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MOBILITY PROJECT FOR HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENTS AND STAFF WITH PARTNER COUNTRIES WITHIN ERASMUS+ PROGRAMME

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Mobility project for students and staff between programme and partner countries under Erasmus+ (financial agreement no. 2015-2-PL01-KA107-022754) was carried out by Lublin University of Technology (LUT) in cooperation with universities from Kosovo in accordance with the resolution of the United Nations (hereinafter called Kosovo), Lebanon, Morocco and Tunisia from 1.02.2016 to 31.07.2017. The project was carried out in compliance with LUT and partner universities internationalisation strategies, 2014-2020 Erasmus Charter for Higher Education, Erasmus Policy Statement and Erasmus Interinstitutional Agreements. 7 partner universities participated in the project (Kosovo: University of Pristina in Kosovska Mitrovica – UPKM, Lebanon: Modern University for Business and Science – MUBS, Morocco: Moulay Ismail University – MIU, Abdelmalek Essaadi University – AEU, Ibn Tofail University – ITU, Tunisia: University of Sfax – US, Gabes University – GU), with which LUT has developed international cooperation within mobility under Erasmus Mundus and Tempus to the greatest extent.

Representatives of LUT and partner universities participated in the project, among them students, academic teachers, administrative staff. The main fields were mechanics and machine construction, transport, informatics, environmental engineering, electrotechnology and management. 137 mobilities were completed, including 72 students incoming to LUT for studies; 27 teachers for teaching mobility and 29 staff members for training. At the university in Kosovo 9 LUT teachers conducted their lectures. Due to prior cooperation between the universities and their compliant objectives formulated in education internationalization strategies, the project met with great interest of students and staff, which resulted in organizing a higher number of mobilities than awarded (plus three), and the budget was completed in 92,26%. Some mobilities were completed from the unused funds and OS funds.

The main objective of the project was to organize high quality student and staff mobilities. The significance of the project was to extend the lasting cooperation with the partner universities via the possibility of cooperation under EU project. The possibility for the representatives of the partner universities to get acquainted with Erasmus+ program, conditions of application and the project implementation, was of great significance.

The project quality and management with regard to mobility participants was within the area of responsibility of the Office of International Education (hereinafter called OIE; before - International Exchange Office), faculty coordinators and Erasmus+ university coordinator. Partner universities appointed representatives of international offices and other units for the purpose of the project management. During the project, the candidates and participants were not discriminated on grounds of their nationality, sex nor age. Principles of equal treatment and information access were followed. The percentage of women and men in the project was the following: 70% men and 30% women. All participants were eligible to participate and received scholarship according to the budget allocated to LUT and to the rules accepted by LUT and partner universities.

Project implementation allowed for development and improvement of language skills (Polish, English); social, intercultural and professional competences; exchange of best practices in education and organization of the university administrative tasks; promotion and upgrade of the universities' offer. Students gained knowledge and experience in the



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international environment, therefore their attractiveness in the job market improved. The representatives of the universities from the Maghreb area exchanged their experiences in higher education. Thanks to the project implementation, partner universities strengthened their local, regional and international position and became interesting partners for other universities and organizations in prospective projects. Moreover, a positive image of students, scientists and entrepreneurs from the partner countries is being created. As a result, the internationalization factor of the aforementioned universities is growing, and cities and regions, where they are located, are being promoted and developed. The project was also the opportunity to disseminate the information about full-degree studies in English at LUT for the candidates from partner countries. Intensive international cooperation resulted in upgrading LUT's regional position in the Lublin region, as well as in extending educational offer for international students. The project had a positive impact on the participants, partner universities, other organizations and persons, and its implementation complies with the objectives formulated in international strategies and the Agenda for the Modernisation of Europe's Higher Education Systems.

MOBILITIES

Incoming mobilities for studies	Incoming training mobilities	Teaching mobility Exchange
72	29	36

PARTNERS

- Kosovo: University of Pristina in Kosovska Mitrovica,
- Lebanon: Modern University for Business and Science,
- Morocco: Moulay Ismail University, Abdelmalek Essaadi University, Ibn Tofail University,
- Tunisia: University of Sfax, Gabes University.

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