

## PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY OF TIRANA ACADEMIC YEAR 2017-2018

## 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: ERASMUS+ KA2 CAPACITY BUILDING IN HIGHER EDUCATION



#### 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 CBHE "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 joint program and degree starting 2017-2018. The first generation of students will start the master in October 2017. For more: www.euro-ps.org and POSIG fan page: facebook.com/PoSIG.





# 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. 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



#### GRADUATES ADVANCEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF UNIVERSITY CAPACITIES IN ALBANIA/ GRADUA

The project will support Albanian Universities by establishing an integrated demand supply matching model based on the graduates' database through: collection of data on graduates performances; facilitation of the cooperation between HEIs and business; facilitation of the placement of graduates in the labour market.



#### MASTER IN EUROPEAN AGRIENVIRONMENTAL AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT INSTRUMENTS, POLICIES, STRATEGIES/ SMARTAL

The overall objective of them project is to address the new identified job market needs included by the new and forthcoming public policies in Albania. Some of the envisaged activities are job market review & training needs analysis; booklet of didactic materials; 9 module description fiches; Teachers Capacity building for modules co-conception; quality assurance.



## 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. For more: www.qainal.eu



#### IT GOVERNANCE FOR ALBANIAN UNIVERSITIES/ ITG4AU

The overall objective of the project is to enhance governance capacities in Albanian HEIs and to contribute to the cooperation between EU and Partner Countries. Some of the planned activities include perform training in ITG for University workers including academics and other workers; perform training in ITG for the Albanian industry; build a ITG framework tailored for the 4 Albanian Universities.



## 3. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

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

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

#### **ERASMUS+ INTERNATIONAL CREDIT MOBILITY**

#### Erasmus+ Staff

- 80 outgoing staff from UET to 15 International Partner institutions in European countries for teaching and training purposes
- 30 Incoming staff from EU universities to UET for research, teaching and training purposes

#### **Erasmus+ Students**

- 57 outgoing students from UET to EU partner universities only for 2017-2018 academic year
- 8 incoming students from EU partner universities to UET only for 2017-2018 academic year

#### **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

#### **EUROPEAN CHARTER OF RESEARCHERS**



The European University of Tirana (UET) has undertaken the initiative to advance and modernize the academic standard of the university in terms of international cooperation.

UET is part of The European Charter for Researchers and it has started working to receive the certification of Human Resources Excellence in Research (hrs4r) by the European Commission.

#### NEXT EUROPE NETWORK



The European University of Tirana initiates the Next Europe Network between leading universities in the Western Balkans and research centers in Europe focused on the region. The aim is to address the challenges of democratization, socio-economic development and institutional progress of the Western Balkan countries.



## 4. RESEARCH PROJECTS AND EVENTS

#### INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE "ALBANIAN STUDIES DAYS 2018"



International and Albanian scholars will participate 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 will held its 5th edition, with the main topic "The State and Public Goods/ Services: Regulator or Provider?" from 27 to 28 April 2018.

# COST – EUROPEAN COOPERATION IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



UET researchers participate in seven COST Actions: CA16121 CAIS1308 CA15207 CA15221 CA16207 CA15137

CA16213

This contributes to networking and internationalization of UET research.

#### **COORP 2.0-COLLABORATIVE OFFLINE AND ONLINE**



#### PLATFORM

UET, CIT and 13 Albanian universities are working together to support the integration of the Albanian academic communities into the European Research Area. COORP is financed by PERFORM - Performing and Responsive Social Sciences – a project of Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation. For more: www.coorp.al

#### ESPON: TERRITORIAL AND URBAN POTENTIALS CONNECTED TO MIGRATION AND REFUGEE FLOWS





**EUROPEAN UNION** 

Co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund

The aim of the project is to compile a comprehensive overview of the recent migration and refugee flows

from a qualitative and quantitative point of view, the impacts on regions and complementarities to the current socioeconomic challenges and opportunities. The project is lead by University of Bologna and funded by the European Commission.



## 5. UET SUPPORTING CSO DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS 2017-2018

#### EDUFOOTPRINT-SCHOOL LOW CARBON FOOTPRINT IN MEDITERRANEAN CITIES



EDUFOOTPRINT "School Low Carbon Footprint in Mediterranean Cities" project intends to raise capacity of owner and managers of public buildings for better management of energy. This project is implemented by UET Centre, programme of the European Institute Pashko and supported by Interreg MED programme.

For more: www.edufootprint.interreg-med.eu

#### KAP'ECO-COMMUNITY FOR CLEAN ECOLOGICAL ENVIRONMENT



UET Centre is working to raise awareness and measure the efficiency of services provided by "Eco Tirana" to clean the city of Tirana. KAP'ECO project is supported by Lëviz Albania and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation.

#### INNOPLATFORM - INNOVATIONS PLATFORM AND TOOLS FOR INCREASING THE INNOVATION CAPACITY OF SMES IN THE BALKAN MEDITERRANEAN AREA



To improve the competitiveness of the Balkan Mediterranean region by advancing existing knowledge on business model innovations and developing a set of tools (InnoTools) and services (InnoScorecard and InnoRegion) for improving SMEs opportunities, capacities, and knowledge in introducing product and process innovations. Project co-funded by the European Union, Interreg Balkan-Med Programme, and national funds of the participating countries.

For more: www.innoplatform.eu

#### IMPROVING LOCAL MEDIA CAPACITIES TO FIGHT RELIGIOUS RADICALISM AND VIOLENT EXTREMISM IN ELBASAN



To contribute to countering and preventing the spread of violent extremism and radicalization in the remote areas of Albania through raising awareness at the local level, concretely in Elbasan region by supporting media as a key factor to increase dialogue with civil society; local authorities, involving community and youth on contributing to the prevention of violent extremism. This project is funded by EU funds, through a sub-granting scheme managed by Albanian Helsinki Committee.



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