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Event description

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- Place: Niš, Serbia
- Date: July 09-10, 2019
- Number of participants: 30 (15 females and 15 males).

The project meeting aimed primarily at evaluating the elaborated recommendations for blended mobility and verifying the blended mobility model, took place on 09 and 10 July 2019 in Niš, Serbia. The University of Niš warmly welcomed the participants and took care of the organisational issues of the project meeting.

The project meeting (**Day 1, July 09, 2019**) started with the workshop for PhD students and academics on “*Concept of Science with a Mission*”, given by the representative of NaUKMA. At the beginning the preliminary lecture was presented with the aim to convey the understanding for the conceptual development of the role of science and the model of science with mission on the different examples and debated after the end of the lecture. The new social contract, the triangle between citizens, science and government, was addressed within the framework of Horizon Europe, the future EU research and innovation programme. At the workshop, PhD students and academics had the opportunity to discuss their views on future challenges for research and innovation missions.





The following workshop “*Ethics in Research - Dilemma Game*” was developed by colleagues from POLIMI and also addressed to PhD students and academic representatives of the partner universities. All participants were divided into small groups of 2-3 PhD students and 2-3 academics-supervisors. Each group received the game set developed exclusively for the MILETUS project, consisting of game cards with relevant ethical questions such as ethics in research, ethics in publication, etc. and cards with correct or incorrect answers. The tasks were to discuss the ethical questions and to evaluate the answers of the groups, whereby the academics should judge whether answer was correct or not. Such simulation of the group work could help to improve the participants’ communication skills, problem-solving skills and supervision of the group. The results of the group work were presented and discussed among all participants.

The subsequent “*Evaluation of the recommendations for the Blended Mobility Model*”, elaborated by the project conference in Lutsk and “*Assessment of the blended mobility*” were aimed at validating the blended mobility model. The evaluation was carried out electronically and participants responded to the proposed questionnaires electronically. This “presence” format of evaluation was successful used at our previous project meetings and is a very effective tool.

After evaluation of the recommendations, the *second round table discussion* was held with NaUKMA representatives moderating. Two universities (Union University and University of Kragujevac) accepted our invitation to participate in the online session of the second round table discussion. This time the link to the EVOLVE project (<https://evolve-erasmus.eu/about-evolve/what-is-virtual-exchange/>) was proposed to the participants to discuss the aspects of virtual mobility and its difference to virtual exchange. The outcomes of the *second round table discussion* will be taken into account when preparing the final version of the methodological recommendations for the MILETUS virtual and blended mobility programs

The first day of the project meeting ended with the workshop “*Dimensions of Open Science: from open data to social science*”, given by the academic representative of NaUKMA. The concept of Open Science, representing a new approach to the scientific process, was discussed among the participants.

The second day of the project meeting (**Day 2, July 10, 2019**) began with the Workshop “*Handling the brain drain*”, delivered by TUHH representatives. The topic was selected not accidentally, as the PhD students participating in blended mobility gained their own experience of working at another university and could compare living and working conditions between different countries. Given that brain drain remains a very acute issue not only for Ukraine and Serbia, but also for all former Soviet and Yugoslav republics, the aim of the workshop was to address the roots of the problem and try to find an appropriate solution from the perspective of the individual and the country in general. All participants were divided into small groups in which PhD students worked together with the university staff. The project-oriented PBL approach adopted for the mobility programme forms the basis for the reflections and preparation of the mini-projects. After the presentation of the group work, the meeting session for PhD students and supervisors was rounded off with a summary of the results of the blended mobility.

The following external quality presentation (DEV 5.10) and Steering committee meeting (DEV 7.6) concluded the project meeting with a summary of the current state of the project implementation.

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



Photographs from the event



Image 1-2. Workshop “*Concept of Science with a Mission*” (NaUKMA)
(first day of the project meeting)



Image 3-7. Workshop “Ethics in Research - Dilemma Game” (POLIMI)
(first day of the project meeting)



Image 8. Workshop “*Dimensions of Open Science: from open data to social science*” (NaUKMA)
(first day of the project meeting)



Image 9-15. Workshop “Handling the brain drain - *BRAIN DRAIN: A one-way ticket?*” (TUHH)
(second day of the project meeting)





Image 16-17. Participants of the MILETUS project meeting in Niš (09-10 July 2019).

List of Obligatory Annexes:

- Agenda of the Event
- Attendance List of participants
- Presentations from the event

