



Co-funded by the
Erasmus+ Programme
of the European Union

Erasmus + project No. 585961-EPP-1-2017-1-AL-EPPKA2-CBHE-SP (2017 -2926/001 -001)

“GRaduates Advancement and Development of University capacities in Albania”

Event title:	Dissemination, platform use and training of the methodology on how to run graduates profile survey
Event date:	05 October 2021
Event Venue:	University Fan S. Noli , Korce Albania
Event Address:	Agricultural Faculty, Room 227

MINUTES 22 - EVENT REPORT

Participants:

Agriculture University of Tirana	AUT-UBT
University of Arts, Tirana	UART
Polytechnic University of Tirana	PUT
University of Medicine Tirana	UMT
European University of Tirana	UET
POLIS University	U-POLIS
Catholic University "Our Lady of Good Counsel"	UNIZKM
Albanian University	AU
Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Tirana	CCIT

On 05/10/2021, in Korca was organized the GRADUA project meeting in order to promote the project to students, lecturers, career office staff and companies. This activity was organized with the support of the staff of the career office, Mr. Romeo Terrolli, and also the support of the project coordinator, Ms. Aurora Hoxha.

The event was opened with the greeting speech of the Vice Rector of “Fan S. Noli” University, Mrs. Benita Stavre, who emphasized the necessity for the GRADUA platform and its benefits for the university of Korca. She informed that for the period 2017-2020, “Fan S. Noli” University has graduated about 5,000 students of whom only 14% of them were able to be traced after graduation. This fact shows that although considerable work is being done by the career office staff, an instrument, such as the platform, is needed in order to generate a more complete database to further track employment of students. She emphasized that currently the university has agreements with 53 companies, and will start discussions about their incorporation into the platform. Mrs. Stavre emphasized that she will also support students involvement in the platform by promoting it in all activities planned by Fan S. Noli University.

The following speech was held from the Vice Rector of the Agricultural University of Tirana (AUT), Mr. Ilir Kapaj, who emphasized the importance of the project and its progress over the past four years. He stated that the work will continue after the completion of the project, not only in hosting and enrolling students for partner institutions, but will be aimed for a national extension of the platform too. The GRADUA platform is already one of the priorities of AUT, on which university will invest for its successful management, beyond the life cycle of the project in order to create a bridge of cooperation between the Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in Albania, with the intention of continuing other collaborations funded by Erasmus + projects.

The greeting speech was further taken by the project coordinator, Ms. Aurora Hoxha, who, thanking all the participants but especially the staff of the University of Korca, “Fan S. Noli”. Mrs. Hoxha presented to the participants the achievements and benefits of the project and gave the contact information for anyone who has an interest. She focused on the number of enrolled students in the platform and invited companies to become part of the platform, as there are currently many active jobs offers where students can apply.

For more details regarding to the use of the platform, the following speech was held by Mrs. Jona Mulliri. She demonstrated to the students details of using the platform, regarding to the steps of registration, completing the questionnaire, confirmation of active status of CVs for companies, downloading and constant updates of CVs, etc. In the second part of the presentation, she focused on demonstrating the use of the platform by companies, starting with the registration of companies, the search and downloading of student CVs. She further focused on the techniques to be followed by the staff for using the platform. A concrete demonstration was offered to students and companies by Mrs. Mulliri during the break time. The enrollment of 2-3 students became possible during this demonstration.

After a short break, the meeting continued with the presentation of the methodology of data processing by the staff of the European University, Mrs. Adela Danaj. She presented to the research staff of the University of Korca, all information that was given during training meetings organized by the staff of the Lisbon Institute etc. She focused on data cleaning procedures, selection of the most important variables for statistical analysis, use of statistical techniques, and forms of presenting findings.

In the afternoon session, the meeting continued with the presentation of the summary of the findings of the report on the profile of the graduates by Mrs. Edmira Shahu. The report summarized the statistical

analysis of data generated by the GRADUA platform from the enrollment of 9 partner universities. Among the most important findings of the report, Mrs. Shahu mentioned that most of the students have good knowledge of English and basic computer skills. She also emphasized that a part of the students have worked during their time of studies. Mrs. Shahu emphasized that respondents have a positive evaluation for the study programs they have chosen and for the engagement of lecturers too. On the other hand, she said that respondents have suggested more to be done regarding the university infrastructure.

The meeting continued with questions and answers from the guests. Mrs. Denada Manoku, the representative of the regional employment office of Korca, asked about the possibility of registering NOA branches in the GRADUA platform. It was clarified by the coordinator that it is not necessary in the case of the availability of credentials, but anyway it depends on the internal organizational structures of NOA company. Regarding to the students questions, they asked about what the platform offers in terms of employment. Students were clarified by the coordinator that after contacting or being contacted by the company, it remains their commitment to finalize or not the employment process. Coordinator emphasized that students should be careful in completing the information and attaching the necessary documents to the generated CV. She advised students to update CVs even after the graduation process.

Based on the participation but also on the interactivity in questions and answers section, the promotion of the project during the meeting organized in Korca had a positive impact because after this meeting it became possible to enroll 43 new students in the platform.