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## Report on the Study visit in Bucharest

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The event was organized in the frame of the QAINAL ERASMUS+ project, at the University Politehnica of Bucharest. It was attended by 23 representatives of Albanian universities, representatives of the Albanian Ministry of Education and of the Albanian Accreditation Institution (see Annex 2).

Prof. Mariana Mocanu started the event with the presentation of the host university (Annex 3), as a provider of both master and PhD degrees, a representative university in the Romanian landscape of higher education institutions.

Further, the particularities of QA for master studies as well as the requirements established at national level by the Romanian Accreditation Agency (ARACIS) were presented by Prof. Mariana Mocanu (Annex 4). It was presented the accreditation of master domains, as well as the accreditation at the level of program studies. The presentation was followed by a question & answers session.

Then, the representatives of the HEIs from Tirana presented the master programs and the set-up system for master programs:

- On behalf of the University New York Tirana, Mrs. Ariana Çela made the presentation
- On behalf of the "Marin Barleti" University from Tirana, Mrs. Migena Kapllanaj made the presentation
- On behalf of the Epoka University from Tirana, Mrs. Reina Shehi (Zenelaj) made the presentation
- On behalf of the POLIS University from Tirana, Mrs. Manjola Hoxha made the presentation
- On behalf of the European University of Tirana, Mrs. Drita Kruja made the presentation

These presentations are provided in Annex 6.

The second day started with Assoc. Prof. Costin Chiru's presentation of the PhD program from the University Politehnica of Bucharest, viewed from the students' eyes (Annex 5). There were presented the steps needed to be undertaken by the students starting from the BSc/ MSc programs to the end of the PhD program in order to be successful in their attempts. The presentation was also followed by a question & answers session.



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Afterwards, the representatives of the HEIs from Tirana presented the PhD programs and the set-up system for PhD programs in their universities:

- On behalf of the University New York Tirana, Mrs. Matilda Lopari made the presentation
- On behalf of the Epoka University from Tirana, Mr. Niuton Mulleti made the presentation
- On behalf of the POLIS University from Tirana, Mr. Loris Rossi and Ms. Joana Dhiamandi made the presentation
- On behalf of the European University of Tirana, Mr. Arbi Agalliu made the presentation
- On behalf of the "Marin Barleti" University from Tirana, Mrs. Eurona Leka made an oral presentation (there were no slides available)

These presentations are provided in Annex 7.

The last part of the second day was dedicated to the Consortium Meeting, as shown in Annex 1. The Consortium Meeting was conducted by prof. Peter Eckl from University of Salzburg, the project coordinator. The topics discussed were:

- 1) Details regarding the audit regulations
  - There has to be provided evidence of payment for every category of Travel costs
  - For different duties in the project, a person has to provide different time sheets (manager; teacher; administrative)
  - Proof of payment of staff costs has to be provided
- 2) The details regarding the interim reporting (April – October 2017) were discussed.
- 3) The tendering for equipment was successfully.
- 4) Following further activities were planned:
  - 18-19 December 2017: QA in Albanian universities action plan – Discussion at EUT, Tirana
  - On-line coaching: ongoing activity
  - Support for the QA offices: ongoing activity
  - Students' visit – spring 2018
  - Training activity – March 2018
  - Dissemination actions - ongoing activity
  - The final project meeting has to be planned.

The last day started with the presentation of different joint MSc programs in which the Politehnica University from Bucharest was involved. The first program was an European-funded Erasmus Mundus MSc program (DMKM – Data Mining and Knowledge Management) that was presented by Assoc. Prof. Costin Chiru (Annex 8). Afterwards, the Parallel and Distributed Systems MSc. program was presented by Prof. Mariana Mocanu. This program is offered in collaboration with Vrije University of Amsterdam from Netherlands. Prof. Mariana



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Mocanu also presented a new MSc. program that is developed now in the Politehnica University from Bucharest in the domain of aeronautics. The presentations were followed by question & answers sessions, during which the Albanian partners made different remarks.

The last session of the meeting was dedicated to the presentation of the professor's view of the PhD program from the University Politehnica of Bucharest. Prof. Mariana Mocanu made an interactive presentation in which all the partners were invited to participate. The discussions included aspects such as tutors' habilitation and the university funding.

### Annexes

1. Meeting Agenda
2. Participants List
3. Presentation About UPB (Prof. Dr. Mariana Mocanu)
4. Presentation About the QA at Master Level in UPB (Prof. Mariana Mocanu)
5. Presentation about the QA at PhD Level in UPB (Assoc. Prof. Costin Chiru)
6. The Partners' Presentations on QA at Master Level (Representatives of the Albanian HEIs)
7. The Partners' Presentations on QA at PhD Level (Representatives of the Albanian HEIs)
8. Presentation of a Joint Erasmus Mundus MSc Program DMKM (Assoc. Prof. Costin Chiru)