

Editorial

Dear readers,

We use this opportunity to inform you about a selection of activities we and our partners realised in the first half of 2017 (News and Events).

Additionally, in the thematic article we will introduce two of our new projects: one funded by EuropeAid, called InterCap and the PROMIG project, the first Erasmus+ project involving partners from Afghanistan both dealing with a currently hot topic: migration.

Enjoy reading,

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Thematic Article

New projects on the topics of migration and sustainable development

PROMIG - First Erasmus+ project with Afghanistan

WUS Austria, together with 11 other consortium members (3 EU universities, 6 universities from South Caucasus and 2 universities from Afghanistan), has become partner in the Capacity Building project Promoting Migration Studies in Higher Education. We are happy that for the first time, institutions from Afghanistan are involved in an Erasmus+ cooperation.

The project is based on the national and regional priorities and development of cross regional cooperation practice amongst HEIs dealing with or interested in migration related research and curriculum development.

As a result of the successful accomplishment of previous Tempus project UNIMIG it was decided to bring together the experience from UNIMIG to build capacities in

Afghanistan for Kabul and Tabesh Universities, by curriculum development, deepening international relations capacity, improving the quality of education and teaching by adding migration related challenges faced by Afghanistan into the teaching schemes of partner country institutions and vice versa.

The project uses the experiences of the MA programs in migration studies within the South Caucasus region to enhance the development of a similar MA program in Afghanistan for ensuring that Afghan universities can offer curricula/education and research in the field of migration.

The MA program in migration studies will be established together with and through a Migration Competence Centre in Kabul, which will become a hub for cooperation between academic, research and public institutions.

To enhance sustainability and impact the project furthermore aims at developing LLL training modules for students, representatives of government and Civil Society Organisations in all partner countries. In order to attract young students/researcher the project also aims to establish an annual Cross-Regional Summer School.

InterCap - WUS Austria participating in an EuropeAid project

In the current context of a raised feeling of insecurity in Europe it is much important to learn how the perceptions of (in)-security and risk influence understanding of migration, sustainable development, roles, responsibilities and lifestyles of EU citizens in an interdependent world. These topics became the centre of attention in societies in Europe with the so called „migrant crisis“ in 2015. The project thus addresses thematic fields that are underrepresented in teacher education and, consequently in schools' due to their actuality.

InterCap seeks to explore and strengthen the link between quality development education and attitudes towards migration and development, building on evidence-based practices, taking forward good cases and programs and establish synergies.

It is expected that InterCap's results include building of the capacity of Civil Society Organisations and University teacher trainers in participatory methods, establishing a cross European development education community of practice, increasing the understanding of representatives from education authorities on Policy Coherence for Development, and empowering the collaboration among teacher trainers, pre-service teachers and students through participatory methods.

Awareness raising will contribute to critical thinking on global topics in education and consequently, more students will understand global interdependencies in an ever-complex world.

Recent News & Events

23.06.2017

[MLS4ENG - Multiplier Event and Final Project Meeting, Skopje, Macedonia](#)



Skopje. On 12 June 2017 a multiplier event of the Erasmus+ project Professional Development Courses for Engineering Management and Leadership Skills took place in Skopje. [read more](#)

11.06.2017

[PROMIG - study visit to Oldenburg](#)



Oldenburg. The second study visit within PROMIG took place from 5-11 June 2017 at the University of Oldenburg. The visit allowed the partners to also participate in a conference on "Migration – Gender – Politics" and to visit institutions outside the university which deal with migration. [read more](#)

24.05.2017

[Austria, Graz, Project-meeting CULTURWB from 25th to 27th April 2017](#)



University representatives from Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Austria, Germany and the Netherlands came together at the FH-Joanneum in Graz to push the new Erasmus+ Project "Strengthening Capacities for Tourism Changes in WB: Building Competences for Quality Management of Heritage and Cultural Tourism" forward.

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25.04.2017

[PICASA: Final Event in Yerevan](#)



Yerevan. From April 18 – 22, 2017 the final event in the frame of the Tempus Project PICASA took place in Yerevan. PICASA aimed at promoting the recognition of the Higher Education (HE) systems of Armenia, Georgia, Belarus and Ukraine. WUS Austria was in charge of the first work package, which provided the basis

for the enhanced culture of internationalization by supporting the International Relations Offices (IROs) of the participating Higher Education Institutions in the revision of their roles and functions. From April 18 – 22, 2017 the final event in the frame of the Tempus Project PICASA took place in Yerevan. PICASA aimed at promoting the recognition of the Higher Education (HE) systems of Armenia, Georgia, Belarus and Ukraine through enhancing internationalization dimensions on the structural and cultural level of Higher Education Institutions (HEI) management. [read more](#)

21.04.2017

[Kick-off Meeting of HERAS in Prishtina](#)



Prishtina. The event was opened by Mr. Arsim Bajrami, Minister of Education, Science and Technology and Mr. Gernot Pfandler, Ambassador of Austria in Prishtina, herein, both parties signed the protocol of co-financing for implementation of HERAS project. Mr. Bajrami welcomed the support of the Austrian Government and stated that without support and cooperation of the Austrian, the higher education reforms in Kosovo would not be happening as they should. From the other side, the Ambassador Pfandler stated that Austrian Government, through the Austrian Development Agency is happy to fund a project of this scale which aims high in joint-agendas of strengthened cooperation between the government of Austria and Kosovo in the field of higher education.

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