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Politehnica from Bucharest during the
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**“Strategic Support on Strengthening
the Quality Assurance Structures at
the Private Higher Education
Institutions in Albania”**

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*University Politehnica from Bucharest
Splaiul Independentei nr. 313, sector 6,
Bucuresti, ROMANIA*

The study visit at the University Politehnica of Bucharest took place between June 1st-3rd, 2016, at the Faculty of Control Systems and Computers. The participants who attended to this study visit are the ones from the attached participants' list. The agenda of the visit is also attached.

After the wellcome words and the presentation of the faculty, presented by the vice-dean of the faculty, Prof. PhD Eng. Ciprian Lupu, several topics related to the activities in the university with impact on the quality assurance were presented and debated.

Prof. PhD Eng. Ciprian Lupu also presented the larger context of the higher education system in Romania, and the role of Politehnica University of Bucharest as a student centered university.

The first topic was dedicated to "Support services for students to help them integrate on the labor market / internships" and was presented by Lecturer PhD Eng. Vlad Posea. He presented the importance of internships in the engineering curricula as well as the procedures followed by the faculty in order to organize these, in cooperation with suitable companies.

The point of view of the students was presented by Ms. Laura Antonache, executive member of the students association (LSAC), as well as one of the representatives of the students in the faculty council. She spoke about the involvement of the students in increasing the students' engagement in QA processes.

Prof. PhD Eng. Mariana Mocanu presented the quality assurance mechanisms and procedures at the department/study program level. She also spoke about the division of duties and responsibilities, as well as the interaction between academic and administrative units/staff concerning quality assurance. A round table discussion followed between al the participants, regarding resemblances and differences of the higher education QA procedures in different domains and countries. Using staff development as a means for enhancing quality was also discussed during the round table.

Prof. PhD Eng. Ioana Făgărășan presented another topic of interest for the participants, with direct impact on the QA: "The role of research in university". She described the research landscape in Romania and its connection to the European one. Prof. Făgărășan presented also the procedures for evaluation of research in terms of QA benchmarks.

Lecturer PhD Eng. Costin Chiru presented the importance of information management with regard to the improvement of quality assurance mechanisms and procedures. The topic was presented based on several software applications used in the UPB:

- the teaching platform – based on Moodle (<https://cs.curs.pub.ro/2015/login/index.php>),
- the bachelor projects platform (<https://diploma.cs.pub.ro/>)
- the general students administration pltaform

An important facility offered by the teaching platform, that was presented in detail, is the feedback instrument that offers students the possibility to evaluate the teaching process.

During the Consortium meeting, the stage of the project was analysed and several decisions were taken. A separate minute of the Consortium meeting was elaborated.

The presentations are annexed to this report.

Bucharest, the 14th of June, 2016