

OFFICE FOR PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY OF TIRANA ACADEMIC YEAR 2016-2017

1. THE INTERNATIONALISATION STRATEGY

European University of Tirana (UET) aims at becoming an important national and regional point of reference for cooperation in academic and research fields, publishing activities, and promotion of development of civic education values.

UET seeks inclusion in development projects focusing on capacity building and exchange of staff and students, the application of European standards of quality assurance, organization of joint scientific conferences, academic publications and translations of pedagogical internationally renowned authors, teaching equipment and laboratory facilities, etc.

UET encourages a culture of knowledge-sharing, openness and horizontal linkages between HEIs, CSOs, research centers, governmental organizations and relevant stakeholders.

**THE EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY OF TIRANA (UET) RECEIVES ACCREDITATION,
FROM ASCAL, WITH THE SUPPORT OF BRITISH QUALITY ASSURANCE AGENCY,
MEMBER OF ENQA, DURING UET'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY.**

2. OUR ACHIEVEMENTS IN NUMBERS



**POSIG RECEIVED A POSITIVE EUROPEAN ACCREDITATION APPROVAL FROM AQ AUSTRIA
(AGENCY FOR QUALITY ASSURANCE AND ACCREDITATION)**

The Joint Master in Political Science – Integration and Governance is a result of the Erasmus+ KA2 Capacity Building Project 561485 – 2015-2017 “Curriculum Development Joint European Political Science MA (EuroPS)” which followed years of staff and student exchange between the members of the consortium. This allowed a successful and collaborative work on design of the PoSIG-Curriculum and the Partner Agreement about the implementation of the joint program and degree starting 2017-2018. The first generation of students will start the master in October 2017. Website: www.euro-ps.org and POSIG fan page: facebook.com/PoSIG.



4 ongoing Erasmus+ Capacity Building in Higher Educations:



FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, ACCOUNTING AND CONTROLLING CURRICULA DEVELOPMENT FOR CAPACITY BUILDING OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION / FINAC

The central aim of “Financial management, accounting and controlling for capacity building of public administration” (FINAC), is to contribute to the higher quality of budgeting, money management, finance management, accounting and control, in the Albanian and Serbian public administration. The project specific objectives are: (i) to design and develop three new master degree programmes in Serbia and two new master degree programmes in Albania in the field of financial management, accounting and controlling for capacity building of public administration in Albania and Serbia; (ii) to provide trainings at university centers/institutes for public administration employees in Serbia and Albania; (ii) Modernization of one master degree programme in the field of public financial management in Serbia. For more: www.finac.org.rs



READY FOR BUSINESS/ REBUS

The present project aims at developing, testing, validating and mainstreaming holistic and needs driven open learning modules to promote entrepreneurship competences of graduates of ICT, engineering and other technical studies from the Western Balkans and Russia at the interface of academic education and learning in practice business contexts. For more: www.rebusproject.net/



CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT JOINT EUROPEAN POLITICAL SCIENCE MA /EUROPS

The Erasmus+ Project: “Curriculum Development joint European Political Science MA (euroPS)” led by University of Salzburg - Department of Political Science and Sociology, aims to develop a joint/multiple MA in Political Science to be accredited at all project partner and the development of a multilateral management of this MA. The project aims at implementing a multilateral Joint/Multiple Degree (JD) for Political Science on the MA level (120 ECTS) with diploma supplement for all participating partners on a European standard. For more: www.euro-ps.org



QAINAL STRATEGIC SUPPORT ON STRENGTHENING THE QUALITY ASSURANCE STRUCTURES AT THE PRIVATE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS IN ALBANIA/ QAINAL

The objective of this project is to establish and support quality assurance processes and mechanisms to ensure effective management and enhance teaching and learning at the private higher education institutions in Albania. The Project aims to support the private higher education institutions in Albania to achieve the priorities of the two key documents: “Increasing the impact of EU Development: An Agenda for Change” and “European Higher Education in the World”. For more: www.qainal.eu/

3. INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

*During this academic year we have succeeded in expanding our network of international partners up to 95 universities worldwide. Find more on: www.uet.edu.al/index.php/en/about-us/partners

*UET has good cooperation with 15 national Higher Education Institutions in Albania.

ERASMUS+ INTERNATIONAL CREDIT MOBILITY

European University of Tirana has applied with 31 agreements on international credit mobility for the deadline of 2nd of February 2017. UET has been the sending institution of 51 staff, out of which 30 mobilites for research/teaching purposes. For the same period UET has hosted 18 staff from EU universities, out of which 15 have conducted research/teaching activity.

On the other hand, regarding student mobilities, UET has hosted 13 foreign students, out of which 6 PhD students who conducted research at UET; 2 bachelor students who conducted field research for their BA thesis and 1 MA student for the above-mentioned purpose. As for outgoing students, UET has been the sending of 38 students, out of which 6 PhD students who conducted research at an EU University, 1 Master student who wrote the MA thesis at an EU University, as well as 2 Bachelor students with the same purpose of stay.

BEST EU PRACTICES

UET is the first Albanian HEI to introduce the **Buddy/Mentor system** for incoming students, being amongst the first in Albania with the highest number of incoming students under Erasmus+ and bilateral basis. For more: www.uet.edu.al/index.php/en/student-life/erasmus-exchanges

The European University of Tirana aims at bringing closer European best practices in Albania. In this light, for the first time in Albanian HEIs, UET organized **Erasmus+ International Days**. This was a two-day event with the participation of Erasmus+ incoming staff from EU partner universities, as well as regional and local ones. The aim of the event was to bring closer Albanian and European partners with the potential for networking and brainstorming for future projects.

Promo video: www.youtube.com/watch?v=TFcs2TEVMXs

4. SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE “ALBANIAN STUDIES DAYS 2017”



International and Albanian scholars have participated in the International Conference, organized by the European University of Tirana, with focus on the Albanian social and economic development. Already a tradition by now, the Conference was held for the fourth consecutive year and the main speakers were Mr. Reinhard Priebe, former director of European Commission for the Foreign Policy, Mr. Bozhidar Todorov CEO of Fibank, Prof. Dr. Nico Carpentier, Uppsala University and Mrs. Milva Ekonomi, the Minister of Economic Development in Albania.

ERC INFO SESSION



European University of Tirana in close cooperation with European Research Council organized the joint event on “Funding opportunities from ERC grants”. This is the first ERC event in Albania and it is organized within its tenth anniversary. The Mission of ERC is to encourage quality research in Europe through competitive funding and support research in every field, based on excellence. The aim of this meeting was to increase awareness of researchers in Albania and Kosovo regarding the available funds from ERC.

COORP



The Canadian Institute of Technology and the European University of Tirana have initiated the establishment of COORP – Collaborative Offline and Online Platform. This initiative is supported by PERFORM, a project funded by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation. The overall objective of COORP is to assist in the integration of the Albanian academic community into the international community of researchers; to facilitate networking opportunities and respond efficiently to calls for research projects in European programs and other funding schemes for Social Science Research in Albania.

For more: www.coorp.al

NEXT EUROPE NETWORK



The European University of Tirana in cooperation with the Sapienza University of Rome organized the Conference 'Next Europe Network – Reformation and Democratization of the Western Balkan', which took place on the 25-26 June 2015, Aula Magna, UET. The main themes of the conference are:

- (i) the establishment of the Next Europe Network.
- (ii) the Western Balkan path towards Europe: The role of civil society in democratization.

The aim of the Network 'Next Europe' is to address the challenges of democratization, socio-economic development and institutional progress of the Western Balkan countries and to conceptualise them as the next Europe.

EUROPEAN CHARTER OF RESEARCHERS



The European University of Tirana (UET) for years now has tried to improve its internationalization and professionalism of the scientific research. Within this framework, UET has taken another initiative which shall advance and modernise the academic standard of this university and thus making it more attractive for prestigious international cooperation. Specifically, UET is part of The European Charter for Researchers and it has started working on this direction by receiving the certification HR Excellence in Research of the European Commission.

5. UET SUPPORTING CSO DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS FOR 2016-2017

SchoolMED-SCHOOL LOW CARBON FOOTPRINT IN MEDITERRANEAN CITIES



UET is supporting UET Centre and RCE Middle Albania, as partners of the project #EDUFOOTPRINT-»School Low Carbon Footprint in Mediterranean Cities». This project intends to raise capacity of owner and managers of public buildings for better management of energy; it will be done considering not just direct energy impacts of buildings (consumption), but also indirect ones (public procurement or general awareness and behavior). Activities will be concentrated in the test and transferability of an integrated energy strategy with a Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) approach in schools, consisting in the elaboration and implementation of energy efficient practices integrated with local Sustainable Energy Action Plans (SEAPS).

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UET is supporting Foundation for Economic Freedom (FLE) in collaboration with UET Centre, to organize and deliver the workshops foreseen during the implementation of the project.

The project's overall goal is to promote transparency and compliance of local budgeting in the reformed municipalities after t21 June 2015 local elections. The main objective of the project is to focus particularly on one key element; to increase transparency in the budgeting process at the local level through social auditing. Increasing the reliability and accountability of local government in cooperation with local civil society, to provide a clear analysis of the situation and performance of local institutions. This approach will encourage more open financial processes at the local level as well as more active citizenship. Specifically the project activities will focus on creating a hub in four municipalities (Malësi e Madhe, Belsh, Shijak and Roskovec) where citizens can monitor the promised and actual services and investments delivered at the local level.

KAP'ECO – COMMUNITY IN CLEAN ECO ENVIRONMENT



This is a project that aims to raise the citizens' awareness about the process of Tirana's cleaning service from "Eco Tirana", as well as to measure the efficiency of this service. Eco Tirana is an Italian-Albanian private public partnership (PPP) that implements cleaning services for the capital city.

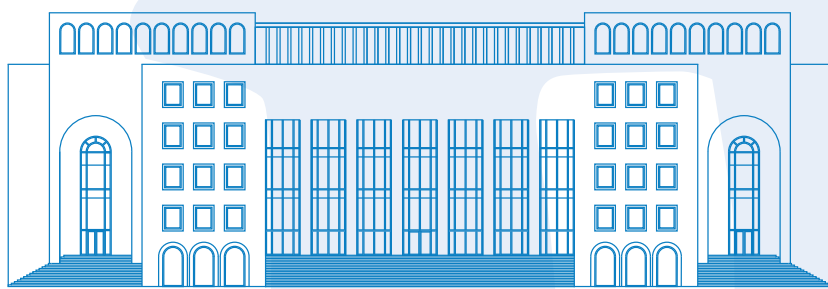
KAP'ECO organizes activities to encourage citizens and the community to collaborate and take actions to decrease their impact on the environment.

KAP'ECO project is implemented by UET Centre, in cooperation with UET, supported from Lëviz Albania and financed from Swiss Agency for Development and Collaboration (SDC).

ALBANIAN YOUTH IN ACTION TOWARDS EUROPE



The overall project's goal is to inform and encourage the opinion of young people in Albania, about EU integration process, conditions, duties, benefits, costs, youth programs and how they can be empowered to benefit from them. The activities are implemented in two phases. The first one is related with the organization of two informative sessions in "Asim Vokshi" high school, "Partizani" high school, students of European University of Tirana, students of public universities as well as the Youth Council of the Municipality of Tirana. The second one is envisaged in an intensive online platform to increase the number of persons that receive the information. This project is being implemented according to the grants given by CoDe Albania for young people supported from organizations.



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