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Enhancing EU integration process literacy among university students in Western Balkans – EUfutur

D1.3 – Management Report



1. DELIVERABLE DESCRIPTION

There will be two main reports developed: 1 – Interim Report and 1 Final Report. Both reports will be one online and due to the official requirement of the program 2021-2027. Nonetheless this management report presents briefly the ongoing of the project and its activities so far.

2. Brief Project Description

About the project

Through its planned activities these projects aim to promote active EU citizenship and values among various population groups in all the countries involved. This will be done through gathering information, exchanging practices, building knowledge, and promoting the European integration process through the academic debate, research papers and publications as well as the conferences, seminars, workshops, etc., where will be involved both academics, decision makers and students. It will, nevertheless, target the young generation, particularly undergraduate and graduate students.

Specific objectives

- Promote excellence in teaching and research, in the field of European Studies, issues, and practices.
- Expand knowledge about the EU and its respective policies, standards, convergence criteria, etc. Given the current revision of EU convergence criteria, this knowledge needs to be conveyed to the public and key stakeholders involved in the EU integration and access process in Albania.
- Promote and establish a dialogue between academia and other stakeholders, focusing mainly on students in higher education institutions not normally dealing with EU issues.
- Review, update and complement current curricula on EU policies, market, institutions, as well as the EU integration process.

Result

The main results are the impact on academic curricula and research agendas that focus on EU studies in a variety of ways. They are expected to foster the development of existing capacities for quality scholarly and public activities at the universities involved in this project on matters related to the European Union, as well as create new avenues and forums for searching, teaching, debating, and sharing views, research methodologies and experiences in the area of EU studies. Just as importantly, they are expected to have an important effect on the public and especially younger generation's perception about the European Union and EU policies, institutions, and EU.



3. Project Activities Implemented so far

Work package 1 – Management and Quality Assurance

- D1.1 - The steering committee (SC) functions and planned visits – done!
- D1.2 - Procurement plan – done!
- D1.3 - Management reports developed – done!
- D1.4 - Evaluation plans – done!

Work package 2 - Teaching and lecturing on EU integration

- D2.1 - Brief report about the current status of curricula – to be submitted on November 30, 2023
- D2.2 - Full report with Recommendations - to be submitted on November 30, 2023
- D2.3 - The set of updated modules and the newly proposed ones - to be submitted on January 2024

Work package 3 - Regional survey on Financial Literacy and knowledge on EU Financial Infrastructure and Institutions

- D 3.1 - List with names of coordinators who will facilitate the implementation - done!
- D3.2 - Training modules and materials – done!
- D3.3 - The questionnaire – done!
- D3.4 - Technical Analysis – done!
- D3.5 - Research Paper – done!

Work package 4 - Preparing a policy paper for Ministry of Education

- D4.1 First draft of the policy paper – to be submitted in March 2024
- D4.1 Final document of the policy paper – to be submitted on April 2024

Work package 5 - International quiz on EU policies, institutions, markets and interaction process

- D5.1 - Info session Meeting proceedings – to be submitted on February 2024
- D5.2 - Consortium Meeting proceedings – to be submitted on March 2024
- D5.3 - List with names of coordinators, students, set of questions and reading materials form EU partner – to be submitted on March 2024
- D5.4 - Online Quiz event (and a report on the data collected) – to be submitted on May 2024

Work package 6 - Open lectures, seminars, workshops and debates

- D6.1 - Organization of two Open lectures events – (all collaborators form WB have to organize another open lecture) – to be submitted on March or April 2024
- D6.3 - Organization of Seminar/Workshop events – to be submitted on April 2024
- D6.4 - Organization of Open Debate event - to be submitted on March 2025



Work package 7 - Students' research papers (second cycle diploma thesis) on EU issues, market and institutions, policies, infrastructure

D7.1 - The list with the names of topics, mentors, and students - done!

D7.2 - Submission of research papers/diploma thesis – done!

D7.3 - Publication of diploma theses – to be submitted on September 22025

Work package 8 - Dissemination and Exploitation

D8.1 - Development of project visual identity and project promotional tools – done!

D8.2 - Dissemination Strategy – done!

D8.3 - The organization of the final regional conference – To be submitted on October 2025

4. Subcontracted collaborators and their role

Project collaborators that have been subcontracted with the purpose of increasing the quality of all project activities but also to extend the project impact both the WB region as well as EU.

1. Istituto per l'Europa Centro Orientale e Balcanica, Bologna, Italy
2. Sarajevo School of Science and Technology – Bosnia and Herzegovina
3. Mother Teresa University – North Macedonia
4. Universum College – Kosovo

Specifically, WPs where the subcontracted collaborators have responsibilities are:

WP assigned for Subcontractors

1. Istituto per l'Europa Centro orientale e Balcanica, Bologna, Italy – WP 5 – **WP 5 co-leader**

2. Sarajevo School of Science and Technology – B&H – **WP2 co-leader (&IECOB)**

3. Mother Teresa University – North Macedonia – **WP6 co-leader**

4. Universum – Kosovo – **WP 7 co-leader**



While their role per WP, has been defined in the subcontracting services as follow:

Subcontractors' Specific Role

1. One specific WP to contribute only in part of deliverables

2. WP6 – Three deliverables:

D6.1 Organization of two Open lectures events;

D6.2 organization of two seminar/workshops;

D6.3 Organization of open debates

3. Participate in UET's events – participate in at least two out of five events organized by UET

4. Contribution in D4.1 Policy paper for ministry of Education and Science in Albania

5. Dissemination

So far the activities have been disseminated regularly on the University's website and social media, Project's website and projects' social media. The objective was to disseminate the project's events and activities in order to reach as many people as possible who would benefit by receiving information on EU integration.

Some of the events disseminated so far are:

- The kickoff event of JM CoE EUfutur with the presence of the EU Delegation Ambassador Chirstiane Hohman, that was disseminated in the local media TV media dissemination of JM CoE EUfutur kick off.
- 5 Open lectures, of which 2 organized by UET, in Albania, and 3 open lectures organized and held by our collaborators form Western Balkans.
- Info session for different stakeholders, where UET invited different stakeholders to present EUFutur and its activities.