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INTERNationalization at Home: Embedding Approaches and Structures to Foster Internationalization at Western Balkans (INTERBA)

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INTERBA PARTNERS

University of Tirana/ Middlesex University/ Hamburg University of Technology/ University of Cagliari/ CESIE/
European University of Tirana/ Universum College/ University of Pristina/ University of Tuzla/ Dzemat Bijedic/ University of Mostar



INTERBA AT A GLANCE!

INTERBA is an Erasmus+ Capacity Building in Higher Education project, led by the University of Tirana, Albania. The consortium has 10 partners out of which 6 are HEIs from the Western Balkans, and 4 partners HEIs from Program countries namely: Germany, Italy and the UK. The project is envisaged to last for 3 years. INTERBA project's general aim is to strengthen international, intercultural & global dimension via Internationalization at Home (IaH) implementation at partner HEIs to enhance the quality of education and make a meaningful contribution to the society.

PROJECT SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES:

- To formulate a coherent and detailed IaH concept that could be mainstreamed into the partner HEIs Roadmaps following on from their specific exigencies;
- To level up the scope and viability of IaH activities implemented in partner HEIs;
- To train expert pool capable of developing and integrating IaH into HEI environment;
- To launch an online platform as a tool for IaH implementation;
- To establish/modernise structure/entities responsible for IaH at HEIs.

PROJECT OUTCOMES:

- 5 staff from each Partner Higher Education Institution trained;
- 20-30 staff re-trained in each Partner Higher Education Institution;
- 240-360 trainees and visiting academic staff;
- 500 trainees overall in the region will be part of the network of experts; etc.

INTERBA PROJECT UPDATE

WORK PACKAGE 1:

This work package has set the foundation for the implementation of the project. Universum College led each of the partner countries towards the identification of existing knowledge capital, which allowed for the creation of the Knowledge Repository at consortium level and broader. The following deliverables have been produced:

1. Analysis of Knowledge Capital in partner countries
2. Need Analysis
3. Internationalization Priority Areas

WORK PACKAGE 2:

University of Cagliari created a coordination model that helped to exploit the knowledge capital of all partner institution in an effective way. The model allowed for the identification of knowledge capital cases, which further formed the network of expertise with

detailed profiles including individual skill sets and contributions. The following deliverables have been produced:

1. Knowledge Repository
2. Network of Knowledge Experts
3. Bridging Model to Align Knowledge Cases to Knowledge Gaps

WORK PACKAGE 3:

Middlesex University led the partner countries towards the creation of a series of short courses, through which they would become members of the network of experts, as well as provided the necessary guidelines for putting together the Request for Knowledge (RfK) documents submitted to the network of experts to allow for knowledge transfer of short courses. The following deliverables have been produced:

1. Training Content
2. Short training Opportunities
3. Guidelines for Request for Knowledge (RfK) documentation

WORK PACKAGE 4:

MiddleSex University conducted trainings with the core staff from all Partner Country institutions in EU through Train the Trainers (TtT) workshops. Monitoring of training pilots and re-training sessions from partner countries, alongside with the development of all the necessary materials and training portfolio was effectively done. The following deliverables have been produced:

1. Training key staff members
2. Conducting training pilots
3. Conducting re-training
4. Training toolkit

WORK PACKAGE 5:

European University of Tirana ensured the creation of the Moodle structures <https://moodle.interbaproject.com/my/> for the delivery of e-learning for all the short courses created in the framework of the project, and its monitoring for the lifespan of the project and beyond, the support of the introduction of materials, the monitor of translation of key documentation, by including the server as integral part of UET

IT systems. The following deliverables have been produced:

1. Support of the introduction of materials
2. Monitor the translation of key documentation
3. Monitor the use of the platform during training and re-training

WORK PACKAGE 6:

Hamburg University of Technology has consolidated and analyzed the progress of the implementation of each of the partner sustainability plans and submits a detailed interim report to the project management. The following deliverables have been produced:

1. Elaboration and dissemination of the methodology for the sustainability strategy
2. Sustainability plan for training and re-training courses and Moodle platform
3. Sustainability plan for Train-to-Trainers workshop
4. Sustainability plan for network of knowledge experts
5. Sustainability interim reporting
6. Sustainability final reporting





WORK PACKAGE 7:

CESIE supervised and coordinated the partners' activities related to internal evaluation, providing feedback on partners' contributions on all issues related to the project evaluation. A strong focus was given on reaching the common quality standards and results for each of the work packages. The following deliverables have been produced:

1. Quality Assurance plan
2. Quality Assurance Annual Report
3. Final QA Report
4. External Evaluation

WORK PACKAGE 8:

The European University of Tirana developed a robust Dissemination and Exploitation Strategy, established a strong visual identity for the project, and monitored the partners in complying with the consortium guidelines during the implementation of the project. The following deliverables have been produced:

1. Dissemination and Exploitation Strategy
2. Two papers on project activities and results
3. Dissemination events with relevant stakeholders (workshop, infodays)
4. Final International Project Conference in Tirana
5. Financial and Institutional Sustainability Strategic Plan

6. Sustainable cooperation with labour market

7. Creation of the partner network between all institutions involved in the project

WORK PACKAGE 9:

University of Tirana, through the project management structures, ensured the successful completion of different project management and financial management issues, reporting and quality management. The following deliverables have been produced:

1. Kick-off meeting
2. Project team meetings
3. First annual report on project activities
4. Second annual reports on project activities
5. Third annual reports on project activities

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