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Development of Approaches to Harmonization of a Comprehensive Internationalization Strategies in Higher Education, Research and Innovation at EU and Partner Countries — HARMONY

*Dear Readers,
HARMONY Project stands for strengthening of internationalisation of higher education systems within the framework of Higher Education Area in accordance with the main provisions of the Bologna Process.*

Through this Newsletter we'd like to invite you to become a member of HARMONY family and to contribute to the processes of internationalization and harmonization of higher education in EU and Partner Countries.

The Newsletter will help you follow the project results achieved since the publication of the previous issue in February 2017.

*Sincerely Yours,
HARMONY Project Team*



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International Workshop and 4th Partner Meeting in Rome, Italy

28-30 March 2017 Sapienza University of Rome (UNIROMA1) hosted the International workshop and 4th Project partners meeting.

Nearly 30 representatives from the consortium gathered for the International Conference and for the workshop on best practice study visit.

33 Higher Education Institutions representatives, from nine countries joined the meeting in order to discuss development of the project, arrived to its second year of implementation, and next foreseen activities.

The workshop was concentrated on three themes:

- ***Internationalization of higher education in Russia, Belarus and Armenia: state-of-the-art and needs***

Representatives of these countries presented the results of comprehensive research of the level of internationalization of higher education, research and innovation (basing on policy documents analysis and survey results);

- ***Training sessions on several aspects of the internationalization process***

Sapienza Officers shared their experience in the area of management, research, academic mobility. Best practice, procedures, constraints, regulations, strategies, achievements and difficulties encountered were shown and discussed during these sessions;

- ***Development of Framework of a Comprehensive Internationalization Strategy and Action Plans of Internationalization***



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Multi-lateral cooperation agreement signing ceremony

On Tuesday, March 28th Multi-lateral cooperation agreement between Universities within Project consortium were signed by appointed delegate of the partner institutions in frames of 4th Partner Meeting in Sapienza University (Rome).

The aim of the Agreement is to establish an academic network in which Partners will share their skills and development experience in the field of internationalization. It sustain the partnership on future exchanges, ensure support of inter cooperation that will lead to joint education and research projects and bring new funding to the relevant activities.



MONITORING VISIT

19 April 2017 monitoring visit took place in Belarus. Belarusian State University (Minsk) and Belarusian Trade and Economics University of Consumer Cooperatives participated in the monitoring.

Mr. Nikolai Listopad, Coordinator of National Erasmus+ Office (NEO), and Ms. Katsiaryna Miniukovich (NEO staff) met and discussed the progress of activities with local project representatives.

The monitors from the NEO Belarus pointed that the project implementation is running successfully and in accordance with the Workplan. Several recommendations were given during the visit: to involve students and representatives of the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Belarus in the project, and to give more information

PROJECT PROGRESS ASSESSMET

- Self-Assessment Questionnaires (SAQs) of Partner Universities were analyzed. The outcomes were presented during the partner meeting in Rome.*
- Results of the external SAQs, commissioned by the National Ministries of Education, to non-project HEIs of Armenia (25 HEIs), Russia (12 HEIs belonging just to one region due to problems in receiving reports; thus, data will be updated in the following days) and Belarus (39 HEIs) were presented.*
- SWOT analysis for each Partner University were made.*
- Design of a Framework of a Comprehensive Internationalization Strategy in Higher Education and draft of Action Plan were presented.*
- Toolkit Structure for Harmonization of Internationalization Strategy was prepared.*
- Signing of the Cooperation Agreement.*
- E-library on Internationalization was created and available on the Project website: http://harmonyproject.eu/?page_id=329*
- Now you can follow us on Facebook page <http://ErasmusPlusHarmonyProject>.*



DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES

- *March 2017, a new Project flyer was presented by team of Seville University. Later it was translated into Russian by BTEU;*
- *April 2017, representatives of Penza State University disseminated info about HARMONY during the 4th exploratory workshop "Internationalization of Higher education: challenges and rewards at the University of Alba Yulia, Romania.*
- *April 2017, during International conference "University Internationalization: strategic vision and quality assurance" in Erevan State University (Armenia) information on HARMONY project developments, results and targets were presented by Armenian partners;*
- *May 2017, HARMONY Project was presented to participants during the round-table section of the Conference "Supporting the Belarus Roadmap for Higher Education Reform" (Minsk, Belarus) by representative of Kassel University (Germany);*
- *May 2017, Russian-Armenian University and Eurasia International University (Armenia) on behalf of HARMONY project conducted an inter-project coaching for the Armenian universities involved in Erasmus+ "Boosting Armenian Universities Internationalization Strategy & Marketing" (BOOST) project. Considering the similarities in overall objectives of the projects, that is the development of internationalization of higher education, it was decided by two project consortiums that an inter-project coaching should be conducted;*
- *May 2017, representatives of Seville University (Spain) and Polytechnic Institute of Tomar (Portugal) took part in European week held in Voronezh State University (Russia);*
- *June 2017, presentation of HARMONY Project was made during VI Forum of Young Scientists in BTEU (Gomel, Belaur);*
- *August 2017, at Kassel University (Germany) presentation for foreign delegations of OWWZ specifically mentioned HARMONY project was made .*
- *September 2017, information about HARMONY was presented at Flensburg-Pensa-Kongress at Penza State University.*



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **26-28 September** – *Project Partners meeting at Eurasia International University and Russian-Armenian University (Erevan, Armenia).*

In frames of the meeting workshops “Development of Action Plans of Internationalization by project partners” and “Internationalization of Higher Education: trends and challenges” will be held.

Presentation of the first draft of the Tool kits for harmonization of internationalization strategy will be made by representatives of International Centre for innovation in Science, Technology and Education (Moscow, Russia) and Kassel University (Germany).

- *Development, adoption and approval of Action Plans by Partner HEIs Administration, regional authorities, National Ministry.*
- *Implementation of Pilot Internationalization Action Plans of Partner HEIs.*
- *Drafting and approval of Tool Kits for Harmonization of Internationalization Strategy.*
- *December 2017 – Partner meeting and training session at Belarusian State University (Minsk, Belarus).*



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