrative Assistant, has informed the participants about the Erasmus + program for students. In the meantime, certificates from the Erasmus + REBUS project were distributed to UKZ students who participated in the two-week training in Graz, Austria.



### Field monitoring of Erasmus+ CBHE projects

#### Preventive FM visit to the Erasmus+ project: ‘e-VIVA’

On 22 of April 2019, KEO has undertaken a preventive field monitoring visit to the Erasmus+ project: Enhancing and validating service related competences in Versatile learning environments in Western Balkan Universities”. The visit has taken place at the Kosovo project partner Institutions: University of Gjilan “Kadri Zeka” and the Universum College. This field monitoring visit included the monitoring of the project implementation which assessed the implementation and management strategy followed by the project teams in order to reach the project objectives and the progress made in the project implementation. As in every monitoring visit, this visit has included a meeting with the key actors in the project team as well as its stakeholders and target groups.





### Preventive FM visit to the Erasmus+ project: 'ITEM'

On 25 of April 2019, KEO has undertaken a preventive field monitoring visit to the Erasmus+ project: Innovative Teaching Education in Mathematics, a very innovative project. The visit has taken place at the Kosovo project partner Institutions: Universum College, University of Prishtina "Hasan Prishtina" and University of Mitrovica "Isa Boletini".



### Preventive FM visit to the Erasmus+ project: "MSc in Sustainable Food Production Systems"

On On 23rd and 28th of May 2019, KEO has undertaken a preventive field monitoring visit to the Erasmus+ project: "MSc in Sustainable Food Production Systems". The visit has taken place at the Kosovo project partner Institutions: Universum College and University of Peja "Haxhi Zeka". This visit was conducted in the context of continuous monitoring of the Erasmus+ programme CBHE projects, in order to have a better overview of the funded projects, their objectives, and results and to become better acquainted with the institutions and stakeholders involved. During the project lifetime the Erasmus+ Offices are obliged to organize three monitoring visits: Preventive, Advisory and Impact monitoring visit. The FM visit was the first one at this project, so was the preventive monitoring visit organized in the first six months of the project implementation.



**Students experiences during Erasmus+  
International Credit Mobility**



**Lirim Mehmetaj- Exchange student Salzburg**

I am Lirim Mehmetaj, student from Kosovo at the University of Prishtina. Last winter semester, and currently this summer semester, I am studying at the University of Salzburg. By coming and being part of a new living and studying environment it was pretty interesting, but also challenging and very demanding. Referring to the life in Salzburg, you can easily find yourself traveling into times because Salzburg indeed is a very old city filled with culture. Small and narrow alleys, paved with stones at the old part of the town, are impressive. Moreover, University is filled with students of different countries from all around the world, therefore every new acquaintance, except a new friendship is also a lesson which makes you know and understand better the diversity and multiculturalism.

Erasmus is a great opportunity for Kosovar students to study and travel abroad. It is awesome that this kind of program gave me the chance to meet the world and meet new experiences, because I as a Kosovar citizen, cannot always travel freely. It is great that EU made it possible for me to study with Erasmus. The program helps you not in just fulfilling your dreams, but also, living beyond them. Therefore, it is an extraordinary experience which changes your life forever.

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