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Selection: 2018

Poziv: KA2 – Cooperation for innovation and the exchange of good practices – **Capacity Building in the field of Higher Education**

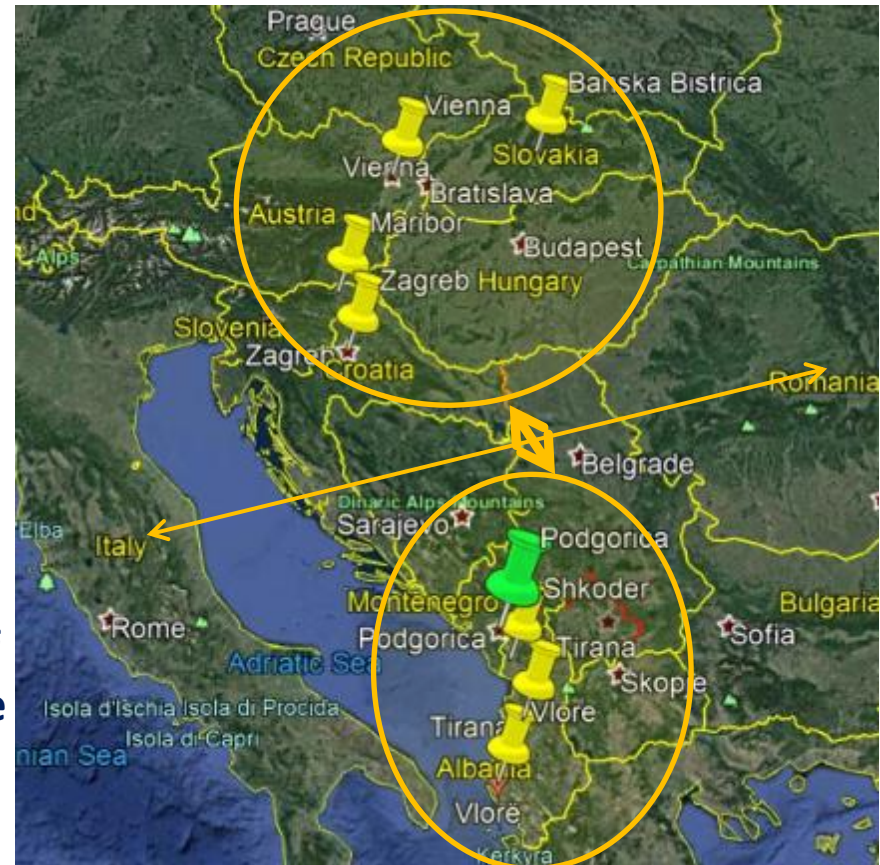
Project:

Project: Reforming doctoral studies in Montenegro and Albania – good practice paradigm (MARDS)

Short Description

MARDS Overview

- **16 Partners**
 - **EU (5)** : University of Vienna, University of Zagreb, University of Maribor, University of Banska Bistrica, Association of professionals in doctoral education.
 - **ME (5)**: University of Montenegro, University of Donja Gorica, Ministry of education of Montenegro, Ministry of Science of Montenegro, Montenegrin Chamber of Commerce,
 - **AL(6)**: University of Schroder “Luigj Gurakuqi”, Technical University of Tirana, Vlore University, University Metropolitene Tirana, Ministry of sport and education of Albania. Union of Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Albania
- **Coordinator: University of Montenegro**
- **EU garnt (all partners): 868.120 EUR**
- **Duration: 3 years, nov 2018- okt 2021**



MARDS Overview

- **Abstract and objectives:**

The MARDS project addresses one of the most acute problems in Montenegrin and Albanian education systems, the doctoral studies. Its main objective is to reconstruct them in line with Salzburg Principles and establish sustainable and modern Pilot Joint Doctoral Schools between two friendly neighbours partner countries that will serve as an example of “good practice” for the WB Region. At all, **to improve and establish sustainable capacities in field of doctoral studies** in two countries.

The **specific objectives** of the MARDS projects are:

- **to reconsider the existing national policies/standards for doctoral studies** in two countries and their compatibility with EU practices,
- **to develop and propose a new model of doctoral studies in two countries**, adapted to the acquired experiences over past decades and current and future countries’ needs
- **to propose a sustainable method of financing doctoral studies in two countries** on national levels.
- **to establish two Joint Doctoral Schools** "Natural sciences and Technology for Sustainable Development" with place in Montenegro (Podgorica) and “Economy and Tourism for Sustainable Development” with place in Albania (Shkoder) as the recommendable examples of cross-border PhD programmes.
- **to establish a sustainable cooperation** with EU partners and established Doctoral School in order to maintain developed standards.



MARDS Overview

Outcomes:

1. **Report** on existed doctoral education in Montenegro and Albania with Action plans.
2. **Proposal of basic legal documents** including the model of funding doctoral studies in Montenegro and Albania.
3. **Conference on PhD education** in Montenegro and Albania.
4. **Guidelines and recommendations** for WB academics and professionals in doc. studies
5. **Accredited Joint Pilot Doctoral Schools**: "Natural sciences and Technology for Sustainable Development" with place in Montenegro, Podgorica and "Economy and Tourism for Sustainable Development" with place in Albania , Shkoder.
6. **The First Scholarships for doctoral studies** in two countries based on recommended funding model (if allowed by policy makers?)
7. **Curricula for new Joint Doctoral Schools** with all info and guidelines related to the study process.
8. **Enhanced capacities** to support joint schools (human and research infrastructure at partner universities, capacity building)
9. **MARDS Doctoral Colloquium** of first PhD generation enrolled under title "Science, Technology and Services for Sustainable development"

Budget table



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Key Action 2: Cooperation for innovation and the exchange of good practices
Capacity Building in the field of higher education

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CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2018 – EACIA05/2017 - Erasmus+ Programme (2017/C 361/04)

Programme guide and instructions for applicants

Action	Joint Project
Duration number of months	36
Project Acronym	MARDS
Project Title	Reforming doctoral studies in Montenegro and Albania - good practice paradigm

EU GRANT REQUESTED FROM THE EUROPEAN UNION (in EUR)

1. Staff Costs	319,860.00	Cannot exceed 40% of total Grant requested
2. Travel Costs + Exceptional Travel Costs	82,925.00	
3. Costs of Stay	216,685.00	
4. Equipment Costs	209,650.00	Cannot exceed 30% of Total Grant requested
5. Subcontracting Costs	39,000.00	Cannot exceed 10% of Total Grant requested
Total Grant requested from the European Union	868,120.00	Should be equal or above EUR 500,000.00 and cannot exceed EUR 1,000,000.00

DISTRIBUTION OF THE GRANT BY ORGANISATION (in EUR)

Partner N°	Name of Partner	Country	PRIPA	1. Staff Costs	2. Travel Costs	3. Costs of Stay	4. Equipment Costs	5. Subcontracting Costs	Total Costs (in EUR)
P1	UNIVERSITY OF MONTENEGRO	Montenegro	Partner Countries	61,460.00	17,770.00	34,560.00	57,950.00	29,000.00	200,740.00
P2	UNIVERSITY OF VIENNA	Austria	Programme Countries	52,680.00	3,660.00	8,040.00	-	-	64,380.00
P3	UNIVERSITY OF MARIBOR	Slovenia	Programme Countries	24,515.00	4,845.00	10,080.00	-	-	39,440.00
P4	FAC. OF EDU. AND REH. SCIENCES (UHZAGREB)	Croatia	Programme Countries	20,015.00	3,810.00	9,960.00	-	-	33,785.00
P5	UNIVERSITY OF BANSKA BISTRICA	Slovakia	Programme Countries	20,385.00	4,760.00	9,720.00	-	-	34,865.00
P6	UNIVERSITY OF DONJA GORICA	Montenegro	Partner Countries	13,515.00	5,480.00	18,960.00	23,450.00	-	61,405.00
P7	UNIVERSITY OF SHKODRA "LUIGJ GURAKUQI"	Albania	Partner Countries	29,585.00	9,050.00	33,430.00	38,650.00	5,000.00	115,715.00
P8	POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF TIRANA	Albania	Partner Countries	16,830.00	8,040.00	24,285.00	40,200.00	-	89,355.00
P9	UNIVERSITY OF VLORA "ISMAIL QEMALI"	Albania	Partner Countries	15,460.00	8,100.00	24,285.00	24,450.00	-	72,295.00
P10	METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY OF TIRANA	Albania	Partner Countries	23,500.00	6,760.00	19,845.00	24,950.00	5,000.00	80,055.00
P11	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION OF MONTENEGRO	Montenegro	Partner Countries	6,765.00	1,575.00	4,200.00	-	-	12,540.00
P12	MINISTRY OF SCIENCE OF MONTENEGRO	Montenegro	Partner Countries	6,765.00	1,575.00	4,200.00	-	-	12,540.00
P13	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SPORTS AND YOUTH OF ALBANIA	Albania	Partner Countries	6,765.00	2,275.00	4,200.00	-	-	13,240.00
P14	CHAMBER OF ECONOMY OF MONTENEGRO	Montenegro	Partner Countries	6,225.00	1,120.00	3,120.00	-	-	10,465.00
P15	ASSOCIATION FOR PROFESSIONALS IN DOCTORAL EDUCATION - PRIDE	Austria	Programme Countries	10,358.00	2,285.00	4,560.00	-	-	17,203.00
P16	UNION OF CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY OF ALBANIA	Albania	Partner Countries	5,037.00	1,820.00	3,240.00	-	-	10,097.00

MARDS in action



MARDS promotion at Shkoder, 02.11.18



MARDS promotion at E+ Info Day, 13.11.18



MARDS Promotion on TAM Seminar 19.11.18



MARDS Presentation on Erasmus+ Info Day 29.11.18

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