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“Developing Information Literacy for Lifelong Learning and Knowledge Economy in Western Balkan Countries”

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Project participants – from EU:

• Limerick Institute of Technology (LIT), Ireland
• Transylvania University of Brașov, Romania
• University of Crete, Rethymnon, Greece and
• Middlesex University, London, the UK

The project began in 2011 and it will last for three years.
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Project participants – Western Balkans countries:

- University of Sarajevo, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- University of Bihać, Bihać, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- University of Mostar, Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- "Fan S. Noli" University in Korce, Korce, Albania
- Agricultural University of Tirana, Tirana, Albania
- University of Tirana, Tirana, Albania
- University of Priština – Kosovska Mitrovica, Kosovo
- National and University Library of Kosovo, Priština, Kosovo
- University of Montenegro, Podgorica, Montenegro
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- Project Goals:
  - Information literacy development for the lifelong learning purposes and its embedding into the curricula;
  - Development of the innovative online information literacy modules;
  - Harmonization of the information literacy programs that are already being taught at the Western Balkans Universities;
  - Strengthening of the higher education institutions’ capacities for the strategic planning and information literacy implementation.

TEMPUS project – supports the information literacy development, lifelong learning, increases the library capacities and their networking

The INFORMATION LITERACY as the available program product is the expected rollout of this TEMPUS project.
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- Some UNSA member institutions either fully or partially implement the information literacy programs:
  - Faculty of Criminalistics, Criminology and Security Studies
  - Faculty of Political Sciences
  - Faculty of Philosophy
  - Sarajevo School of Business and Economics
  - National and University Library of Bosnia and Herzegovina

- At some UNSA Faculties the Information Literacy is being taught as the part of syllabus of the following courses: Methodology of the Scientific Research, Academic Writing etc.
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UNSA activities concerning the project implementation

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- Published and translated Guidelines that have been delivered to all UNSA member institutions

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UNSA activities concerning the project implementation

• UNSA project participants were the participants at the various conferences and symposia where they presented papers and presentations dealing with the subject of information literacy. Some of conferences and symposia are:
  • The 9th and 10th International “Una in June” Librarian Conferences in Bihać, 2012 and 2013.
  • The 8th International Conference of Slavic Librarians, Sarajevo, 15 to 18 April 2012.

UNSA activities concerning the project implementation

• UNSA project participants published numerous papers dealing with the subject of IL in scientific journals and Proceedings such as:
  • Proceedings of the Faculty of Criminalistics, Criminology and Security Studies
  • The proceedings of the 9th International Conference “Una in June”
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• **UNSA activities concerning the project implementation**

• Prepared and published a brochure on CD entitled “The Life-Long Learning as Organized by the University of Sarajevo 2012/2013”

• “The Life-Long Program for UNSA Administrative, Technical and Assisting Personnel” drafted, and the six modules by the UNSA faculty members and associates held
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UNSA activities concerning the project implementation

• The information literacy and life-long learning concept promoted at the “University and University Book Fair”;
• “The University and University Book Fair” was held as a part of the “25th International Book and Teaching Aid Fair”. In the Skinnerian Hall in Sarajevo from 17- to 22/4/2013, where more than 150 exhibitors participated;
• Various visitor categories;
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UNSA activities concerning the project implementation

• Project participants from the EU visited the University of Sarajevo on 23 and 24/5/2013.

• A two-day workshop took place;

• Activities undertaken so far by all project participants presented (both UNSA and EU partner countries).
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• The University of Sarajevo has invested considerable efforts regarding the project implementation via:
  - promoting the necessity of the interdisciplinary and proactive participating in the ongoing changes in the educational processes;
  - promoting the IL as the *sine qua non of* contemporary information environment;
  - raising awareness regarding the importance of the LLL and its connection to the IL;
  - promoting the role and importance of the IL experts when it comes to the IL programs implementation;
  - raising awareness regarding the necessity of introducing the “Information Literacy” subject into the UNSA curricula.
• Some of ways to achieve these goals are:
• The publication of this book was secured from the funds provided by this Project;
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• “Information Literacy – Guidelines for the Development of Innovative Networking Modules” available in PDF at [www.unsa.ba](http://www.unsa.ba)

• The last stage of this TEMPUS project anticipates the establishing of an information literacy network in the WB countries that would enable access to all results stemmed from this Project.
The latest UNSA activities:

- The University of Sarajevo Senate adopted a new University Statute that anticipates the forming of the Committee for the Librarian and Information System at the university level;
- At the UNSA Senate Session of 17/7/2013, Prof. Dr. Senada Dizdar delivered a presentation which clearly demonstrated the increase of the University of Sarajevo's visibility at the Ranking Web of Universities through the application of the information literacy programs.

We are deeply convinced how this represents a large leap forward when it comes to the improvement of the education concerning the information literacy at our University.
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