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“GRaduates Advancement and Development of University capacities in Albania”

Event title:	Discussion about sustainability issues
Event date:	26 February, 2019
Event Venue:	Ministry of Education, Sport and Youth
Event Address:	Rruga e Durrësit 23, Tirana, Albania

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Participants:

Agriculture University of Tirana	AUT-UBT
University of Tirana	UT
University of Arts, Tirana	UART
Polytechnic University of Tirana	PUT
University of Medicine Tirana	UMT
European University of Tirana	UET
POLIS University	U-POLIS
Albanian University	AU
Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Tirana	CCIT
Consorzio Inter-Universitario AlmaLaurea	ALMALAUREA
Ministry of Education, Sport and Youth	MESY
RASH representatives	

Following the discussion at the Polytechnic University's meeting on the platform hosting issue, another meeting was organized at the Ministry of Education, Sports and Youth, this time with the participation of two representatives of RASH, Arjan Xhelaj, General Director and Mr. Andi Malaj, Director of Infrastructure and Application. The purpose of this meeting was to present RASH representatives with the requests of plague as well as the discussion among partners on the terms of partnership for the inclusion of RASH into a consortium in the capacity of "Associate Partner".

The meeting was opened with the greeting speech of the vice rector of the Agricultural University of Tirana, Remzi Keco, who after clarifying the importance of platform hosting by RASH, as an institution that currently manages the administrative data of Albanian universities under the supervision of MASH. He invited for an open discussion all partners on the terms and requirements of inclusion of RASH in the consortium. Then the speech was taken by the project coordinator Mrs. Aurora Hoxha, who explained all the steps followed regarding this issue, until the organization of this meeting. The discussion on the platform hosting problem has started during the organizing meeting in AUT, after which the discussion continued during the Steering Committee meeting at the Polytechnic University. Several bilateral meetings were also held by representatives of AlmaLaurea, Dorel Manitiu and Luca Santandrea and representatives of the Ministry of Education, Redi Shtino. IT staff from AUT, Mrs. Jona Mulliri and Mr. Blenard Spaho have been in constant contact with representatives of RASH and AlmaLaurea for clarifying the technical issues of the platform.

Then Mr. Luca Santandrea, IT specialist at AlmaLauera, who presented the technical aspects of the request platform submitted by RASH, such as:

- System Architecture (software)
- System deployment
- Migration Plan
- Parameters sheet

Representative of RASH, Mr. Arjan Xhela, after clarifying the technical details of the platform, confirmed to be included in the consortium in the quality of the associated partner, but explained the following issues for clarification:

Can the RASH develop further the plague, as this can be more acute for the involvement of local companies and universities.

- If platform can allow a linked link as this is more accessible.

- Can other paid universities be included during project implementation.
- Maintenance of the platform after its migration from who will be carried out?
- Planning the engagement time of RASH staff on the project. This is translated at a cost especially if the servers are distributed to each partner university and not centralized in the RASH.

Regarding the issues raised by RASH, the Project Coordinator along with representatives of Alma Laurea clearly explained that the development of the platform is permissible to enable the completion of project objectives during its implementation and beyond. Involvement in the platform of other universities but also companies can be realized as long as the benefits are on the addition of the database rather than the monetary benefits. Regarding the issues raised for the maintenance of the platform after its migration to Albania, it obviously passes to RASH's responsibility if it agrees to be included in the consortium. In the quality of the associated partner, this inclusion on the platform means that any cost generated during this engagement should be covered by the associated partner, namely the RASH referred to EU rules.

Further on, RASH representatives left for a bilateral discussion between them and Alam Lauera's representatives while the meeting continued with a discussion among partners regarding the demands put forward by RASH representatives.

The discussion was closed with a pledge to resolve this issue within April 2019, by representatives of the Ministry, who are also the leading partners of this work package.