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## **Enhancing and Validating service related competences in Versatile learning environments in Western Balkan Universities (e-VIVA)**

### **Report on the implementation of the activities realized in UKZ**



International co-operation and projects are the main priorities, together with the quality have been developed and raised during this mandate by the Vice-Rector for International Cooperation and that have been supported by the Rector of the UKZ Prof. dr. Assoc. Dr. Bajram Kosumi.

The e-VIVA project, is a project that has to do with the new methods of learning in Higher Education Institutions in order to raise the competences and knowledge for quality education.

This is a project funded by Erasmus + with 16 partners, for a duration of three years.

The partnership consists of universities from the EU and Western Balkans such as: Unternehmensberatung GmbH (Austria), Blended learning institutions' cooperative / blinc eG (Germany), University of Duisburg Essen / UDE (Germany), University of Nova de Lisboa (Portugal), University of Montenegro, University of Donja Gorica, European University of Tirana, University of Elbasan "Aleksandër Xhuvani", University of St.Kiril dhe Metody, University "Mother Tereza", University of Sarajevo, School of Science and Technology in Sarajevo (SSST), University of Gjilan "Kadri Zeka" Universum College, University of Nis and University of Novi Sad.

In order to gain experience from universities and other institutions abroad, there is international cooperation. Thus, the University "Kadri Zeka" has paid great attention to the organization in the implementation of the e-VIVA project.

Within this project, UKZ as a full partner, has implemented a number of activities foreseen in the working packages as well as continuously to introduce and to promote it.

Initially, the project manager, Prof. Ass. Dr. Dukagjin Leka, Vice-Rector for International Cooperation and UKZ staff involved in the project, during joint meetings shared their duties and responsibilities in realizing the objectives set out in the project



*This is the UKZ staff involved in the e-VIVA project*

The Rector Prof. Assoc. Dr. Bajram Kosumi and the representatives of UKZ, have responded to any request regarding the implementation of activities arising from the project.



The promotion of the e-VIVA project has been carried out in all study visits within other projects, which have been realized through the universities that we have cooperation, in the other events are held, conferences, fairs and trainings.

Such events where e-VIVA project has been promoted by the UKZ representatives are study visits in Metropolia University in Helsinki and Celal Bayar University in Manisa, Turkey.

### **Visit in Metropolia University – Helsinki, Finland**

A presentation of the project and the way of cooperation and news that brings the e-VIVA project have been presented by Prof. Dr. Ass. Dr. Dukagjin Leka, Vice-Rector for International Cooperation, who also has been supported by the rest of the UKZ team in this visit. Project presentation was made on the day called Collaboration Day – on Tuesday activities have been developed at the Metropolia University campus. The first part of the day was with presentations of innovative projects from various companies in Finland- HIPPA Projects. Within this section, the Vice-Rector has introduced the international cooperation that UKZ has with other universities and with particular emphasis on the e-VIVA project, which has begun to be implemented and has simultaneously made a link between the development of competencies and validation with the innovation and the future of universities in this regard.



## Visit in Celal Bayar University – Manisa, Turkey

In the way of the SMAHPC project activities on the day of Learning Methods and Teacher's handbook in Manisa, Turkey, the e-VIVA project was presented to the Celal BAYAR University staff. UKZ's staff, Vice-Rector for International Cooperation and Officer Luljete Berisha, have presented the course of project implementation linking with the outputs of this project with the achievements and further development as a form of cooperation between universities.



Vice-Rector for International Cooperation, Dukagjin Leka has presented a summary report on the e-VIVA Project progress in a meeting with the Steering Committee of "Kadri Zeka" University in Gjilan, the highest decision-making body in each Higher Education Institution in Kosovo.



## Erasmus + Infosession

On May 30, 2019, the Office for International Cooperation has organized an info session on international co-operation of UKZ, Projects and Cooperation Agreements with Universities abroad and other local and international organizations.

In this informative session, have attended the representatives of the Erasmus + Office in Pristina, representatives from the University of Graz, representatives from the University of Vlora, representatives from the University of Podgorica, representatives from the University of Mitrovica and many representatives from the academic staff.

There was made the presentation of the UKZ projects, with special emphasis on the two projects that are being implemented e-VIVA and SMAHPC



## Digi Day Conference

The Faculty of Computer Science of the Public University "Kadri Zeka" in Gjilan (UKZ), under the auspices of the Rector of the University Prof. Assoc. Dr. Bajram Kosumi hosted the first DiGiDay 2019 Conference.

The first DiGiDay conference 2019 is organized in cooperation with the University of Montenegro, Podgorica, Montenegro, Korça University "Fan S. Noli", Albania, Elabasan University "Aleksander Xhuvani", Albania, "Mother Teresa" University, Skopje, Northern Macedonia, Vlora University "Ismail Qemajli", Albania and University of Mitrovica, "Isa Boletini", Kosovo.

The conference was opened by the Rector of "Kadri Zeka" University in Gjilan, Prof. Asoc. Dr. Bajram Kosumi. He thanked the participants at the conference, said today it is impossible to imagine a big or a small company with no minimal reference to the Internet, because of this, information makes customers to trust in their enterprises and services. Rector Kosumi, among other things, said that technology discovery is likely to be the greatest invention of humanity at all times.

Special emphasis, the Rector Kosumi during this conference has paid attention to the inter-institutional cooperation of UKZ with other organizations in the joint realization of various projects. He has said that various projects, especially the international ones, are the most important part of a university's recognition of the good and the timely development. This has highlighted the projects in Erasmus +, in particular the e-VIVA project, where for all the participants described the mode of operation and the objectives of what will be achieved by the end and after the project is completed. He has highly valued partnership with UET and all partners involved in e-VIVA.



## Study Fair in Gjilan

University “Kadri Zeka” has introduced its academic profiles and projects at the Gjilan Study Fair

On the secondary school campus in Gjilan, the Fair of Studies of the Universities of Kosovo and the region opened, where the University "Kadri Zeka" has presented the profiles that they offer for this academic year as well as the special scientific successes that this academic institution has through years. Also, international cooperation and projects where UKZ is partner is also presented. Pupils and other attendees have been briefly informed that UKZ offers the most advanced teaching standards by explaining that it is part of innovation projects such as SMAHPC and e-VIVA, which direct beneficiaries will be the academic staff, and in particular from the methods the new lessons learned from these projects will benefit students who will be equal with other students across Europe.



UKZ as a member of several international research organizations and projects belongs to the most prestigious institutions in the country and beyond, highlighting collaborations with Universities / Institutions within and outside Kosovo.

### **Joint meetings between UKZ and Universum College**

E-VIVA project partners from Kosovo: University “Kadri Zeka” in Gjilan and Universum College held two meetings at Universum College, to discuss and to coordinate future and joint activities during the summer and coming months.

