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European University of Tirana

Presentation for the Erasmus+ KA2 CBHE Project on Quality Assurance

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THE EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY OF TIRANA (UET)

- ❑ Leading private university established in 2006

- ❑ Quality teaching, excellent student services, research and project development

- ❑ Three level of studies: BA; MSc/PM; PhD Studies
 - Faculty of Social Sciences and Education
 - Faculty of Law
 - Faculty of Economics and Information Technology

UET Programmes of Study

□ Programmes of study

□ **Law:** public, private, business

□ **Social Sciences:** communication, public relations, political sciences, international relations, psychology, education sciences, sociology, social-anthropology

□ **Economy:** finance, banking, business administration, marketing, information technology

UET Programme of Study

- All programmes of study are accredited, 3 new ones and PhD programmes in progress

	F SSE	FL	FEIT	Total
BA	4	1	3	8
MSC	5	2	3	10
PM	5	1	4	10
MSL	4	2	3	9
Total	18	6	13	37

UET Figures

❑ Academic Staff 2015/2016

- ❑ 125 full time academic staff
- ❑ 48 part-time academic staff per term

❑ Number of students 2015/2016

- ❑ Bachelor – 1488 active students
- ❑ Master of Science – 813 active students
- ❑ Professional Master – 230 active students
- ❑ Doctoral Students – 270

UET Governance

- ❑ The **Board of Trustees** - is the highest institution in UET with advisory and lobbying functions
- ❑ The **Academic Senate** - is the main decision-making body regarding the academic management of the institution
- ❑ The **President** of the UET – a key figure in the representation of the UET with third-parties at the national and international level
- ❑ The **Rector** of the UET - in charge of the leading and management of all internal academic procedures
- ❑ UET Administrator/CEO – admin/financial management
- ❑ Dean/Head of Departments/Deputy Rectors/Pro-Rector/Registrar

UET – Research University

□ The Doctoral School in UET

aims to guide the process of development of lecturers and future researchers in Social Sciences and Education, Law and Economy.

□ Research Programme “UET 2020”

provide the blueprint for the organization of research into research groups in the entire University. 7 major research programmes led by senior researchers.

Scientific Journals

- *Jus & Justicia* – the Academic Journal of the Faculty of Law
- *Polis* - the Academic Journal of the Department of Politics and International Relations
- *Economicus*— the Academic Journal of the Faculty of Economy and Information Technology
- *Educatio*— the Academic Journal of the Department of Education
- *Sociological Analysis*— the International Journal Faculty of Social Sciences and Education and the Institute of Social and Policy Studies.

UET Facilities

□ UET Library

- Hard copy resources

- Online resources – access to e-journals (Ebsco)

- Study environment

- Mentoring

- University Management System

- management of student info/data

- Management of processes from enrolment to graduation

- E-UET – for internal
communication/management

- E-learning – in progress

Research Grants

- ❑ **UET Research Grants for academic staff**
- ❑ Concrete output and impact on community, society, policy-development in Albania
- ❑ Fully funded by the UET
- ❑ Coordinated by the Deputy Dean for Research and Methodology and UET Centre

Education – Research – Development

□ The Office for Project Development and Research

an integral part of the university and engages in various projects and programmes;

□ UET Centre

think tank associated with the university, engages in policy-oriented research projects, capacity building initiatives and joint projects

□ UET Press

academic publishing house

UET Students

- ❑ **Student-centred university** - Focusing on excellent student services and student empowerment through engagement

- ❑ **The Student Services Centre**
 - academic advising;
 - mentoring scheme;
 - career/employability counselling;
 - health, safety and wellbeing counselling;
 - welfare support including financial and accommodation counselling

UET Student Service Centre

- ❑ Career and Internships Office
- ❑ Academic Advising and Mentoring Office
- ❑ Student Welfare Office
- ❑ Student Council – participation in UET leading governance bodies: Senate, Departments, Commission for Internal Quality Assurance
- ❑ Student Clubs

From studying to working

- ❑ **Job Fair** - Student Services Centre organizes the *Job Fair* the second week of May each academic year
- ❑ **Labour Market Board** - per each Department which are composed of highly qualified professionals from the governmental sector, private enterprises and businesses; CSOs, HEIs.
- ❑ **UET Association of Alumni** - trace mechanism for graduates – Career Book
- ❑ **Project Development** – engagement of students in projects and research

EU Projects

- ◆ Lifelong Learning Programme: Jean Monnet Chair - Albania toward the EU Regional Development
- ◆ Tempus
 - ◆ Developing Human Rights at the Heart of Education
 - ◆ Connecting Science-Society Collaborations for Sustainability Innovations
 - ◆ Enhancing Albanian System of Quality Assurance in Higher Education: Application of the Process – and – Outcome-Based Methodology
- ◆ Erasmus Mundus
 - ◆ Sigma Agile - Critical Skills Learning for Innovation, Sustainable Growth, Mobility and Employability in the Multicultural Environment of the Western Balkans
- ◆ Erasmus+
 - ◆ Curriculum Development joint European Political Science MA (euroPS)
 - ◆ Several credit mobilities

Quality Assurance in UET

- ❑ **Unit for Internal Quality Assurance**
(KSBC)
- ❑ KSBC is composed of lecturers across all faculties and representatives from the administrative, support staff and students.
- ❑ Monitor of the internal academic processes – provide key insights for improvement to the academic management
- ❑ Improve the overall performance of the university

Quality Assurance Instruments

- ❑ **Periodical self-evaluation** of the following processes:
 - ❑ Syllabuses
 - ❑ Coursework, essays
 - ❑ Exams: mid-term and final
 - ❑ Departments, Registrar and Administrative Staff compliance with the approved regulation
- ❑ **Students evaluation – survey**
 - ❑ Course content, delivery and lecturers
 - ❑ Focus groups for student services, life, career, etc. ; facilities;
- ❑ **Performance evaluation for academic staff:**
 - ❑ Follow up at the end of the academic year;
 - ❑ Self-evaluation
 - ❑ Open lecture with fellow lecturers
 - ❑ Peer evaluation and from head of departments

Moving forward - QA

- ❑ Work in progress regarding:
- ❑ **Methodology module** – training of academic staff for teaching, research, methodology
- ❑ **Key performance indicators** – to be established to measure the performance of academic staff
 - ❑ Lecturing, content of courses
 - ❑ Research
 - ❑ Publications
 - ❑ Projects
- ❑ **International Review** from Quality Assurance Agency in UK
- ❑ **Increased student participation** in UET governance

Websites

<http://uet.edu.al/>

<http://www.uetcentre.org/portal/index.php/en>