



Erasmus+ Project Strengthen Network Education, Research & Innovation In Central Asia

# Project meeting - 19/02/2021

Venue: Online Zoom Coordination Meeting. Time: 11.00 – 12.00 am (Milan time)

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*Coordinator's opening:* They welcomed everyone to this meeting. Thus, the agenda for discussion:

The closure of the modules;
Possible equipment / books to be purchased.

The closure of the modules





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Dr. Kenesh Dzhusupov reported that they are going to include two modules into the program of the International Higher School of Medicine; Occupational Health syllabus will be implemented in September 2021.

Dr. Rabiga Kozhamkulova noticed that the Air Pollution (AP) and Environmental Epidemiology (EE) modules were already included into the program but the Occupational Health they are considering including it from next semester.

Roman Kalmatov reported the Osh State University approved AP and EE modules for Master's degree program and they have a certificate for them, except OH.

Regarding two universities of Tajikistan and Semey University will be reported later.

Meanwhile, Dr. Rabiga Kozhomkulova noticed that she got in touch with Semey State Medical University recently where their underlined that they included Air Pollution this year, but they did not the rest.

The next point was concerned the issue of teaching these modules. At the University of Almaty, trainers by trainers involved in Erasmus trained teaching modules. The same situation with the rest of Universities involved to the project.

There were also questions about the number of students who are scheduled to enroll in the master's program. The partners confirmed that at the moment it is impossible to predict due to the current situation with Covid 19.

All modules are uploaded into the Dropbox for viewing and providing final recommendations. Also invited to view the modules by Professor Federico Rubino from the University of Milan and Dr. Zhyldyz Kurzhunbaeva for final amendments. Final recommendations for fixing modules will be given very soon.

The dates of the upcoming final conference were discussed. It is decided to have a final conference on 1-2 April 2021.

There is restrictions to travel for some partners such as Berlin group, and regarding to Kazakh, Uzbek and Indian partners this question under the discussion. They will inform when it is clear. It is solved to held blended (hybrid) conference where the UniMi team has planned to participation face-to-face.

Also, Indian partners expressed their concerns about funding, where it was suggested by Professor Claudio Colosio that there is an opportunity to write a letter to the European Community. Unfortunately, the requirements for the promotion of the project and obtaining funding have been changed just recently in India and the duration of coordination with the state has been lengthened. Thus, the Indian partners do not meet the deadline as it will take more than two months and it is too late to resell the project to the state committee. This question remains open. Professor Claudio Colosio expressed to involve the Indian partners and he will try to do everything possible for this.

## Possible equipment / books to be purchased.

Regarding the possibility of purchasing equipment, Professor Claudio Colosio reported that the request was sent, but the representative of the office in Europe replied that they would consider it. So far, no an exact answer has been received. The key point for getting finance would be the accreditation of the modules, which is what we are striving for.

An upcoming small symposium was announced to be held on February 25, 2021 on the topic "Asbestos and its effects on humans" where there will be a report on the great work done in Italy over the past few years; current situation of asbestos use in Central Asia, report from dr. Zhyldyz Kurzhunbaeva; Situation with the impact of asbestos in the Lombardy region, report from





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Federica Masci. Prof. Claudio Colosio noticed the impact of asbestos is still has exposure on the people due to Central Asia still have a mine. In addition, it is planned to conduct scientific research in Central Asia on chrysotile asbestos and this topic is one of the aspects of our project. Everyone is welcome to listen and ask questions.

The next meeting is scheduled for 4 March 2021 at 11.00am Milan time.

Person responsible for the procedure: Zhyldyz Kurzhunbaeva

The Project Coordinator, Prof. Claudio Colosio

List of participants is attached.