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Joint Project: Capacity Building in the Field of Higher Education ERASMUS+ 2018

FINAL PROJECT STAGE

**New and Innovative Courses for Precision Agriculture
(NICOPA)**

**Online ZOOM conference
23 December 2020**



www.nicopa.eu

Agenda for today

- **Expected project results, deadlines & indicators;**
- **QA Report 24M: main tasks;**
- **Online master classes 2021;**
- **Other project related issues; exchange of ideas and feedback.**





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WP Development: expected project results & indicators

- ✓ **2.1 Prepare a set of new core curricula and transferable modules inclusive innovative teaching/ learning facilities; develop syllabi; adopt new curricula and modules on institutional (till 31.07.2020) /accredit on national level (till 30.09.2021)**
- ✓ **2.2 Prepare a set of documentation for PAL and VCR; purchase the equipment incl. software; install the equipment (till 30.09.2020 – delayed)**
- ✓ **2.3 Casting criteria for participants and retraining program for academic teachers. Retrain academic teachers in new curricula using innovative teaching/ learning facilities and agreed instructional strategies (till 30.09.2020 – delayed)**



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WP Development: expected project results & indicators

- ✓ 2.4 After the new developed curricula modules **based on requirements of employers and the views of students and teachers** are presented / discussed, the related department will prepare a draft on upgraded /new programs for BA/MSc that they **sent to non-academic partners to approve**. After improvement, the draft will be refined, the upgraded programs ready and a pilot retrain course start (till 30.10.2020)
- ✓ 2.5 Master Classes in new curricula /pilot operation of PAL and VCR (till 30.05.2021)
- ✓ 2.6 Pilot teaching/operation of PAL and VCR (14.10.2021)

INDICATORS: number of curricula/modules/programs developed /adopted/accredited; number of syllabi published; PAL/VCR equipped on schedule.



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WP QUALITY PLAN: expected project results & indicators

- ✓ **Self-monitoring reports every 6 months**
- ✓ **Questionnaires, surveys plans and feedback reports from target students /academics/ stakeholders groups, peer-review (till 14.10.2021)**



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WP DISSEMINATION: expected project results & indicators

- ✓ **4.1 Promotional Materials; Dissemination Events, “NICOPA+” Agreement, Conducting 3 Local conferences in each target HEI in each project year inviting representatives from stakeholders and mass media!!! (till 14.10.2021)**
- ✓ **4.2 Full media coverage of the project activities (by each target university at least every 3 months one publication according to the dissemination plan) (till 14.10.2021) Minimum 12 publications by the end of the project!**
- ✓ 4.3 Develop a set documentation on PASO (till 30.05.2020)
- ✓ 4.4 Staff training / pilot operation of PASO / establishing Regional /International PASO network (till 14.10.2021)
- ✓ 4.5 Refresh training courses for graduates based on PASO (till 30.08.2021)
- ✓ 4.6 International BA/ MSc Summer Schools (till 30.07.2021)



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Accredit modernized & new curricula and transferable modules

Deadline for university level: 31.07.2020

Deadline for national level: 31.09.2021

Important for the accreditation on the university level!

- The accreditation procedure should start before the pilot teaching (January 2020)
- The accreditation certificate should be issued before July 2020



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Quality Assurance of implementation of the modernized & new curricula

1st Phase of QA before pilot teaching

The peer review should be completed before the accreditation on the university level

Deadline for the list of peer reviewers and dates of reviews: 28.02.2020

Deadline for sending the peer review template: 31.03.2020

Deadline for the expert's peer review: 31.05.2020

The peer review can include the expert's conclusion



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Quality Assurance of implementation of the modernized & new curricula

2nd Phase of QA after the beginning of pilot teaching

Deadline for conducting surveys of students, teachers, employers, alumni etc. in order to find out their opinion about the modernized/new curricula: **April 2021**

Deadline for improvement of modernized/new curricula according to the results of the surveys: **June 2021**

3rd Phase of QA in the end of the project

Deadline of the final peer review in order to assess the level of quality of implementation of the modernized/new curricula in the university: **September 2021**



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Dissemination and Sustainability

Full media coverage of the project activities
Dissemination events
Updating Joint WEB project platform
Updating WEB pages of target universities (information about new and updated courses)
Signing bilateral agreement between university and enterprises

Permanently

Management

Management of the project including Project management online
Daily project administration
Coordination meetings

Permanently



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Recommendations

- Constantly update the internet links to the Partner university pages where the new/renewed programs are publicized and announced for the students, mentioning that these programs have been developed with the support of Erasmus+
- Constantly gather information which improvements took place in the university during the previous year of the project
- Collect scans of agreements signed between university and industrial partners and non-academic organizations of your country
- Collect scans of peer reviews and completed questionnaires by students, graduates, alumni, teachers, employers etc.
- Collect other documents that prove successful implementation of project results in your university



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QA Report 24 Months: Main Tasks

- ✓ **Implemented activities in each WP**
- ✓ **Information regarding new and updated courses**
- ✓ **QA: Quality group work plan, report on peer reviews**
- ✓ **Laboratories and equipment description**
- ✓ **Report on dissemination activities**
- ✓ **Regional cooperation: employment events, NICOPA+ agreements, PASO office**
- ✓ **Report on social and gender inclusion**
- ✓ **Report on communication process**



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Online Master Classes (OMC) 2021

- ✓ **OMC will start from January 2021**
- ✓ **8-10 teachers and PhD students from each target university**
- ✓ **Report on selection criteria/process of the participants**
- ✓ **Take into consideration the gender balance in the selection process**
- ✓ **Certificates with ECTS (in case of attendance)**
- ✓ **Dissemination of the information about the OMC in the universities webpage, social media**



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Peer review inside of the consortium

- ✓ EU partners (P2 TUB, P3 AU Plovdiv, P4 CULS) will provide peer review of the updated/new courses developed by the target universities
- ✓ Each target university should provide for the peer review 3 full descriptions of the updated/new courses in **ENGLISH by January 15, 2021**



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Update of the social networks

- ✓ Update of the social networks at least 4 times per month
- ✓ Meeting of the Blogger with the dissemination team of each HEI, PMB at least 1 time every 3 months (in the meeting each HEI should report on the implemented dissemination activities) **Next meeting January 14**
- ✓ The dissemination team in each HEI should provide the information for the social networks to the Blogger at least 1 time per months



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TO-DO LIST BY THE END OF JANUARY 2021

Each target university should:

- ✓ Provide completed QA 24M Reports (till January 15)
- ✓ Sign 2 NICOPA+ Agreements (the template is available on the project webpage
<https://www.nicopa.eu/index.php/useful-information>)
- ✓ Provide peer reviews of the new/updated curricula
- ✓ Provide 3 full descriptions in ENGLISH of the new/updated curricula (till January 15) for internal peer review
- ✓ Conduct 1 local conference
- ✓ Provide the documentation for PAL and VCR
- ✓ Provide presentation with all dissemination events (photos, dates, description), that were conducted within the 1 and 2 project years)



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QUESTIONS?





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