

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

Project meeting – 17/12/2020

Venue: Online Zoom Coordination Meeting. Time: 10.00 – 11.30 am (Berlin time)

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Coordinator's opening:

I welcome everyone to our meeting. Due to the difficult situation in the world related to COVID-19, we were forced to resort to an online meeting in order to discuss the following topics in order to complete the project in the remaining 6 months made available by these acceptance of our request of extension.

- 1) New Curricula Modules and MA Programs for the Final Evaluation;
- 2) The Quality Assurance WP, implementation of the project tasks;
- 3) Accreditation documents for new Curricula Modules and MA Programs.
- 4) Discuss project activities and other important issues for the remaining 6 months before project completion

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I thank very much our Berlin Colleagues for their help and all of the participants for joining our virtual meeting.

“The Curricula Modules”

Dr. Rabiga Kozhamkul reported that the Environment Module was modified according to the comments of Dr. Hans Orru from the University of Tartu, finalized and uploaded to Dropbox. In turn, this module was introduced into the master program at Asfendiyarov University in Almaty.

The person responsible the module on Occupational Diseases was replaced by Dr. Olzhas Zhamantaev due to the previous participant Bakhtiyar Serik having left the project.

Dr. Olzhas Zhamantaev stated that the module is at the stage of finalization and in early January 2021 will be loaded onto Dropbox. Dr. Shiyam Pingle will be involved in the finalization of this module which h will be finalized in collaboration with the University of Milano.

Dr. Khuseyin Egamnazarov, responsible for the third module on Epidemiology, reported that some amendments need to be made, but the draft version has been uploaded onto Dropbox and is open for everyone to comment. The latest final version (after amendments) will be uploaded in early January 2021. Dr. Khuseyin Egamnazarov also noted that the modules developed through the Erasmus + project for the master's program were discussed at the plenary session and agreement was obtained on the implementation of all modules into the educational system of Avicenna Tajik State Medical University and comprehensive support was promised by this institution.

The modules' composition, together with the appointed responsible persons are as follows:

1 Air Pollution and Health Effects.

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The Final Conference of project Erasmus Tutorial

The project coordinators have come to the decision to hold the final conference in Kyrgyzstan in late March or early April. The people responsible for the conference, on the Kyrgyz side will be Prof. Kenesh Dzhusupov. alongside our coordination team of the University of Milano, Prof. Claudio Colosio and Dr. Zhyldyz Kurzhunbaeva,. The conference format will be through Zoom platform or any other virtual platform but if the pandemic situation will improve the possibility of organizing a face to face meeting will be considered. Prof. Claudio also noted the importance of disseminating and discussing with the main stakeholders the project results, which will be reported at the final conference. The conference program will be available in Dropbox. In addition, Prof. Claudio asked the Berlin team to create a document indicating the website address (the official Tutorial Website located in Tartu and the local websites hosted by the Universities involved in the project). The Berlin Team will visit these websites and will give a feedback at the next project meeting . Dr. Elena asked Anastasia Tatarintseva to evaluate the site and give her feedback to improve it.

The accreditation standards

Andrey (exolaunch) stated that they will help with the finalization and closure of the project. . It was also mentioned that the results of the project should be available (documents, etc.) and that we should think about the accreditation of the modules created by Tutorial in all the partner Universities, if possible with a mutual accreditation (possibility of students of the other Universities to follow the courses, get credits and be admitted at the final proficiency evaluation tests. They checked the previous policy of national accreditation (2014) and found differences in the requirements of different countries, as well as a strong influence of the ministry on accreditation of programs. It was also noted that the project participants should think about the tools necessary for obtaining national accreditation and think it over through an action map. It was noted that it is necessary to provide information for the national accreditation process today, as this information is not available in the public domain. In this regard, it was proposed to appoint a project participant from each country to provide information on the process of obtaining national accreditation.

Dr. Rabiga Kozhomkul reported that they have already looked at the requirements for national accreditation the procedure slightly different, nevertheless, they will provide a description of the processes required to undergo accreditation. However, the curriculum of modules as elective courses can possibly be passed through this procedure.

Dr. Khuseyn Egamnazarov confirmed that the possibility of obtaining national accreditation for curriculum modules is possible in Tajikistan.

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Nonetheless, the question of national accreditation remains open to discussion.

The Quality Assurance WP

Regarding exolaunch, questionnaires were developed to assess the quality of the project and it was proposed to complete a questionnaire that will be sent by Anastasia Tatarintseva to each participant.

Other

The coordinators suggested holding online meetings with the participation of at least the key persons but no less than on person per partner every month.

It was also brought up for discussion that due to Covid 19 there was no opportunity for face-to-face meetings and in this regard, some money was saved. It is necessary to evaluate how to spend this money (if spending will be possible) having in mind that no fund can be allocated under the heading of personnel costs. The possibility of spending the saved money and buying tools or equipment to be discussed in next online meeting (after agreement with the Erasmus head office), which will be held on January 18, 2021. at 10.00am to 13.00pm (Milan time)

Person responsible for the procedure: Zhyldyz Kurzhunbaeva

The Project Coordinator, Prof. Claudio Colosio

List of participants is attached.