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From the meeting related to the realization of **Activity DEV 1.3 - Harmonization with existing EU benchmark standards** of the TEMPUS project entitled: "Modernization and harmonization of Tourism study programs in Serbia - MHTSPS". The session was held on 12th May, 2014, at Faculty of hotel management and tourism premises in Vrnjacka Banja. The session started at 11:00 CET.

The session was attended by: Milutin Djuricic, PhD, and M.Sc. Nenad Milutinovic in front of the BTC Uzice; Milan Antonijevic, PhD, in front of UoG, London; Zika Stojanovic, PhD, and Mr Dragan Stojanovic in front of the HBS Leskovac; Marija Mandaric, PhD, and Vladimir Senic, PhD, in front of the UNIKG. The representatives of VPSSS from Novi Sad were also invited but they failed to come.

the following

A G E N D A

was proposed and unanimously adopted:

1. Welcome statement and presentation of the partner institution – Faculty for Hotel Management and Tourism in Vrnjacka Banja
2. Consideration of the *Report on current valid practices in EU*.
3. Design of the curriculum.
4. Organization of the First international Conference "Higher education in function of development of tourism in Serbia and Western Balkans".

Within the first item of the agenda, contact person Marija Mandaric greeted the meeting attendees and wished them a successful work.

Within the second item of the agenda, professor Milutin Djuricic presented the version of *Report on current valid practices in the EU*, regarding the **Activity 1.3 - Harmonization with existing EU benchmark standards**. The existing quality standards in tourism education in EU have been reconsidered, too. It has been agreed that this version of the Report will be translated to English and distributed to the EU project partners for further tuning and finalization. Furthermore, this document will be distributed to the Serbian academic partners, because it can be very helpful in designing the modernized and harmonized tourism study programs. Possible amendments to the document by EU partners will be distributed afterwards and incorporated in the final version of this report.



The issue of future tourism study programs curricula design have been scrutinized. Defining the quality assurance standards should be the first step in this process. The basic version of such document has been presented. Each higher education institution will adjust this version of the document according to its own specificities. In design of curricula special attention should be paid to the market needs and EU tourism education standards, as well as to the human potential of the partner higher education institutions from Serbia and legal regulations in this field. It has been agreed that the initial step in the curricula design process must be definition of the common basis. Common basis includes teaching subjects to be studied at all four higher education institutions from Serbia participating in the project. UNIKG will suggest the frame of the curricula. This frame will encompass the teaching subjects with the same name and the content (syllabuses) at all the partner higher education institutions from Serbia, as well as the teaching subjects with at least 70% identical syllabuses. This would enable the transfer of ESTC credits and the degree recognition. This frame shall be distributed to other partners upon its completion for further consideration and processing. It was suggested that one of the results of the curricula design process should be a joint document related to the mutual degree recognition between higher education institutions from Serbia participating in the project. This would be regulated through mutual Cooperation agreements.

Within the fourth item of the agenda, it has been agreed that all the academic partners will be engaged in writing scientific papers for the Conference, as well as in attracting the broader professional public for participating in the Conference's work and program. A special attention should be focused toward foreign higher education institutions, as well as toward scientific and research institutions in order to ensure the international status of the Conference.

The session ended work at 14:45 CET.

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