



## 3<sup>rd</sup> PCB Meeting

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING

<b>Project Acronym:</b>	<b>ELEVATE</b>
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<b>WP / Deliverable/ Action:</b>	WP7/D7.1/Act. 7.1.2 – PCB meeting
<b>Project partner (s)</b>	P1-Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova (ASEM)
<b>Place/ Date</b>	<b>Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova / 12 – 13 March 2019</b>

March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Welcome from Grant coordinator-Olesea SIRBU and presentation of partners.

Welcome from the head of the National Erasmus+ Office – Claudia MELINTE.

#### 1) SESSION I: ELEVATE project`s development achievements and results

Operational plan of the ELEVATE project`s 2nd year; overall presentation was made by the ELEVATE project Grant Coordinator - Olesea SIRBU. The following mismatches were appointed:

- University Internationalization Strategy- by the grant coordinator has been appointed that all
- Timeline of the ELEVATE project has been discussed, all the activities and the deadlines has been revised;
- WP2/National Strategy on IoHE and Research elaboration- the content and the realisation at the moment will be presented by Dr. Nadejda VELISCO;
- WP3/ (A3.1.) **Guidelines for institutional practices and regulations regarding academic recognition of mobility periods** – to be elaborated by all project partners; (A3.2.) **Develop & adopt university strategies on IoHE and research** – developed by all MD project partners; (A3.1. & A3.3.) University strategies for increasing the quality and scope of academic mobility – draft version elaborated by P4-USARB, to be elaborated and adopted by all MD project partners;
- WP4/ (A.4.2.) **Identify conditions for the recruitment of foreign PhD students, teachers and researchers** – Guidelines/Recommendation to be elaborated and adopted by all MD project partners; (A4.3.) **Action Plan for participation in the European Research Area (ERA)** – to be adopted by all MD project partners; (A4.4.) **Set of recommendations for university research project management and talent development and Institutional rules for international research projects management** - to be adopted by all MD project partners;
- Monitoring of ELEVATE project by the National E+ Office - decided to be realised on 22 April 2019 at 13:00 (for EU partners online); The presence of all MD partners is obligatory.

1.1.Presentation of the **NATIONAL STRATEGY ON INTERNATIONALIZATION OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND RESEARCH** by the Ministry of Education, Culture and Research of RM – ELEVATE project partner, represented by Dr. Nadejda VELISCO.

**FINE-TUNING of NPTF.** Presentation of state of art on elaboration of National Strategy on IoHE. Presentation of draft strategy and concept.

The National Strategy on IoHE and Research comprises the introduction, challenges, achievements and trends. Moreover, the SWOT analysis has been realised and the following intervention areas are to be included:

- *Intervention area no. 1* represents the urge to update all policies and political documents related to the process of internationalisation, linked to the expensive costst related to foreign language programs; the weak infrastructure development; ability to keep the international student; process of visa issuance; Actual implementation costs;
- *Intervention area no. 2* – academic staff; The mobility of academic and administrative staff for training and for teaching (not including E+) to be included in the National strategy. Recruitment of the internationalization indicators – an important point for program development; Academic staff invited to teach in MD HEIs;
- *Intervention area no. 3* - Internationalization of study programs; Joint/Double degree Programs development and recommendations elaborated for the development of joint programs; Internationalization of curricula;
- Intervention area no. 4 - Increasing the number of local / foreign students; Initiation of common programs in with Russia, Georgia, Asia; Elaboration and actualization by HEIs of MD of the marketing and recruitment strategy of foreign students - emphasis on master's programs - must be promoted; Systematic promotion of study programs on all education levels (undergraduate, postgraduate).
- Intervention area no. 5 – quality of research; Research institutes must serve the university; Promotion of the Cooperation agreements in the field of research;

Financing from the following sources:

- State budget;
- Projects, co-funded by the Erasmus+ programme of the European Union;
- Scholarships offered by the ministry 300-400 annually,
- Cooperation contracts with other countries, Japan, Bulgaria, China, etc.

The National Strategy on IoHE and research will be debated by all universities from Moldova through the National Council of Rectors (P7-CR). If the strategy will not be approved as a separate one, it will be included in the Moldova 2030 Strategy.

1.2. Each project`s partner from Moldova (including members of the Rectors` Council from Moldova involved in the ELEVATE project) presented the results achieved within development of the Work Packages nr. 2, 3 and 4 (focus on Strategies on Internationalisation + Action plans and their indicators of progress). – All the PPTs are available on the Google drive.

## **2. SESSION II: ELEVATE project`s Dissemination, Exploitation, Sustainability**

2.1. Each project`s partner from Moldova presented the report on the Dissemination within the 2nd project year (oct 2017-oct 2018); their Dissemination plan for the 3rd project`s year (oct. 2018 – oct. 2019) and exploitation and sustainability plan of projects results (within the project and beyond);

2.2. The Grant Coordinator has outlined once more the importance of the dissemination of the activities realized within the project and results achieved. The dissemination is obligatory to be done by all



project partners on institutional and national levels according to the rules of EACEA, presented in the dissemination strategy.

- Each MD university had to do the article about the project related issues and activities realized in institutional newspapers; The ELEVATE logo with redirection to the web page of the project, project description (available at least 5 years after the completion of the project); Events: outside the conferences, the one with an event dedicated to the dissemination in a given field and we do not forget to report (confirmation: program, leaflet, pose, banner, pictures); National: an article in zeal / magazine at national / regional level; TV report; Facebook; International: participation in international events and justifications of these (article with HIGH disclaimer, pictures, leaflets). All these are indicated in the reporting plan.
- All the dissemination materials (Banners, etc.) has to be elaborated according to the EACEA rules, the special attention has to be paid to the placement of the Project logo and CO-funded logo.
- All the partners have to correct the reported dissemination publications and other according the EACEA rules. The ELEVATE dissemination manager of P1-ASEM – Sabina MISTREAN will come to all MD partners with an email including all the regulation, relevant logos and other information.

2.3. SUSTAINABILITY: is measured in three levels: institutional (how strategies will work with the structures created), financial (attraction of new projects), mainstreaming (policy development);

- Each MD project partner must elaborate the sustainability;
- Strategies must be translated into ENGLISH to be evaluated by European partners, the Netherlands Organization (NUFIC) will evaluate the strategies. The strategies in ENGLISH will be placed on the project webpage.
- All the Institutional strategies on IoHE and research must include the project disclaimer, relevant logos and will be placed on the project webpage. The partners are given the deadline until the April 1<sup>st</sup> to improve if needed;

**March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

### **3. SESSION III: ELEVATE project`s benchmarking tool**

3.1. (WP1/D1.5.) Presentation of the updated benchmarking tool methodology, platform presented by HIRBU Eduard (P1-ASEM). Partners discussed the mechanism of data collection, updated of questionnaires on IoHE and research issues.

- The ELEVATE project partners were informed about the need to realise an additional survey, due to the fact that the methodology created for the benchmarking tool includes several indicators, and only 80% of them are in the survey realized by MD partners (D1.2.);
- The survey on Students/Teachers need to be released; The share of representativeness needs to be included. To ensure the results with the elaboration of representativeness, it is necessary to see how many Students/Teachers of different ages will respond (covers the aspect of sex, age) and identify the average value of representativeness, and to ensure this error.
- All MD partner universities must present: Age, Sex; Structural elements: Administrative staff, teachers; To isolate the situations, to be exactly according to the scientific degree (scientific title).

## Deadlines:

- The draft of the additional survey elaborated: **20 March 2019;**
- Survey sent to MD partners for completion: **25 March 2019;**
- Survey realized by MD partners and sent to P1: **12 April 2019;**

## 4. SESSION IV: ELEVATE project`s operational 3rd year (objectives, activities)

- 4.1. Fine-tuning of UWG. Presentation of the state of art of the project partners.
- 4.2. (WP2/A.2.2.) The standards for the accreditation of joint & double degrees will be elaborated as **Guide for organizing joint and double programs** (*Ghid de organizare a programelor comune si duble*) – (Responsible: Larisa BUGAIAN (P2-UTM), Nadejda VELISCO-P8-MECRRM) Draft Version: will be discussed during monitoring on **11 April 2019;**
- 4.3. (WP2/A.2.3.) National strategy on academic mobility & recognition of degrees will be elaborated as **Roadmap on academic mobility and recognition of degrees of mobility periods** (Responsible: Valentina PRITCAN – P4-USARB) Draft version available: **22 April 2019;** Final version available: **30 June 2019**
- 4.4. (WP2/A.2.4.) National Strategy on IoHE and research will be elaborated; the Public discussion will be held on **30.04.2019;**
- 4.5. (WP2/A.2.5.) National benchmarks for outgoing and incoming mobility development - (Responsible: Olesea SIRBU, Eduard HIRBU-P1-ASEM) Draft version: **22 April 2019;** Final version: **30 June 2019;**
- 4.6. (WP3/A3.2) University strategy IoHE and research including Action plan – elaborated and adopted by all MD partners according to the standards discussed by **01 April 2019;**
- 4.7. (WP4/A4.2.) University guidelines for recruitment of foreign PhD students, teachers and researchers- (Responsible: Elena SCRIPNIC (P3-SAUM) Draft version: **22 April 2019;**
- 4.8. (WP4/A4.4.) University Code for research project development and talent development – (Responsible: Liliana CONDRATCI, Olesea SIRBU – P1-ASEM) Draft Version sent to partners as template by ASEM on **18 March 2019;** Draft Version adopted by MD Universities: **22 April 2019;**
- 4.9. (WP4/ A4.4.): Seminars on internationally related competences of graduates relevant to employers:
  - P1-ASEM: REALISED on 27 April 2018;
  - P-UTM: TO BE REALIZED on 13-14 June 2019;
  - P3-UASM: TO BE REALIZED on 02 June 2019;
  - P4-USARM: REALISED on 21 September 2017;
  - P5-USC: TO BE REALIZED on May 2019;
  - P6-KDU: 23 March 2019;

## 5. SESSION V: ELEVATE project`s FINANCIAL management

- 5.1. Equipment was purchased and installed; There are savings surplus in amount of 7.000,00 EUR. If the surplus is of 10%, another purchase will be made after the authorization from EACEA is granted.
- 5.2. The audit company informed that according to the decision of the Ministry of the Education, Culture and Research of the Republic of Moldova of 2017 allows the transfer for the European



projects can be made in EURO on the territory of the Republic of Moldova. In ELEVATE project the transfers will be made in EUR so there are no exchange rate losses. P1-ASEM pays commission of its bank, each partner pays commission to his bank.

- 5.3. The transfers were made to: P4-USARB and P6-KDU. The templates were sent by the Grant coordinator to all partners that you fill, based on the period you indicated in the report, the details were discussed with each partner. In case if you report on the month of March, the whole amount will be transferred with March amount included.
- 5.4. For the European Partners: The partners will prepare the reports and send the request for payment to the grant coordinator. In case of any questions please contact Dr. Olesea SIRBU.
- 5.5. All the instructions for the reporting will be sent by the Grant coordinator.
- 5.6. The operational plan for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year with the new deadlines discussed today will be sent out by the ELEVATE academic coordinator – Rodica CRUDU.