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-ELEVATE-**

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**STUDY VISIT to Maastricht University
3-7 July 2017
Maastricht, Netherlands**

MINUTES

Date: MONDAY (July 3, 2017)
Arrival day
Participants:
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Grigore BELOSTECINIC 2. Viorel BOSTAN 3. Liviu VOLCONOVICI 4. Ion GAGIM 5. Andrei POPA 6. Sergey ZAHARIA 7. Viorica CALUGHER 8. Mircea BETIU 9. Valentin CHIRITA 10. Victoria MELNIC 11. Nicolae CHICUS 12. Nadejda VELISCO 13. Victoria BUTMALAI 14. Olesea SIRBU 15. Diana BRAGOI 16. Larisa BUGAIAN
Item 1: All the participants have arrived to Maastricht and accommodated to Bastion Hotel Maastricht Centrum (address: Boschstraat 2T,Maastricht) and Kaboom Maastricht Hotel (address: Stationsplein 1C, Maastricht).
Date: TUESDAY (July 4, 2017)
Venue: MAASTRICHT UNIVERSITY, Boschstraat 24, 621L AX Maastricht, Netherlands
Item 1: Registration of the participants
Item 2: Welcome address by Dean of the MGSOG and UNU-MERIT - B.WRSPAGEN and Researcher MGSOG, Maastricht University - Natalia TIMUS.
<p>Dean of the MGSOG and UNU-MERIT B.WRSPAGEN welcomes the participating team underlining the importance of strong higher education internationality level for enhancing the capacities of the universities to meet the modern challenges.</p> <p>Mrs. Sirbu comes to highlight that consolidation of the legislative framework on internationalization of higher education is an very important matter for the HEIs from Moldova.</p>



Item 3: Internationalization & Accreditation: One Program from Multiple Angles presented by Academic Program Director, MGSOG and UNU MERIT - Lutz KREBS

Lutz F. Krebs makes presentation on Internationalization and Accreditation. A starting point of the discussions is presentation of the internationalization state of art at national level. At national level arises a need for scale advantages to fund universities and a desperate desire to attract high-skilled labor. At university level, the advantages of internationalization consist of proximity to international borders, strong domestic competition, niche programs, high-quality staff from abroad attracted by universities. At the level of educational programs, the economies of scale, heterogeneity, profiling, recruitment, Networking is a big advantage. Accreditation in Netherlands at national level safe-guards value of diploma, steer education market towards future needs, helps students choose (country-specific). However, accreditation at international level safe-guards value of diploma as well and reassures international candidates. The funding matter were discussed as well.

COFFEE BREAK (offered by the Maastricht University) / Discussion session

LUNCH (offered by the Maastricht University)

Item 4: Best Practices on Internationalisation and insights from Maastricht University presented by Policy Advisor Internationalisation - Aisling TIERNAN.

By Mrs Aisling TIERNAN were presented 4 years of internationalisation of University of Maastricht, the highlights of the internationalisation process at institutional level, strategic program 2017-2021 consisting of collaborative, open, research, education community. The internationalization profile of the Maastricht University has been presented and basic facts and figures for previous year (2016). The internationalization strategy of Maastricht University focuses on mobility, recruitment of foreign students, international classroom and networks, development of joint programs and global engagement of the university. Moreover, the step by step process of internationalization and best practices (3) has been identifies and discussed with project partners from Moldova, followed by recommendation and question - answers session.

Item 5: International cooperation perspectives between Dutch and Moldovan higher education institutions presented by Erasmus + representative, NUFFIC - Madalena PEREIRA, Researcher MGSOG, Maastricht University - Natalia TIMUS

The detailed presentation of Internationalization of the Maastricht Graduate School of Governance has been made, underlying the biggest highlights and advantages on university level and including the national level as well. It has been pointed out that no quota for staff and students in NL, no need to have same number incoming and outgoing, it can be only one sided or it can be balanced between MD outgoing students and EU incoming teaching staff. Scholarships for trainings will be available via ICM Mobility's of next year.

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WELCOME DINNER

Date: WEDNESDAY (July 5,2017)

Venue: MAASTRICHT UNIVERSITY, Boschstraat 24, 621L AX Maastricht, Netherlands

Item 1: Organizing Higher Education for Progress presented by Prof. Dr. - Jo RITZEN, UNU-MERIT

Dr. Jo RITZEN presents the New Economics of Higher Education, underlying that it is focused on human capital and the role of higher education and counts in the relation between societal investments in higher education and the value added in talents and competencies. Several observations were made concerning Innovation and knowledge stand at the heart of Europe's worldwide position in competitiveness, where



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Moldova was not in the list of countries. As a conclusion is drawn that the focus on impact of institutional setting of higher education on value added in learning and on research.

LUNCH (offered by the Maastricht University)

Item 2: Internationalisation of Higher Education Policy Making in Slovenia presented by senior advisor for postgraduate studies, University of Maribor, Slovenia - Sebastijan FRUMEN

Mr Sebastijan FRUMEN underlines the importance of internationalization of higher education on national level for the establishment and development of Slovenian's global relationships and connections in the world and points out the advantages it offers especially for Slovenia. Issues regarding the internationalization of HEIs are appointed and discussed with Moldovan delegation. The internationalization strategy of Slovenia and its component part as areas & objectives, student mobility, international study programs, international research & events has been discussed in detail with the project partners.

Coffee break (offered by the Maastricht University)

Item 3: Internationalisation of Higher Education: UK experience has been presented by expert of Buckinghamshire New University, United Kingdom - Ioan DUTCA

Mr. Ioan DUTCA the internationalisation of higher education in UK, underlined the present facts and figures, advantages of internationalisation and the place the higher education of UK holds on international arena, offering high quality education to different nationality students. The internationalization strategy of UK 2017-2020 has been discussed with project partners in detail.

Date: THURSDAY (July 6, 2017)

Venue: MAASTRICHT UNIVERSITY, Boschstraat 24, 621L AX Maastricht, Netherlands

Item 1: ELEVATE data collection tool on loHE in Moldova presented by project grant COORDINATOR – Dr. Olesia SIRBU

Mrs. Sirbu has presented the draft methodology of the data collection tools and discussed with the project partners all the chapters on internationalisation at university level, that should be analysed.

LUNCH (offered by the Maastricht University)

Item 2: ELEVATE management workshops presented by project grant COORDINATOR – Dr. Olesia SIRBU

Mrs. Sirbu presents to participants the financial management requirements. Also, she provides a brief overview of the objectives and tasks to be achieved by the end of the year of the implementation of the project. The importance of the dissemination has been communicated to the project partners, the dissemination rules and requirement of EACEA has been disseminated, the main dissemination objectives to be accomplished by the end of the year and during the projects second year has been discussed. She underlines the necessity to have as a background the Communication and Dissemination Manual to reach the best compliance with the commitments of the project.

Item 3: Fine tuning meeting of NPTF

Discussions were realized by NPTF members on assessment of national legislative framework, analysis of existing legislative framework on internationalization in comparison to EU practices, outlining the following steps of NPTF in elaboration of national legislative acts.

Date: FRIDAY (July 7, 2017)

Departure day