

Entrepreneurship and Local Economic Development (ELED) in Albania, Kosovo and Macedonia

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Executive Summary

Aim

To develop the capacity of partner country universities to serve the needs of society at large (both state institutions and private sector) by strengthening their links with the labour market and offering programmes promoting entrepreneurship.

Specific Objectives

Develop an academic programme in Entrepreneurship and Local Economic Development (LED) jointly taught by universities in each partner country.

Develop a training programme in Entrepreneurship for relevant state and local government institutions, also jointly delivered by universities in each partner country.

Establish and consolidate the three-cycle Bologna system together with Quality Assurance procedures and ECTS.

Improve the human capacity of partner country universities by providing upgrading opportunities for their assistants in EU partner universities.

Outputs

1. A new Masters programme in Entrepreneurship and LED (120 ECTS)
2. A training programme in entrepreneurship (equivalent to 60 ECTS)
3. A new 3-cycle (3+2+3 years) academic programme with ECTS and QA procedures in faculties participating in the project
4. Improved human capital of participating universities
5. Purchase of books and equipment

Summary of Main Features

This Project aims to enhance the capacity of the nine consortium universities in Albania, Kosovo and Macedonia and to contribute to the development of entrepreneurship and the creation of an entrepreneurial environment in their countries. This is achieved by (i) developing a high quality Masters Programme in Entrepreneurship and Local Economic Development in each partner country, jointly taught by staff from universities in that country; (ii) establishing a Training Programme in Entrepreneurship for employees of those public and private sector institutions which are responsible for improving the entrepreneurial environment and culture in each country (Ministries, Municipalities and Chambers of Commerce), jointly delivered by staff of universities in that country; and (iii) improving the human capacity of the nine institutions, especially enabling the younger members of staff to upgrade their knowledge and qualifications by spending a period of study in EU partner universities. In parallel, the Project will support the partner country universities to transform their current study programmes to the three-cycle Bologna system together with appropriate Quality Assurance procedures and regulations (or consolidate and complete the full three-cycle system if they have already started this process).

The direct target groups of this Project are the staff of the nine partner country institutions, particularly the younger assistants, students of the new Masters Programme in Entrepreneurship and LED, management personnel of partner enterprises, and staff of ministries, municipalities, chambers of commerce participating in the Training Programme in Entrepreneurship.

The Project will develop the relationship between universities, enterprises, chambers of commerce and the relevant public sector institutions (at national or municipal level) in each country by bringing them together in the process of identifying the specific needs of the labour market and the specific training needs of public sector employees, and preparing the MA Programme and the Training Programme.

List of Partners

Albania

Faculty of Economics, University of Tirana
Faculty of Economics and Agribusiness, Agricultural University of Tirana
Faculty of Economics, University of Elbasan
Albinvest Agency
Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Tirana
Albanian Refining and Marketing of Oil Sh. a., (ARMO)
Albpetrol Sh. a.
Birra Tirana Sh. a.
Global Servis Sh. a.

Kosovo

Faculty of Economics, University of Prishtina
Riinvest University
Ministry of Trade and Industry
Municipality of Prishtina
Kosovo Chamber of Commerce
Comtrade Computers
Galanteria Group Sh. p. k.

Macedonia

South East European University
Faculty of Economics, State University of Tetovo
Faculty of Economics –Prilep, University of Bitola
Faculty of Economics, "Goce Delcev" University - Stip
Municipality of Tetovo
Economic Chamber of North-West Macedonia
Veze Sharri

EU partners

Staffordshire University, UK (Coordinator)
Vrije Universiteit Brussel, BE
Otto-Friedrich-Universität Bamberg, DE
University of Macedonia, EL
Universita' Politecnica delle Marche, Ancona, IT
Vaxjo University, SE
University of Ljubljana, SI
University of the West of England, UK
University of Wolverhampton, UK

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BUDGET

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