



QAINAL Project Impact on "Marin Barleti University" (MBU)

Documents that were created and / or improved thanks to project activities and coaching from EU Partners:

- MBU Internal Quality Assurance Strategy 2017 – 2022
- MBU Quality Assurance Manual
- IQA Commission Job Description
- IQA Organizational Chart
- SWOT analysis of the quality assurance office. June 2017
- IQA Commission action plan for 2016-2017 and 2017-2018
- Procedure for international mobility

Institutional level

- ✓ Improvement of the function of the Internal Quality Assurance Commission with a renewed job description and work plan for the academic year 2016 - 2017 and 2017-2018; This action plan was harmonized with all project activities;
- ✓ Knowledge sharing and dissemination of activities through multiplication with the entire staff based on study visit and trainings has been institutionalised; This model of QAINAL project has also been used at MBU for other projects with the aim to multiply the outcomes of project activities;
- ✓ Improvement of the quality assurance processes for the Office for Project Development and Partnership particularly for the mobility and exchange programmes through the set-up of a welcome guide for international students and detailed information and procedures on website; a document of procedures has been developed and approved; This document reflects also best practices from EU partners learned from all project activities;
- ✓ Higher involvement of students in the quality assurance processes at the institution also in line with other initiatives taken by MBU for student participation;
- ✓ Higher external dissemination through the use of online media and mass media (newspapers) regarding the role of quality assurance on the performance of higher education in Albania;



- ✓ More visibility in the public sphere for MBU as a university that pays particular attention to quality assurance;
- ✓ Higher cooperation between MBU and other Albanian partners in the project.

Individual staff level

- ✓ Professional capacity building through trainings and study visit which allowed for exchange not only with EU institutions, but also with peers from HEIs in Albania and Kosovo;
- ✓ International travel for staff, which allowed for cultural exchange, more cohesion in the group and more cooperation with the partners;
- ✓ Tailor made training in quality assurance mechanism for international mobility, joint degrees and evaluation of research and thus better prepared to fulfill with the requirements of the job position in MBU;
- ✓ More networking skills for academic and administrative staff thanks to project activities and joint meetings, workshops, trainings;
- ✓ Project management skills developed for staff participating in the project and learning more on Erasmus+ and EACEA guidelines on project management.

Sustainability Plan

- ✓ MBU has now a QA Strategy till 2022, so it will ensure the sustainability of the project beyond the project lifespan;
- ✓ MBU has included the goal of enhanced quality assurance in academic processes, research, projects, mobility, management and students' activities in its overall Development Strategy and thus has made a commitment to ensure the highest level of quality;
- ✓ MBU has dedicated financial and human resources as well as infrastructure to IQAC and has made provisions for these resources to be continued and increased as per the needs of the IQAC;



- ✓ MBU has legal obligations to adhere to IQAC and it undergoes regular institutional and programme by programme accreditation processes, which are also an external regulatory factor to ensure high level of quality;
- ✓ MBU is committed to QA beyond the lifespan of the project as MBU is seeking other resources of funding in addition to its own resources;
- ✓ MBU ensures sustainability by cooperating with other partners in Albania and in EU regarding QA.