

## REPORT

From the kick-off meeting of the participants in the TEMPUS project *EACEA-517200 “Establishing and capacity building of the Southern Serbian-Academy and the National Conference for Vocational Higher Education”* which was held in Niš, in the premises of the Regional Chamber of Commerce on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2011.

The representatives of the following partner institutions attended the meeting:

Partners from the EU:

1. KAHO-Sint-Lieven Gent –Geert De Lepeeler and Andre Govaert
2. Hochschule Aalen – Daniela Geissler
3. Instituto Politecnico do Porto – Monica Vieira

Partners from Serbia:

4. School of Higher Technical Professional Education Niš – Dejan Blagojević, PhD
5. High Medical School of Professional Studies in Čuprija – Ljiljana Milović
6. School of Higher Professional Education for Preschool Teachers Pirot – Danijela Vidanović
7. School of Higher Applied Professional Education Vranje - Zoran Janjić
8. School of Higher Professional Education for Preschool Teachers Kruševac – Aleksandar Vasić
9. College of Agriculture and Food Technology Prokuplje – Nikola Stolić
10. School of Higher Chemical Technology Education Kruševac – Dragan Nikolić
11. College of Textile in Leskovac – Djordje Miltenović
12. Business Technical College of Vocational Studies in Užice – Ljubica Diković
13. Railway College of Vocational Studies in Belgrade – Dragica Jovanović
14. Regional Chamber of Commerce Niš – Aleksandar Popović
15. Health Center in Čuprija – Zoran Milivojević

Guests:

16. Conference of the Academy of Vocational Studies– Ružica Stanković, PhD
17. Representatives from the TEMPUS office from Belgrade – Marija Filipović - Ožegović

The meeting was not attended by the representatives of the School of Higher Technical Professional Education in Subotica, representatives of the Ministry of Education and Science, and the representatives of VHLORA from Belgium.

On behalf of the School of Higher Technical Professional Education from Niš, as the host, attendance was taken by Anica Milošević as the representative of the School Council, Aleksandra Boričić, Radomir Cekić, and the representatives of the Student Parliament.

The meeting was an excellent opportunity for the participants to introduce themselves and meet each other, as well as to analyze the project activities once again.

After the official address of Mr. De Lepeeler and Mr. Blagojević, the president of the Conference of the Academy of Vocational Studies, PhD Ružica Stanković greeted the meeting and made a presentation about the work of the newly-formed Conference of the Academy of Vocational Studies in Serbia.

Then, the following representatives of Colleges for Vocational Studies gave presentations of their higher education institutions in detail: Dejan Blagojević, PhD, Zoran Janjić, Nikola Stolić, Djordje Miltenović, Ljiljana Milović, Aleksandar Vasić, Danijela Vidanović, Dragan Nikolić, Dragica Jovanović, Ljubica Diković, Aleksandar Popović, Ružica Stanković, PhD and Zoran Milivojević.

The presentation of institutions from Belgium, Portugal and Germany was given by Geert De Lepeeler and Andre Govaert, Monica Vieira and Daniela Geissler.

Dejan Blagojević, PhD made the speech about the actual state and needs for the establishing of the Academy of Vocational Studies.

The academic coordinator of the project, Professor Andre Govaert elaborated on the content of the project in detail. The working plan within all the nine working packages was presented.

Then Mr. Geert De Lepeeler, general project coordinator, addressed the participants speaking about the technical details of the project.

On the second day of the meeting, the remarks on the structure of the project made by reviewers were considered. After that followed the discussion and the following activities were agreed on:

- To form the project management consortium of the ECBAC in which, as Serbian representatives there would be two representatives from each of the Colleges of Vocational Studies, as partners in the future Academy, and one member from each College in Užice, Subotica and Belgrade.
- To appoint the technical secretary.
- To create a web presentation of the project, project's logo, mailing group, as well as to publish an electronic newsletter.
- Mechanisms for the project control were analyzed, a plan for control was prepared, as well as the plan for the monitoring system in which the outside experts who need a special permit will control and supervise the project development.

The importance of partnership maintenance between the project participants was determined as well as the involvement of the economic entities, in order that the students acquire practical knowledge and be able to apply it in practice.

The following meeting was scheduled for 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> April in Krusevac.

After active discussion of all the participants, the following conclusion was made.

## **CONCLUSION**

1. To form the Consortium project which will consist of two representatives of each of the eight Colleges constituting the Academy, while the rest will each have one representative.
2. Danica Milošević from VTŠ Niš was appointed for the technical secretary of the project.
3. All members of the Academy will appoint one representative for:
  - Quality control
  - International cooperation
  - Student Parliament
  - IT center
4. To elaborate the agreement which will be distributed to all the project participants for signature.
5. To translate the entire material from English into Serbian, which will be distributed to all the project participants.

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In Niš 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2011