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REPORT ON THE 14th ECBAC TEMPUS CONSORTIUM MEETING HELD IN BELGRADE (may, 2015)

Fourteenth meeting of the ECBAC Tempus project consortium was held on 27th May, 2015 in Belgrade, at the Railway College of Vocational Studies. The meeting was attended by the European partners from Ku Leuven University in Belgium (Andre Govaert and Geert De Lepeleer), University in Aalen in Germany (Nichola Adams) and IPP Porto University in Portugal (Monica Vieira). After a short welcome speech of PhD Dragica Jovanovi , a professor of the Railway College of Vocational Studies in Belgrade, PhD Professor Dejan Blagojevi , the director of the School in Niš and Mr.Geet De Lepeleer, the project coordinator, the last meeting report from Niš (April 2015) was unanimously approved of. European partners gave some comments on the meeting report. The representative of the National Tempus office was present at the meeting (Nina Stojanovi). The representatives of the Ministry of Education, the Regional Chamber of Economy, and the Health Center in uprija, did not attend the meeting. [more](#).

AN OVERVIEW OF THE STUDENT FAIR IN Belgrade

The fourth student fair was held at Belgrade at 27.the May 2015. At the Railway College of Vocational Studies All the colleges that belong to the ECBAC consortium used the opportunity to promote themselves and their study programmers during the fair as well as a ECBAC results. The promotion of the carrier planning results has been in the focus of the visitors. As in the previous fairs, one special section at the fair was devoted to the Academy as well as the posters, brochures, roll-ups and books developed on the project. The participants of the student fair had a chance to found out more about ECBAC achievements and results as well as the opportunity for their career planning in future [more](#).

FINAL STEPS IN ECBAC

One of the added values of the ECBAC Tempus project is the cooperation among the project partners which should be continued even when the project is over, which means that clear and practical indicators of this kind of cooperation should be defined. Furthermore, indicators for cooperation of our higher education institutions with the work field, industry and economy that clearly explain how this cooperation could be prolonged after the project expiry should also be carefully drafted. Then the project partners were asked once again to review the key performance indicators and have a clear vision on all the indicators to be monitored in the future. As the coordinators from Belgium stated, key performance indicators that have to be included on the list of indicators should refer to students, study programmes and the rulebooks. Then it was mentioned that in the sustainability plan of the Academy network it should be stated how the network of the Academy is going to be managed after the project end. The sustainability study must explain who will be in charge of the network and how often the meetings of this network are going to be held. The suggestion has been given that the School from uprija should take responsibility for the management of the website of the Academy network. [more](#)



CENTER FOR CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Professor Dragica Jovanovi from the Railway College in Belgrade gave a presentation on the Center for Career Development. She stressed that all our activities related to establishing of this Center are in accordance with the Strategy in higher education until 2020. Once again, professor Dragica stated that more space within the curriculum should be given to student practical training so that students could gain even more practical and applicable knowledge that they would need for the work field. For this reason, we should insist on changing the law regulations concerning the duration of practical training for students. Furthermore, she talked about the importance of continual education of the employed in higher education in terms of life-long learning, which is essential not only for the personal growth and professional development but also for the improvement of the quality of the entire teaching process. Then, she mentioned that one of the important tasks of this Center would be to advise professors and teachers how to improve their syllabi and develop modern curricula which will be recognized by the work field and influenced by the real needs of the market [more](#).

CAREER PLANNING WEB PORTAL

Professor Igor Furstner from the College in Subotica gave a presentation on the on-line Centre for Career Guidance. This web site is made similar to other already existing websites of this kind in Serbia. In the menu of this website, there is a section for students, a section for higher education institutions and a section for companies. It is possible for all higher education institutions and companies to register on this site since it has a flexible, open structure. The site is bilingual and it will provide basic information on higher education institutions that are part of the Academy network as well as the information on companies/employers that register on the website. Students would be able to find information on job offers and internship programmes on it. For the time being the databases on the site are empty but they are going to be filled with the data as soon as possible.

The good side of this website is that the whole system is independent and can work on its own. However, it has been decided that the school in uprija will act as an administrator of the website. There is a special administration panel which enables administrators to monitor the website, prevent any abuse of the website and have insight into all the activities in the website history. The website has its own archive, which means that the data will be recorded in databases which are properly secured due to the fact that back-up will be performed each hour for the entire data base. [More](#)

BOOKRULES

Set of new institutional rules adapted to the specifics of each of the institutions members of the network has been developed and is in the publishing phase. The book contains 20 of the Regulations covering the following areas, such as the rules of study, quality standards and procedures of quality assurance, quality of teaching, self-evaluation, organization of work of the student parliament, publishing, public procurement, rules on the criteria for determining the level of tuition fees, the regulations on student disciplinary liability claims The Regulations on Disciplinary of responsibility of employees, Rules of Procedure of the Council and the like. In this way, all members of the newly formed network harmonize their existing policies with the aim of raising the quality of institutions. [more](#)

**THIS WAS THE LAST MEETING WITHN ECBAC CONSORTIUM.
Hvala! Danke! Obrigado!!Dankjewel**



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