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REPORT ON THE 13th ECBAC TEMPUS CONSORTIUM MEETING HELD IN NIŠ (APRIL, 2015)

Thirteenth meeting of the ECBAC Tempus project consortium was held on 27th and 28th April, 2015 in Niš, at the School of Higher Technical Professional Education. The meeting was attended by the European partners from Ku Lueven University in Belgium (Andre Govaert) and University in Alen in Germany (Nichola Adams). The representatives of the Ministry of Education, the National Tempus office, Health Center in uprija, as well as the representatives of the school in Subotica did not attend the meeting. [more](#).

AN OVERVIEW OF THE STUDENT FAIR IN NIS

The first student fair was held at Nish at 27.th April 2015. All the colleges that belong to the ECBAC consortium had the opportunity to promote themselves and their study programmers during the fair. This fair was also a great opportunity for promotion of the project results, dissemination on the project and the presentation of the published material related to the Academy. 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 listen to the ECBAC radio whose programme is updated with the relevant project information by the members of the Student Parliament in Niš and their colleagues from other partner colleges. [more](#).

THE ECONOMY OF THE REGION AND ECBAC ACHIVMENTS

During the first day of the consortium meeting, a session of the Regional Chamber of Economy also took place at the School in Niš. This round table with the representatives of the work fields and the potential stakeholders as well as the representatives of the local authorities is of great significance for the project, especially in the domain of the project sustainability and the development of a long-term business and marketing plan. Also during the meeting to participants have been presented results of analysis of research conduct during the spring of the 2015 in the sector of ICT.

The analysis showed that there is a high demand for ICT specialists especially in the areas of programming, computer networking, web design, technical support, system administration etc, which only justifies the need for providing vocational higher education in these areas and confirms the needs for Academy forming as an institution that have capacity to answers on these demands [more](#).





## STUDENT INITIATIVES AND PERSPECTIVES

During the second day of the meeting, the Serbian students who had participated in the study visits to Gent in Belgium, Aalen in Germany and Porto in Portugal gave their presentations on the useful information they had obtained abroad. Having learnt a lot through the models of good practice shown to them by the foreign students and their professors, our students came to a general conclusion that the students in Serbia should work more on team-building, student support, student monitoring and counseling, as well as initiating and promoting student mobility and tracking offers for different types of scholarships and internship programmes. All students from Serbia are very happy to have had a chance to participate in the study visits abroad and they will all cherish very pleasant memories of their time spent abroad, and the great hospitality of their hosts. After the study visits, they all show great enthusiasm to improve cooperation among the Student Parliaments of vocational colleges in Serbia that are partners on the project, make stronger links with the work field and give their contribution to start with the student exchange programmes and student mobility's, eager to cooperate with students and professors from the European Union. It is absolutely essential in that sense to establish services for career development and the mobility of students Also representative of ESN- Erasmus student network presented the students opportunities for mobility within this network. [more.](#)

## THE ESTABLISHING TACADEMY BODIES

During the second day of the 13<sup>th</sup> consortium meeting, the first constitutive the academies bodies have been formed. meetings of the Board of Directors, the Senate and the Council of the Academy were held as well as the constitutive meetings of the Student service QA service, ICT service and IRO service. Each college of vocational studies that is a member of the ECBAC consortium has its representatives in each of the afore mentioned bodies of the Academy. The Board of Directors consists of the eight college directors, the Senate consists of all the eight directors and one more representative from each of the eight colleges, whereas the Council, the Student service, ICT service, QA service, have each eight representatives one from each of the eight partner institutions [more.](#)

## ECBAC RADIO

The latest news about the ECBAC 517200 project such as general and specific aims of the project, its activities and results can now be followed on the ECBAC radio. The participants of the student fair had a chance to listen to the ECBAC radio whose program me is updated with the relevant project information by the members of the Student Parliament in Niš and their colleagues from other partner colleges. During the meeting in Nish, student from Germany and Belgium, had a great opportunity to see a way of radio organization, procedure of the radio program agenda adaption and Influence of the radio on the QA institution politic. [more.](#)



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