

# Coaching seminar before mutual cross-country mobility run (DEV 4.2.1); Third-year project meeting (DEV 7.5.3); Steering-Committee Meeting (DEV 7.6) October 10-12, 2018, Milan, Italy

ERASMUS+ MILETUS - Event report

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### **Event description**

- Coaching seminar before mutual cross-country mobility run (DEV 4.2.1); Third-year project meeting (DEV 7.5.3); Steering-Committee Meeting (DEV 7.6)
- Place: Milan, Italy
- Date: October 10-12, 2018
- Number of participants: 30 (21 females and 8 males).

Within the framework of the MILETUS project activity, the project meeting with the Coaching seminar before mutual cross-country mobility run as well as the Third-year project meeting and the Steering Committee meeting was held from 10 to 12 October 2018. The Department of Management, Economics and Industrial Engineering of the Politechnico di Milano (POLIMI) was pleased to host this event and supported us in organizational matters.

Each Partner Country HEI delegated at least two persons from the teaching and one person from the administrative staff to Milan. Programme countries partners (EU-universities) and TOPCL delegated at least one person from the teaching/administrative staff to participate in this event. In addition, three representatives of the MESU have attended this event. The Head of Career Service Center of the POLIMI and External evaluator were invited to this event.

The **Coaching seminar** for teaching staff of partner universities was held on the first and second days of the project meeting.

The Coaching seminar started **on the first day (Day 1, October 10, 2018)** with the *Workshop on the first virtual mobility run* in the form of "experience sharing" under the leadership of EU-universities. The results and outcomes of the first "pilot" mobility run as well as challenges and weaknesses were analyzed by EU supervisors and presented to the participants.

After the round of presentations of the EU partners, the *Presentation on evaluation criteria and the assessment of students' learning performance* was presented by EENU as the responsible partner for DEV 3.2 and discussed among the participants. Particular attention was paid to the *practical approach and examples* for evaluating of learning performance during the first virtual mobility run.





Afterwards, the *Presentation on the expectations* of the virtual mobility run of TOPCL was carried out, with special attention to the skills to be expected after the participation of the students in the virtual mobility. Particular attention was also paid to the skills of the supervisors, which should be enhanced through the supervision of virtual mobility programs.

An additional *Workshop on video recording* was organized and conducted by POLIMI representatives. Key subjects such as the criteria for successful video material and the format of the video presentations were discussed in small groups among the participants.

The first day of the Coaching seminar and the project meeting continued with the round of presentations given by teachers from the partner universities. Starting with a short introduction on their own scientific experiences, the teachers presented the contents of their spin-off lectures and tasks for the joint project of the students. The aim of this round of presentations was to formulate an understanding of the virtual mobility format by teachers who will undertake the supervision during the next second virtual mobility run.

The first day of the Coaching seminar and the project meeting ended with a visit to the POLIMI Wind Gallery, where the participants got to know the innovative research topics of the host university.

**The second day** of the Coaching seminar **(Day 2, October 11, 2018)** started with the *Presentation on methodological frameworks for mobility programs* of the UNS as the responsible partner for DEV 4.1 and 4.2 with a special focus on the MILETUS virtual mobility programs. The differences between the MILETUS mobility program for Bachelor's and Master's students from other virtual mobility programs were presented, in particular the peculiarities, objectives, actors and their roles. The focus was especially paid on the function of the Virtual Mobility Coordinator and the Project-Based Learning format of the MILETUS virtual mobility program.

The TUHH acted as a Virtual Mobility Coordinator during the first mobility run, has presented the main functions of all actors involved in virtual mobility and the specificities of virtual mobility coordination. The necessity of appointing the Virtual Mobility Coordinator was discussed and two candidates (NaUKMA and UNS) for the Virtual Mobility Coordinator for the second virtual and third blended mobility runs were selected.

The next focus of the presentations of the second day was the *Sustainability of the project results* with a special focus on the sustainability of the virtual mobility programs in Ukraine and Serbia. The sustainability indicators were presented by UNS and MNAU, who are responsible for the MILETUS project website and internet platforms for learning materials in Ukraine and Serbia. The feasibility for sustainable project results and the possibility to continue such a format of the mobility program beyond the lifetime of the project were discussed together with the project partners.

In addition, the *Workshop on using the Moodle platform* for teachers and administrative staff was also conducted by MNAU as the responsible partner for providing the Moodle platform for the first and second virtual mobility runs.





The Coaching seminar was completed with the concluding *Presentation of POLIMI on the survey results* of the first virtual mobility run. This survey was conducted anonymously for students, teachers and supervisors through the Moodle platform. The results of the survey with a special focus on challenges and weaknesses were discussed with the project partners.

The second part of the second day of the project meeting was focused on the forthcoming project activities. The first results of the survey to update the IROs DEV 2.3 were presented by NaUKMA and discussed with project partners.

The next round of presentations was devoted to employability-oriented strategies at the partner universities. This session started with the *Presentation of the Head of Career Service Center* of the POLIMI in order to exchange experience with project partners. The partnership had a unique chance to be invited to *visit the International Job Fair* that took place at the POLIMI campus during the period of the project meeting. A 30-minute walk through the POLIMI campus was conducted to gain experience with the host university's employment strategies in practice. This was followed by a round of partner presentations focusing on the *employment-oriented strategies* at the partner universities (DEV 6.2.2, 6.3.1, 6.3.2) and the possible dates of the upcoming events.

Since the next priority topic of the coming project activity is the organization of the third blended mobility run, the *Workshop on PhD mobility run* was conducted by TUHH. The proposal on the format for the blended mobility run was presented and discussed among the partners. Special attention has been paid to how to launch the application process with a particular focus on deadlines and the selection of research areas for PhD students under DEV 3.5.1 and 3.5.2.

**The third day (Day 3, October 12, 2018)** was dedicated to organizational aspects; nonetheless, the teachers of partner universities were invited to the *Third-year project meeting* (DEV 7.5.3). During the presentation of the TUHH, the current status of the MILETUS project implementation as well as planned and achieved results and future activities of the project were presented. Special attention was paid to the evaluation of the Interim Technical Report for the first 18 months of the project implementation by EACEA. The outcomes were discussed among the project partners.

The teachers were then invited to work in small groups as part of a social activity "Breakfast Building networks"; the project meeting continued with the Financial Consulting (DEV 5.8.1) and Steering Committee meeting (DEV 7.6) for administrative staff representatives. The relevant aspects of the project's financial management were presented and discussed among the project partners as part of the Financial Consulting presentation. The Steering Committee Meeting was held to discuss the relevant project-related issues.

As part of the external quality control, the External evaluator of the MILETUS project attended the Steering Committee meeting virtually. During the 30-minute Skype-session the results of the external quality survey were presented by an external evaluator; the questions raised were answered and recommendations made to the partnership. The results and recommendations of the external evaluator were also discussed in the partnership.

The project meeting was concluded with a final discussion on the prospects for the coming months.

We would like to thank all participants for investing their time and conceptual discussions.





### Photographs from the event

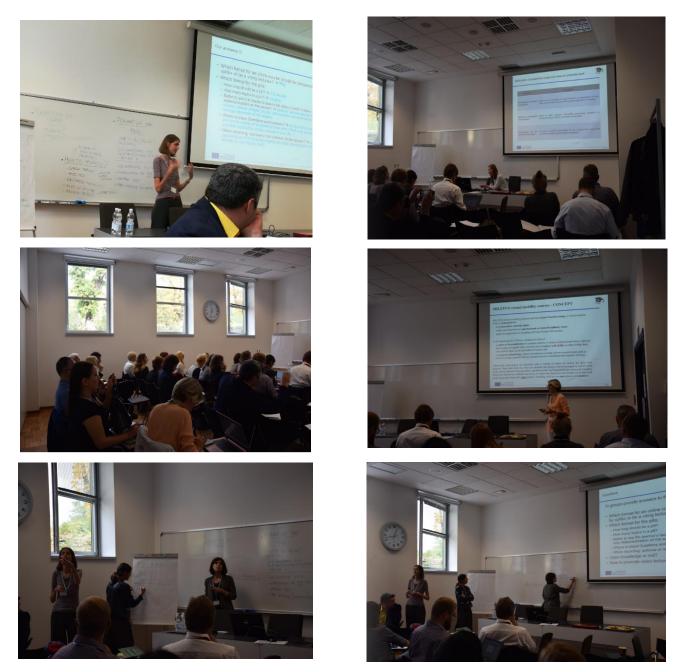


Image 1-6. Coaching seminar for teaching and administrative staff representatives (first day of the project meeting)











Image 7-12. Work in small groups (first day of the project meeting)







Image 13-19. Presentations of teachers (first day of the project meeting)



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Image 20-24. Coaching seminar for teaching and administrative staff representatives (second day of the project meeting)



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Image 25-26. Presentations of UNS and MNAU on sustainability for mobility programs (second day of the project meeting)



Image 27. Presentation of NaUKMA on upgrading of IROs at the partner universities (second day of the project meeting)











Image 28-30. Presentation of the Career Service Center of POLIMI on employability-oriented strategies (second day of the project meeting)



Image 31-35. Visit to the international job fair on the POLIMI campus (second day of the project meeting)



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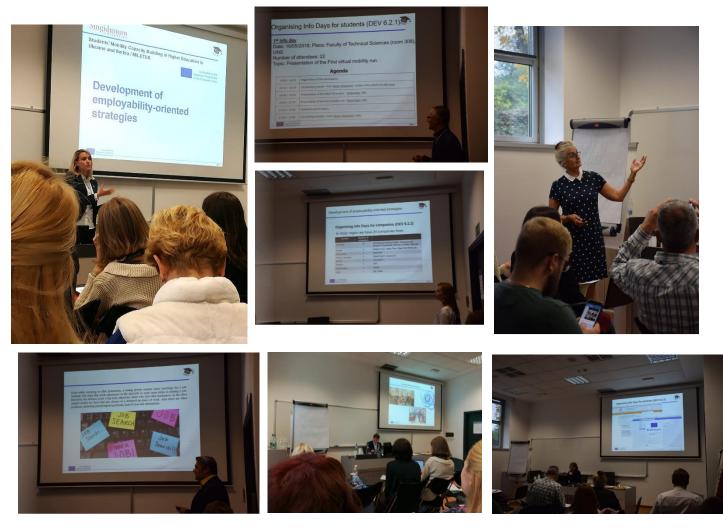


Image 36-42. Presentations of the project partners on development of employability-oriented strategies (second day of the project meeting)



Image 43. Workshop on PhD mobility run (second day of the project meeting)







Image 44. Participants of the MILETUS project meeting in Milan

## List of Obligatory Annexes:

- Agenda of the Event
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- Presentations from the event

