



Project office visit to University of Tuzla, Faculty of Mine, Geology and Civil Engineering

Visit minutes

Visit Date:	November 08 th , 2018
Meeting Locations:	University of Tuzla, Faculty of Mine, Geology and Civil Engineering
Visit team:	Željko Bačić & Vesna Poslončec-Petrić
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1 Meeting at University of Tuzla, Faculty of Mine, Geology and Civil Engineering

Meeting participants:	Prof. Nermina Hadžigrahić, Rector Prof. Kemal Gutić, Dean Prof. Indira Sijerčić Prof. Mirza Ponjavić
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Start November 08th 12.45

End November 08th 14.30

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- **Ž. Bačić** and **V. Poslončec-Petrić** informed Rector prof. Hadžigrahić about the project progress and activities remained in the last year of the project life-time. **Ž. Bačić** emphasised positive role of the University of Tuzla project team giving to the project positive contribution without any open issue or unfinished task. Therefore, he focused on coming activities:
 - Implementation of SDI lectures in this academic year expressing satisfaction about the fact that colleagues have introduced parts of SDI curricula in two courses in geology study program and two courses in civil engineering study program.
 - Preparation of 2nd Annual National SDI Report, which has been successfully prepared in 1st year by prof. M. Ponjavić and its relevance to establish better cooperation with national geodetic authorities.



- Preparation of Memorandum of cooperation among the partner institutions focused on continuation of BESTSDI developed activities and joint application on new project calls.
- There are three project ideas proposed by partners on which Project office is working to transfer them in to the project proposals. One considered as kind of “follow up” project to BESTSDI, another proposed by University of Sarajevo and third proposed by University of Split. Project office is further open for ideas from partners and will try together with them to form them in project proposals. The plan is to frame ideas in draft project proposals till November 20th and disseminate it among the partners, so we can make decision on projects which we will propose at the workshop in Pristina.
- **V. Poslončec-Petrić** informed about the financial management status, having no open issues regarding University of Tuzla, noting that with 2nd prepayment 90% of funds have been transferred to partners, while remaining 10% will be transferred first when EACEA approves final project report. In this context University will be again, as it was case with procurement of equipment, to pre-finance some costs which will then be covered with final transfer of grant money.
- **N. Hadžigrahić** expressed satisfaction that University of Tuzla and its Faculty of Mine, Geology and Civil Engineering contribution is recognized and found constructive. University is participating in several similar projects and is interested to continue this cooperation since there is permanent need to modernize study programs at the faculties responding on the changes which are very fast and deep. Present situation in academic field in Bosnia and Herzegovina is pushing University to search for and implements new or modernized study programs and new methods of teaching and therefore projects like BESTSDI are welcomed. Regarding pre-financing at the end of the project, she confirmed that this will be implemented. The recently signed Agreement on cooperation among the universities of south-east Europe and Western Balkans will be good platform for announced Memorandum of cooperation.
- **K. Gutić** expressed pleasure that University Rector prof. Hadžigrahić is attending this meeting, presenting idea to prepare and launch study program of geodesy at the Faculty. This initiative is based on the needs of the industry in the Tuzla region and lack of the geodetic engineers. He finds, that starting such study program would be appropriate content for new Erasmus+ project proposal.
- The idea of introducing geodetic study at the Faculty of Mine, Geology and Civil Engineering has been welcomed by **Ž. Bačić**. At the same time, he turned attention on the fact that there are aspects which must be taken in consideration launching new study program, emphasising need to ensure sufficient teaching capacities.
- **M. Ponjavić** added that there is good will and that he is ready to work on new bachelor/master syllabus in geodesy. He noted that in this case situation in secondary schools should also be taken in consideration.
- **I. Sijerčić** added that situation in secondary schools is complex, with lowering number of scholars and their focus on professions which enable them to find jobs outside of Bosnia and Herzegovina. This is also the reason why Faculty is looking for new or modernized



programs to attract scholars for those studies in competition with other public and private universities.

- **Ž. Bačić** and **V. Poslončec-Petrić** visited the SDI Lab equipped within the Erasmus+ BESTSDI project.
- **Ž. Bačić** invited Rector prof. Hadžigrahić to attend final conference of the BESTSDI project in Sarajevo in September 2019. **N. Hadžigrahić** accepted the invitation.

3 Conclusions

- University of Tuzla project team will give support and contribute in delivery of 2nd Annual National SDI Report.
- University of Tuzla is the partner which will sign Memorandum of cooperation.
- Project office will disseminate draft project proposals to the partners till November 20th for their evaluation and final decision making at the workshop in Pristina.
- Project office will evaluate the idea of proposing new study program on geodesy for Erasmus+ call and contact Faculty about this.

In Zagreb, November 12th, 2018

Vesna Poslončec-Petrić and Željko Bačić



*Meeting with prof. Nermina Hadžigrahić, prof. Kemal Gutić, prof. Indira Sijerčić,
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