



NEWSLETTER #1

INTERBA IS AN ERASMUS + CAPACITY BUILDING IN HIGHER EDUCATION PROJECT FOCUSING ON:

1. Formulating a coherent and detailed IaH concept in the Partner HEIs
2. Levelling up the scope and viability of IaH activities implemented in Partner HEIs
3. Training Expert Pool capable of developing and integrating IaH into HEI environment
4. Launching an Online Platform as a tool for IaH implementation
5. Establishing and modernizing the existing structure/entities responsible for IaH at HEIs

INTERnationalization at Home: Embedding Approaches and Structures to Foster Internationalization at Western Balkans (INTERBA)

PROJECT DURATION: 2019-2022



WHAT IS THE AIM OF INTERBA PROJECT?

The aim of the project is to strengthen international, intercultural & global dimension via Internalization at Home (IaH) implementation at partner HEIs in order to enhance the quality of education and make a meaningful contribution to the society.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

1. INFO DAY @ UNIVERSITY OF TIRANA

In the framework of activities organized for the internationalization of the University of Tirana (UT), the presentation activity of the INTERBA project was held at the national level in Tirana on October 30, 2019, with UT as Lead Partner for the first time. Participants in this meeting were different stakeholders, such as representatives of International Relations Offices of partner universities of UT, Academic and Administrative staff involved with Erasmus + CBHE Projects, students etc.



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2. INTERBA SUCCESS STORY

In the premises of Europe House Tirana, a National Erasmus + Information Day was held on December 17, 2019. During this Info Day a CBHE Session was dedicated to KA2 Projects,

and INTERBA project was presented as a success story. Prof. Dr. Kozeta Sevrani, Project Manager of INTERBA, introduced the audience to the purpose and objectives of INTERBA as well as the main activities foreseen to be conducted during its implementation.



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CBHE Grant Holder Meeting was organized during January 27-28, 2020 for the beneficiaries of the Erasmus + CBHE 2019 Call, where INTERBA project was one of them. During this meeting, representatives from Higher Education Institutions from Europe, and not only, were introduced by the EACEA Agency on Management, Budget and Innovation Guidelines. A Bilateral Meeting that followed brought EACEA closer to the winning HEI representatives.



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4. KICKOFF MEETING

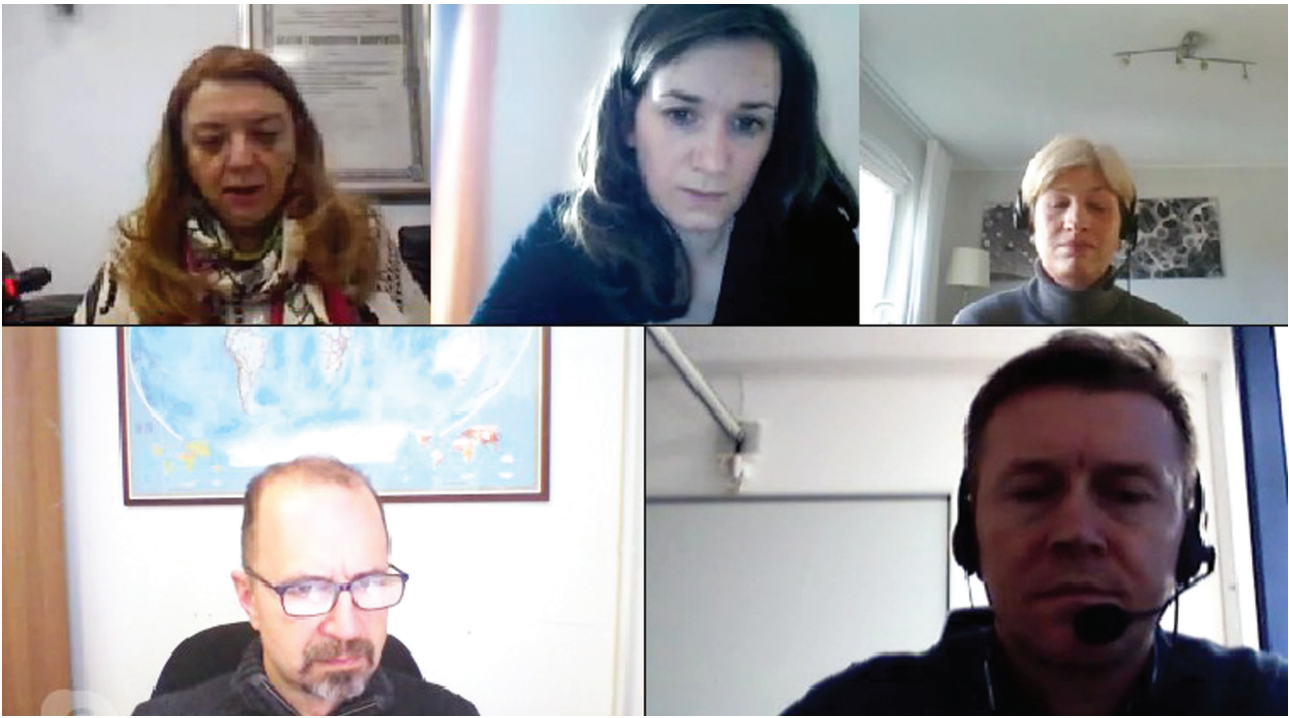
The Kickoff Meeting of INTERBA project was held on March 9, 2020, with the participation of all project partners – a few of them participated online because of the COVID-19 pandemic. This meeting marked the start of the implementation of the project. Each Work Package as well as the Work Plan were presented in details during this meeting.



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The first online meeting was organized by the University of Tirana – as the coordinator of INTERBA project. Prof. Dr. Kozeta Sevrani, welcomed all the project partners and thanked them for their high commitment in the project. The Dissemination plan, communication tools as well as the project website was presented by UET, the leader of the Dissemination Work Package. CESIE, the leader of Quality Work Package, presented the Quality Assurance Plan & Risk Management Plan. Also, UT – the Coordinator- presented the work plan and some key steps to develop the implementation of INTERBA project, while impacted by COVID-19.

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Communication plan

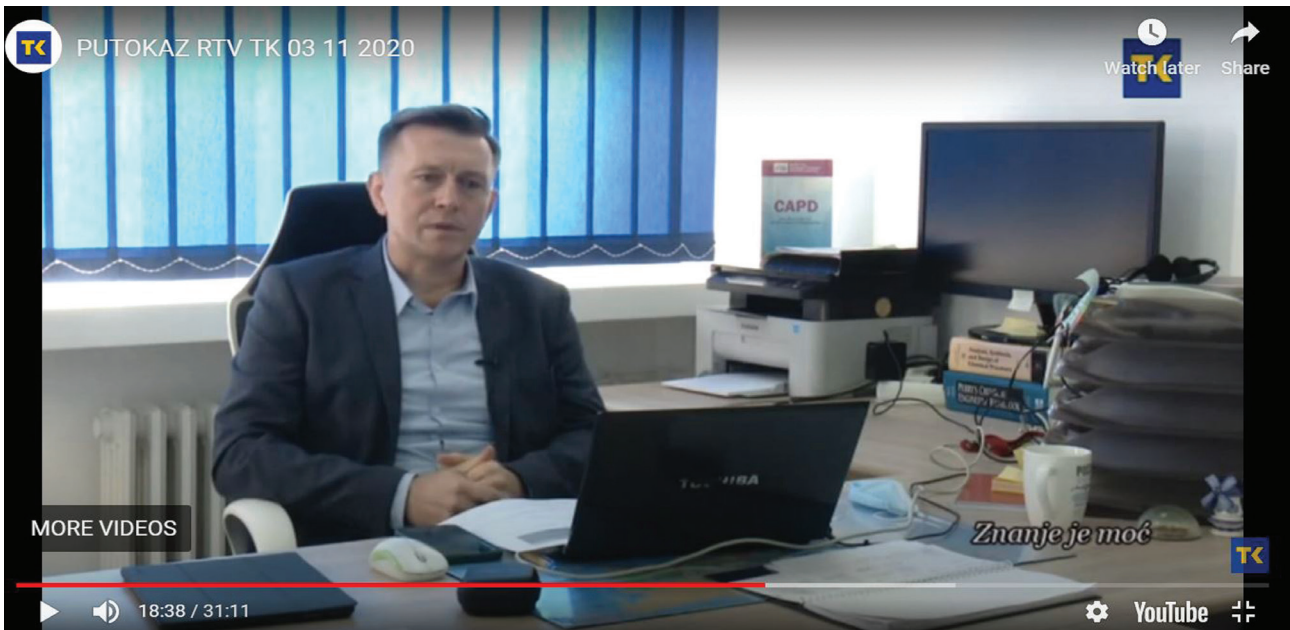
This plan is a practical tool to be used by all partners to develop their individual and collective communication activities efficiently and contribute to the global objective of the project.

Therefore, the development of this Plan involves interaction among all the partners.
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6. ERASMUS DAYS 2020

In the framework of #Erasmusdays2020 #Interba team presented the project in a series of activities organized in these 3 days, sharing the project to different audiences and stakeholders. A promotional video was created in which the INTERBA project coordinator and partners talk about the impact of the project in the general context of 2020 Pandemic.





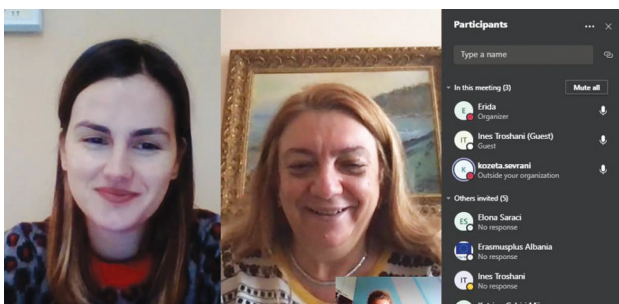
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Prof. Elvis Ahmetović from University of Tuzla, presented the INTERBA project, in PUTOKAZI tv show – a program dedicated to international projects. Emphasis was put on the objectives and activities foreseen to be implemented in the framework of the project, as well as on its sustainability.

8. NEO MONITORING VISIT

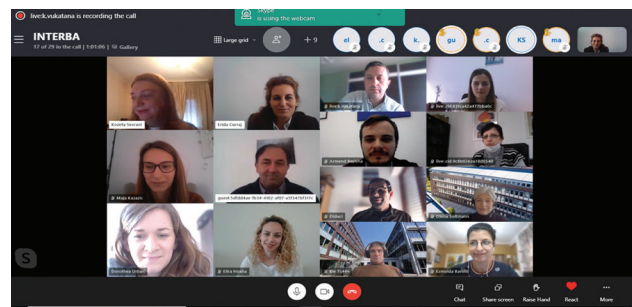
An Online Monitoring Visit for the INTERBA project was held on December 18th, 2020 from the Albanian Erasmus + Office . Ms Erida Curraj, from the Erasmus+ Office in Albania, met with project partners in Albania and discussed the project implementation from the perspective of the Albanian institutions involved. The monitoring team acknowledged that the project made good progress towards achieving it goals and objectives, despite big impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.



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9. COORDINATION MEETING

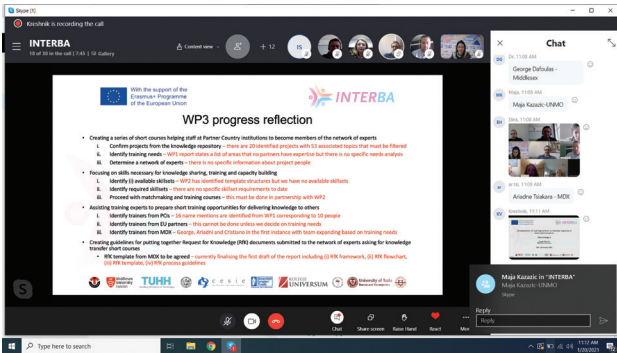
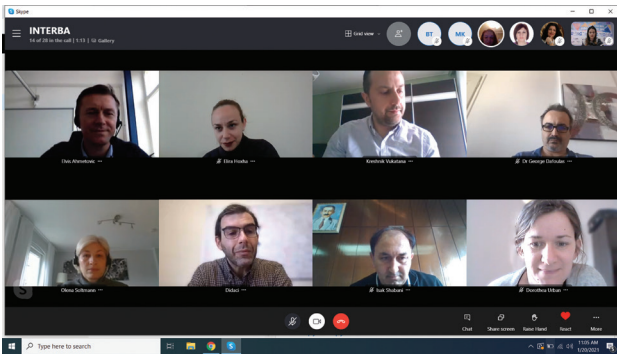
An online coordination meeting of partners on the CBHE project “INTERnationalization at Home: Embedding Approaches and Structures to Foster Internationalization at the Western Balkans” was held on Wednesday the 23rd of December. During the meeting, the project partners discussed reporting, further activities, the impact of the pandemic on project implementation, project quality assurance, the possibility to have regular once-a-month meetings, and current issues related to the implementation of the project itself.



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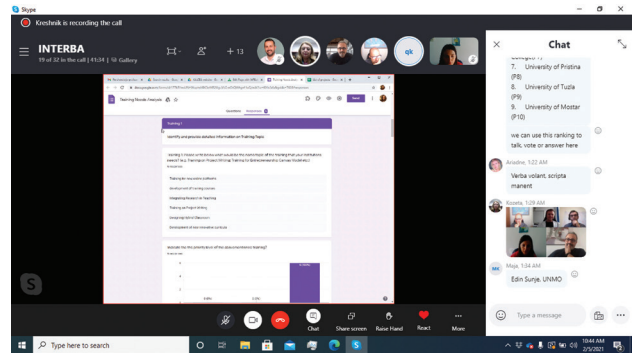
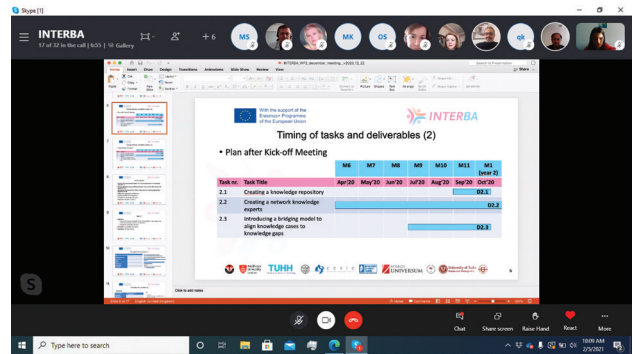
An online coordination meeting of INTERBA partners was held on January 20th, 2021. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss and plan the implementation of Work Packages 3 and 4 “Developing training content & Training. Future work on Covid-19 crisis” and Work Package 8 “Dissemination and exploitation activities of project results and achievements”. Each Work Package leader presented the progress/challenges of the activities foreseen.



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11. PARTNERS' WORKSHOP

A four-hour workshop was held online with all INTERBA project partners on February 5th, 2021. The workshop was coordinated by UT, Middlesex University and Universum College. The purpose was to discuss and plan the implementation of Work Package 1 (Project repository, Needs analysis and Area prioritization); Work package 2 (Knowledge repository, Network of experts and Bridging model) and Work Package 3 & 4 (Training content, Training opportunities, RfK, Trainee selection, Training pilots, Re-training and Training toolkit).



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