



Conference on peculiarities of student-supervisor interaction (DEV 4.2.2), Second-year project meeting (DEV 7.5.2), Steering Committee Meeting (DEV 7.6) May 21-23, 2018, Novi Sad, Serbia

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Event description

- Conference on peculiarities of student-supervisor interaction (DEV 4.2.2), Second-year project meeting (DEV 7.5.2), Steering Committee Meeting (DEV 7.6)
- Place: Novi Sad, Serbia
- Date: May 21-23, 2018
- Number of participants:
25 (19 females and 6 males) – representatives of partner universities and ministries;
10 (6 females and 4 males) – students of partner universities.

As a part of MILETUS project activity the Conference on peculiarities of student-supervisor interaction for students and teaching and administrative staff was held in the period from May 21-23, 2018. The event took place at the University of Novi Sad (UNS). The Faculty of Technical Sciences provided us with conference rooms and supported us in organizational matters.

Each Partner Country HEI delegated one person from the teaching and one person from the administrative staff to Novi Sad. Programme countries partners (EU-universities) and Ministries provided at least one person from the teaching/administrative staff for participation at this conference. At least two persons from the selected students (DEV 3.1.2) of each partner university were also delegated to this conference. Unfortunately, due to organizational issue (logistics-related difficulties), staff and students of Mykolaiv State Agrarian University (MNAU) were virtually presented at this conference.

In addition, the representatives of International Relation Offices of University of Novi Sad (UNS) and Singidunum University (SU) participated at the conference.

The main goal of the conference was to present to students, teaching and administrative staff the framework of the first virtual mobility run and collaboration format between students and their supervisor during the virtual mobility run.

The conference was conducted in the following manner:

The first day of the conference (**Day 1, May 21, 2018**) was focused more on the teaching staff of the partner universities and dedicated to the virtual mobility in general. The partner universities, incl. EU-universities, prepared presentations on issues of the virtual mobility. Generally, the definition and main features of the virtual mobility in contrast to other forms of electronic learning were considered. The issue of accreditation of the virtual mobility programs was a common theme throughout this round of presentations.





The following topics are presented by partner universities during the conference:

- Virtual mobility. Introduction (TUHH);
- "Teichler's "Mobility of the Mind:" Challenges to the University of Nis" (UNI);
- Quality of the Project Work and evaluation (AAU);
- Virtual Mobility in the Context of & "Digital University" as NaUKMA Strategic Project for the Years 2017-2020 (NaUKMA);
- The role of the teacher in virtual mobility (PHEI KUH PUA).

The first conference day was closed for students with a tour through the university campus and a meeting with Erasmus students of University of Novi Sad.

The representatives of the project partners continue with the Second-year project meeting. In order to evaluate the project's results, an external quality evaluator was presented at this event via Skype-conference. The second-year project meeting was accompanied by a presentation report of the project coordinator (TUHH). The achievements of the first year of the MILETUS project were analyzed and assessed; the planned and achieved results of the project were compared and presented to the project partners, as well as future key activities of the MILETUS project were considered. The particular attention was paid to the Interim Technical Report, which was recently submitted to EACEA. The key points of the report and the expectations regarding the project activities were presented and discussed with the project partners.

As a second part, the results of application and selection procedures at the partner universities were presented. The representatives of partner universities were invited to a dialogue about the main challenges and potential problems faced during the application process at the partner universities.

The second day of the conference (**Day 2, May 22, 2018**) was focused primarily on the students. The event was started with welcome speeches and presentations of representatives of the International Relation Offices of the University of Novi Sad (UNS) and Singidunum University (SU).

After that, as an example of spin-off lecture, the lecture "Marketing" was held to give students a general overview on the marketing issues and marketing strategy and to present teaching staff modern presentation techniques.

After the presentations of the host institution, the joint presentation "Tasks and the related topics for the first virtual mobility run" as a combination of topics "Collaboration format between supervisor and students during virtual mobility" and "Topics for Project Work for the virtual mobility run" was conducted by EU-universities.

The goal of this presentation was to explain to students the whole format of the virtual mobility run including the expected results, interaction between fellows and their supervisor, the offered video lectures and tasks for the joint student project works, the requirements and assessment methodology of the joint student's project works and the whole virtual mobility run. During the discussion session with students and presented teachers of the HEIs the key issues were discussed and the related questions were answered.

In order to enable students to get an insight into the topic of a virtual mobility and to explain the whole format of the virtual mobility run, the block of student presentations took place after the presentation of EU-universities. The additional goal of this round of presentations was to get to know each other and to answer the possible questions.





For this purpose, the presentations to the topic collaboration format, including the introduction of the students, their research fields and their previous experience in international mobility programs, as well as their expectations from the MILETUS virtual mobility run were prepared by students at home and presented in Novi Sad. The students of Mykolaiv State Agrarian University (MNAU) presented their material and answered the questions from other participants through Skype.

The conference was closed by a round table discussion on the needs and expectations on the virtual mobility. In order to start the live discussion session, the findings of DEV 1.2.2 were presented to students by TopClass (TOPCL) and discussed together with students. Representatives of the University of Nis (UNI) and of the University of Novi Sad (UNS) acted as moderators of this discussion.

The third day (Day 3, May 23, 2018) was dedicated to organizational aspects; only administrative staff and Steering Committee members took part.

At the beginning, the Steering Committee Meeting was conducted to discuss the relevant project-related issues.

After that the round table discussion to the issue of Upgrading of International Relations Offices or founding of Student Mobility Offices at the partner universities (DEV 2.3) was started. The Head of IRO of University of Novi Sad (UNS) was invited to participate in this discussion and share the expertise and experience of the UNS in this field. In order to start with the table discussion, the structure, main functions and funding mechanisms of IROs and units which are particularly responsible for student's mobility at the University of Nis (UNI), Singidunum University (SU) and University of Novi Sad (UNS) were presented by representatives of these universities to share their experience with Ukrainian project partners. After that the representative of National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy (NaUKMA), acting as a moderator of this discussion and a DEV 2.3 project task leader, presented the vision of the activity within this task. As a result of this activity, the deep analysis and methodological framework for improvement of IRO's functions towards the virtual mobility programs and the founding of SMOs for supporting of virtual mobility programs at the partner universities are expected.

The meeting was closed by a final discussion on the results of the conference and prospects for the coming months.

We would like to thank all participants for the time they devoted and for the conceptual discussions.



Photographs from the event



Image 1. Welcome address of University of Novi Sad (UNS)



Image 2-7. Presentations of partner universities (first day of the conference)



Image 8. Second-year project meeting (first day of the conference)



Image 9. Nothing can substitute an experience of real communication (students' tour through the UNS Campus, first day of the conference)



Image 10-12. Presentations of IROs of University of Novi Sad (UNS) and Singidunum University (SU)
(second day of the conference)



Image 13. Lecture “Marketing” in cooperation with University of Novi Sad (UNS)
(second day of the conference)



Image 14. Presentations of EU-universities on collaboration format and tasks for student project work
(second day of the conference)

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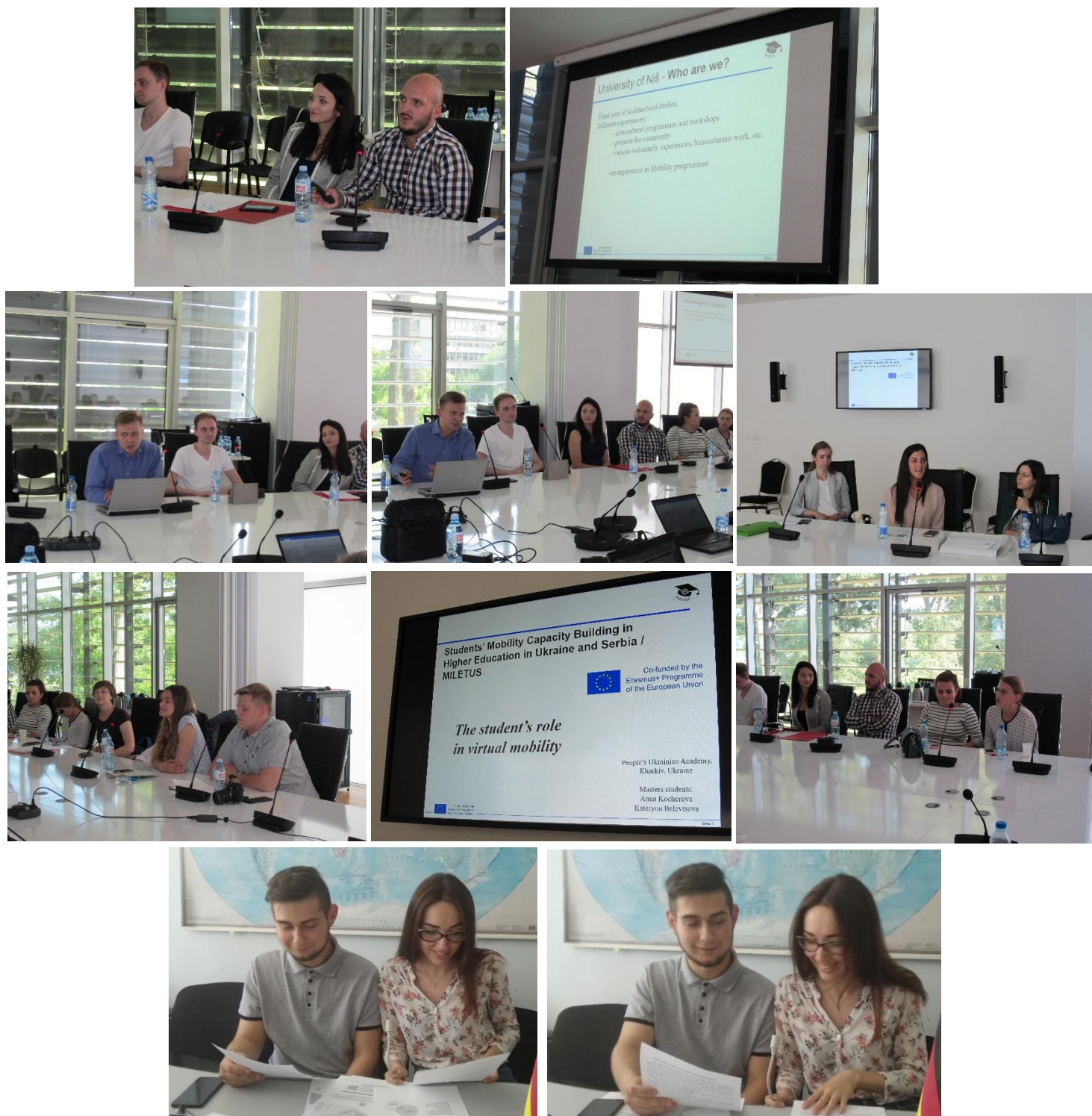


Image 15-22. Students' presentations on the topic of collaboration format (second day of the conference).



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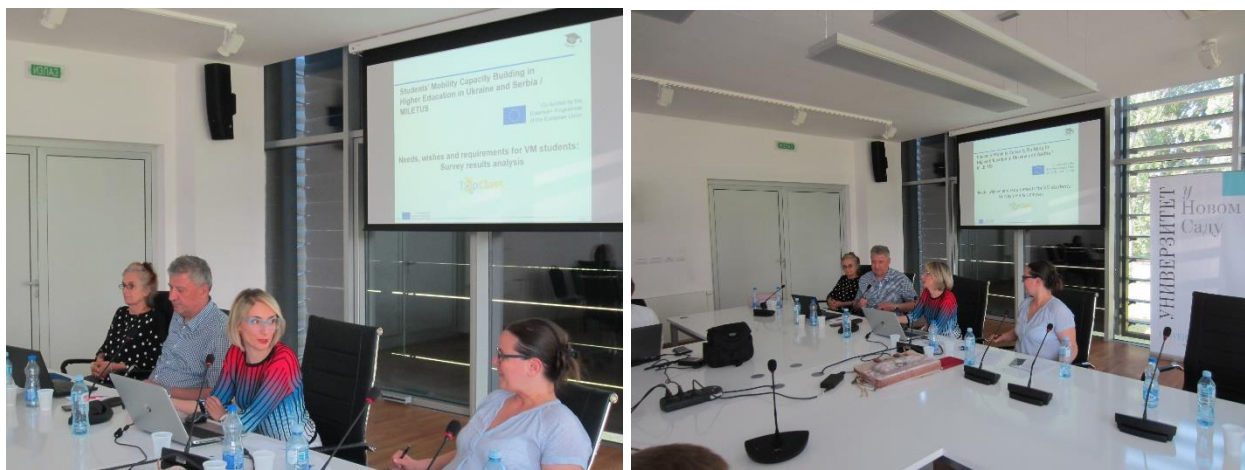


Image 23-24. Presentation of TopClass (TOPCL) and round table discussion on needs and expectations of students from a virtual mobility (second day of the conference)

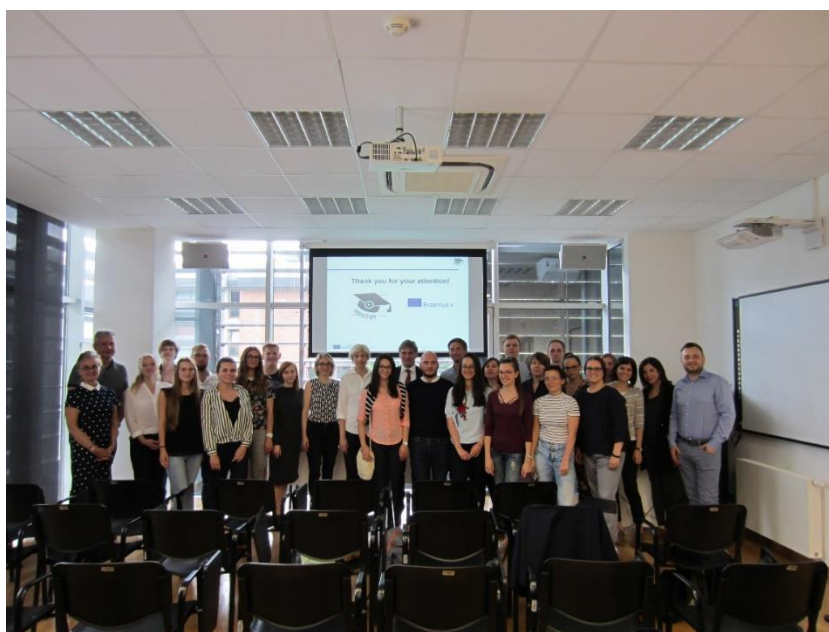


Image 25. Participants of the Conference in Novi Sad

List of Obligatory Annexes:

- Attendance List of participants
- Agenda of the Event
- Presentations of the project partners
- Students' presentations

