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Erasmus opens minds
and changes lives!

Foreword

This brochure provides insight into the work we have done, outcomes and impacts of the activities that have been carried out by VEVU through Erasmus+ mobility projects between programme countries (KA103) and between programme and partner countries (KA107). Its purpose is to share projects results, activity ideas and good practices with relevant stakeholders and additionally to give a short evaluation review to indicate new development directions and new visions not only at VEVU but also at the partner HEIs from partner countries and other relevant stakeholders.

Additional intention of this brochure is to increase awareness of Erasmus+ programme benefits, expand mobility effects, share good practice of internationalization in HEIs, as well as encourage involvement in mobilities, mobility projects or other internationalization activities. Moreover, it could lead to the increase of VEVU's international visibility and attract new potential partners.

We believe that you will be inspired to participate in Erasmus+ programme, which provides opportunities for increased growth in different aspects.

This brochure uses a colour coding scheme to explain the Erasmus+ programme implementation at VEVU in period from 2014 until 2021 and impacts from project outcomes.

Foreword

Erasmus+ programme & VEVU

Erasmus+ is the biggest EU's programme to support education, training, youth and sport in Europe.

Its intention in the period 2014 - 2021 in field of higher education has been the modernization and improvement of higher education standards throughout Europe and the rest of the world.

The programme 2014 - 2020/2021 has supported actions, cooperation and tools consistent with the objectives of the Europe 2020 Strategy and its flagship initiatives, such as Youth on the Move and the Agenda for New Skills and Jobs. The programme also contributed to achieving the objectives of the Education and Training Strategic Framework for European cooperation in Education and Training and of the European Youth Strategy through the Open Methods of Coordination. * (Erasmus+ programme Guide, 2019)

Involvement of VEVU in the Erasmus programme was initiated in 2013 during the transition from the previous Erasmus period to the new Erasmus+ programme 2014 - 2020. As a result of successful application for ECHE CHARTER, and awarding Erasmus Charter for Higher Education 263513-LA-1-2014-1-HR-E4AKA1-ECHE for period 2014 - 2020, VEVU acquired the precondition to join the Erasmus+ programme and the opportunity for implementation of mobility projects and internationalization of education. This gave our students and staff the opportunity to participate in the European exchange activities and to experience the education and practical training at Universities and other organizations or companies abroad. Moreover, it gave them the opportunity to achieve "Internationalization at home", i.e. it created an opportunity for foreign lecturers and practitioners to visit our College, which enabled the international experience of the students and staff who did not participate in mobility. A systematic active approach of mobility project implementation activities began in 2016 when VEVU started planned development of VEVU internationalization that has lasted until now.

Erasmus+

From Challenges to Impacts!

Holding the ECHE CHARTER VEVU took some commitments framed in VEVU Erasmus Policy Statement.

- Full support and encouragement of both teaching and student mobility, as well as cooperation projects within the framework of the Programme;
- Development of mobility activities and mobility cooperation projects at all three departments: Physiotherapy, Administration and Commerce;
- Acquisition of partner institutions offering programmes within these specific areas: biomedicine - physiotherapy, public administration and economics - trade;
- Encouragement of the students to do professional internships abroad in order to acquire skills required to work in their professions;
- Development of multilateral projects with the emphasis on education of specialists by modernization of curricula adapted to continuously changing economic conditions;
- Establishment of the Committee for the European and International Cooperation within each Department of VEVU;
- Being supportive to students and staff on mobility;
- Increasing mobility (students, staff) to transfer knowledge and education systems;
- Raising of mobility awareness and the Erasmus+ programme and dissemination of the results of the particular project.

Find your chances all over the World! Find your chances all over the World!

Programme and partner countries involved



Around 340.000,00 EUR of EU funding



Total number of E+ partner HEIs



18



More than 150 realized staff and student mobilities



Total number of VEVU projects



30

11

Facts and figures



VEVU Achievement

GOALS ACHIEVED IN MOBILITY PROJECTS IN ERASMUS+ PROGRAMME IN THE PERIOD 2014 - 2021

Institutional capacities for implementation of international mobility projects established:

- Established Erasmus Committee as an internal competent authority for the implementation of Erasmus+ projects;
- Appointed an Erasmus coordinator for mobility project management and administration
- Appointed ECTS coordinators at each study Department as hosts for support and implementation of student and staff mobilities
- Appointed Erasmus+ supervisors for incoming students traineeships;
- Established internal module for implementation of mobility projects.

Established partnerships and collaborations



Enhanced academic mobility

- Improved the accessibility of information packages.
- Establishment of regular implementation of "International Weeks".
- Achieved implementation of internationalization at home.
- Removed language barriers for participants.
- Ensured availability of mobility information.
- High support for incoming mobility provided.

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staff weeks
at VEVU

2850

days of staff
and student
mobilities

40

ECTS credits
recognised at
VEVU for student
practice mobility
in curriculum

Initial - project webinar with partners, Wellcome week for students... International days...

Invited teacher lecture... Student Buddy and other students support... And much more...



Third Non-teaching staff week at VEVU 2021



International day at VEVU 2018



Second Non-teaching week at VEVU 2019

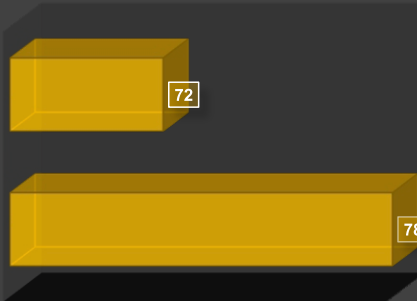


First non - teaching week at VEVU 2018

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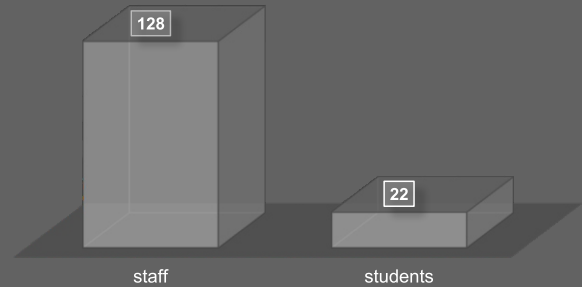
MOBILITY DIRECTIONS

outgoing mobility to the partner HEIs

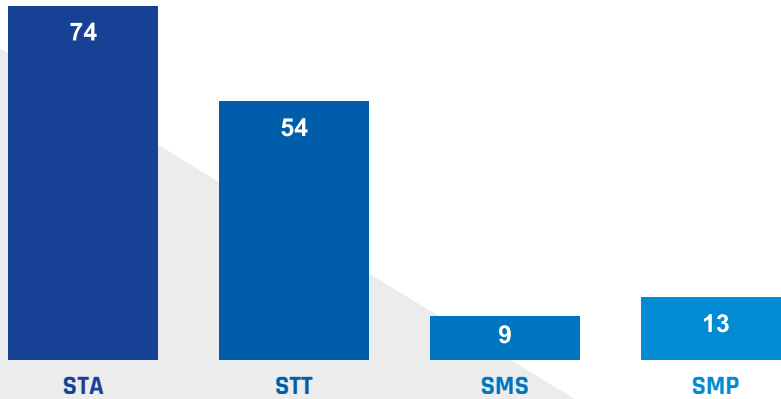


incoming mobility at VEVU

MOBILITY PARTICIPANTS



MOBILITY TYPES



STA - staff mobility for teaching

STT - staff mobility for training

SMS - student mobility for study

SMP - student mobility for traineeship

Who is behind the results

External support - AMPEU in Croatia

Partner institutions from abroad

Internal VEVU human resources

National external support

The Agency for Mobility and EU Programmes (AMEUP) is the National Agency responsible for the implementation of the Erasmus+ and other Programmes and initiatives in Croatia.

AMEUP is also an advisory and support institution that is available to project beneficiaries and provides updated and effective information that facilitates the implementation of project activities.



Visiting presentation on 30th anniversary of Erasmus+ programme by AMEUP representative

The Agency for Mobility and European Union Programmes (AMEUP) is a public institution within the Ministry of Science and Education, which implements and promotes European Union programmes and other international programmes in the field of science, education, training and youth. The Agency is focused on raising the quality of the system primarily by its internationalization, regarding strengthening the instruments of mobility for the purpose of learning and training, which is its mission.

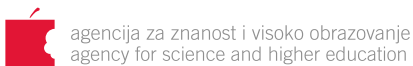
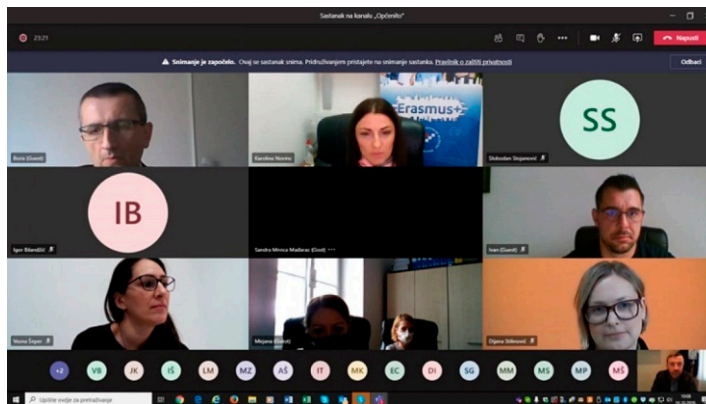
During the programme period VEVU has developed additional collaboration with AMEUP along with its regular professional support. The Agency is always ready to cooperate in the form of giving information and promotional support to end users.

On the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the Erasmus+ programme, on October 25, 2017 the AMEUP representative Filip Gašparović, Head of the Department for Coordination and Quality Assurance of the Erasmus+ Programme visited VEVU for the purpose of giving a presentation on Erasmus opportunities in the Erasmus+ programme offered to the teaching and administrative staff of the College.

Visiting WEBINAR by AMEUP expert on the occasion of Erasmus days 2020 at VEVU.

Dijana Stilinović, senior expert advisor from the Agency for Mobility and EU Programmes took part in a webinar for our teaching staff on October 16, 2020 and gave an informative and inspiring presentation in which she shared information on current events within the Erasmus+ programme and sent us useful links to available resources for the purpose of introducing to innovative teaching methods through mobility that are currently available within the Erasmus+ programme, especially Blended mobility.

The Agency for Science and Higher Education (ASHE) regularly provides seminars and meetings regarding current events in the field of internationalization such as the very actual Challenges in higher education during the pandemic of COVID-19 and social isolation: experience and needs of higher education staff and students held in September 2020.



VEVU cooperation with ESN Osijek
Info day for students



Erasmus+ partnerships

Partner institutions

ALBANIA

University College "BEDER"
University of medicine Tirana
University of New York in Tirana

BELGIUM

Haute Ecole Leonard De Vinci

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Sveučilište/Univerzitet "Vitez"
Sveučilište Hercegovina - Fakultet društvenih znanosti dr. Milenka Brkića
Visoka škola "CEPS-Centar za poslovne studije

FINLAND

Tampere University of Applied Sciences (TAMK)

FRANCE

Ecole d Assas

GEORGIA

Georgian Institute of Public Affairs

HUNGARY

University of Pécs: Faculty of Law

LATVIA

Kristīgās vadības koledža / Management college

NORTH MACEDONIA

International Balkan University

POLAND

Cracow University of Economics

SLOVENIA

Alma Mater Europea ECM

REPUBLIC OF SERBIA

Privredna Akademija Novi Sad:

- FIMEK
- Pravni fakultet u Novom Sadu

Visoka škola modernog biznisa u Beogradu

TURKEY

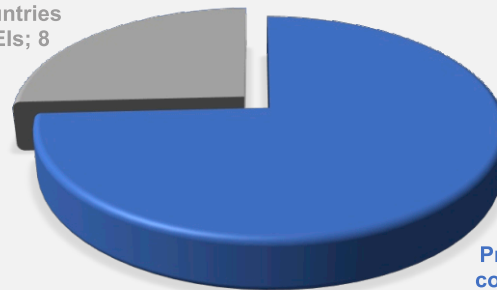
Acibadem Mehmet Ali Aydinlar University

UKRAINE

National Aviation University

31 Erasmus+ IIA partner HEI

Partner
countries
HEIs; 8



Program
countries
HEIs; 23

VEVU ERASMUS TEAM

College of Applied Sciences "Lavoslav Ružička" in Vukovar dean:

Doc. dr. sc. Željko Sudarić, prof. v. š.

VEVU Erasmus Committee:

Vice-deans

Dr. sc. Slobodan Stojanović, prof. v. š.

Vice Dean for Business Operations and Cooperation with Businesses

Mr. sc. Darija Ivanković, v. pred.

Vice Dean for Teaching and Students

Dr. sc. Sanja Gongeta, prof. v. š.

Vice Dean for Professional and Scientific Research and International Cooperation

ECTS coordinators

Ivan Belaj, mag. iur., v. pred.

Head of the Administrative department

Dr. sc. Željka Borzan, v. pred.

Head of the Business Department

Dr. sc. Slavica Janković, v. pred.

Head of the Department for Health Studies

VEVU Erasmus coordinator:

Karolina Novinc, struč. spec. oec.

Erasmus Supervisors for incoming students for traineeship:

Željka Vajda Halak, mag. iur., v. pred.

Administrative department

Dr. sc. Borislav Marušić, prof. v. š.

Business Department

Vesna Šeper, mag. sport. med. i physioth., v. pred.

Health Studies Department

VEVU Erasmus Team and Supported Services

SUPPORT SERVICES

Duško Simić, dipl. iur.

Secretary of the College

Antun Novinc, dipl. ing.

Head of the Student's Affair Office

Anita Skender, mag.oec.

Head of the Financial services

Igor Bilandžić, ing.

IT officer

Tatjana Ivić Lovrinović, mag. educ. philo. croat.

College library

Impacts of the results

- Established internationalization of education through mobility projects;
- Enabled courses in English at each of the study departments of the College;
- Enhanced international cooperation and partnerships for research;
- Established ongoing support and encouragement of incoming and incoming student mobility.

Long term Effects:

- Improved conditions for improving and increasing the competencies of staff and students through internationalization;
- The staff and student mobility, as well as cooperation with international HEIs should become one of the important parts of the international dimension that is one of the top priorities of the VEVU's strategic development.
- Enabled long-term partnership and cooperation.
- Enabled the acquisition of international experience to the students and staff of VEVU.
- An international environment and mindset among students and staff created.

Unlock your potential to
get more knowledge and skills
through the power of mobility!

Dissemination activities that have been carried out

In order to spread awareness of the benefits from the mobility participants VEVU has established the mobility projects dissemination plans with special intention to encourage the interests and involvement of the students in mobility.

Dissemination activities already achieved:

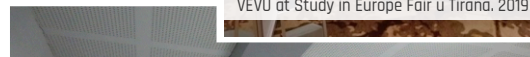
- Info presentation meetings and webinars for students and staff were held
- Info promotional presentations and meetings for partner HEI were held
- Distributed information and promotional materials to different stakeholders
 - Erasmus+ opportunities for outgoing students at VEVU (in Croatian)
 - Erasmus+ incoming students handbook
 - Projects leaflet, bookmarkers, posters announcing events and announcing tenders;
- Organized various promotional and informative events for the end users and project partners
- Published articles in newspapers and publicity in the media, different web posts
- Marked anniversaries and significant events promoting the Erasmus+ programme and its effects.

New - VEVU Erasmus+ impacts booklet

Issued promotional booklet with information on cooperation activities and emphasis on the important role of the Erasmus+ programme at VEVU at the same time final dissemination activity for the period of 2014-2020/21, which enable long-term visibility after the completion of THE MOBILITY PROJECTS.



VEVU at Study in Europe Fair u Tirana, 2019



Radio guest appearances, incoming teacher and students with Student Body and VEVU Student Council hosts.



Conclusion and Further Directions

College of Applied Sciences "Lavoslav Ružička" in Vukovar as an outstanding institution of higher education in Vukovar_syrmiium County has enabled the REALIZATION OF INTERNATIONALIZATION through the implementation of the projects within the Erasmus+ programme and thus enabled the investment in knowledge, skills and competencies that are important for beneficiaries, higher education institutions and the society as a whole. The effects of the programme contribute to the growth, equality, welfare and social inclusion in Europe and beyond.

We want to thank everyone who has contributed to the achievement of these small but significant results that are going to bring fruits in the future.

Speaking about the future, together with other European higher education institutions we are joining digital transformation in Erasmus+ programme and heading towards digital internationalisation of higher education.



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