Minutes from the 5th Consortium Meeting

Boosting Engagement of Serbian Universities in Open Science (BE-OPEN)

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Tuesday, 09 April 2019

University of Novi Sad, the coordinator of Erasmus+ Boosting Engagement of Serbian Universities in Open Science (BE-OPEN project), organized the two-day 5th Consortium meeting with all partner institutions involved in the project on April 09-10, 2019 at the State University of Novi Pazar, Serbia, together with the representatives from the host institution.

Prof. dr Miladin Kostić, rector of the State University of Novi Pazar together with **Prof. dr Snežana Smederevac, UNS**, coordinator of the BE-OPEN project, welcomed participants from partner institutions.

Prof. dr Snežana Smederevac presented the activities implemented within Erasmus+ Be-Open project up to that moment. Prof. Smederevac informed all partners that institutions have been currently dealing with creating and adopting institutional OS policies, which was

to be reported about during the meeting, further on intensive dissemination activities were conducted (Belgrade Book Fair, SAUM etc) which was to be reported within WP6. She also mentioned the institutional repository for depositing research and artistic results has been in the process of development and fine-tuning, thus its application might be expected in summer 2019.

Biljana Kosanović, UB, presented the activities implemented within WP2 up to that moment. She pointed out several key elements of the National Open Science Platform adopted on July 14, 2018, which obliges universities and research institutes to define and adopt their own open science platforms within six months and defines the publishing standards for Serbian researchers (Green OA mandate). Subsequently OA for data has not been mandated yet, but it is recommended, however specific cases where data should not be shared has been provided within the Platform too.

She also informed the attendees on the institutions that have adopted institutional OS policies (including University of Kragujevac and University of Belgrade), while other partner institutions have formed working groups for this purpose and are actively working on creating and adopting these documents as well.

The new Law on Science is in progress, to which BE-OPEN partner institutions sent concrete articles instead of amendments, so as to be incorporated in the Law.

Following this, **Prof. dr Sanja Radovanović**, **UNS**, presented the activities conducted at University of Novi Sad related to implementation of OS policies, which include signing Berlin Declaration in 2017, amending the UNS Statute by the Open Science Clause, further on establishing a Working Group for creation of OS policy at UNS, which resulted in the institutional Bylaw on Open Science proceeded to the relevant institutional bodies for adoption. She also provided detailed explanation on the standards, obligations and procedures defined within the Bylaw.

Prof. dr Miroslava Petrović - Torgašev, UNIKG, also presented the activities conducted at University of Kragujevac related to implementation of OS policies, through adopting institutional platform on Open Science and providing a framework for setting up the institutional repository which is being created by University of Novi Sad, for the purpose of depositing primary research and artistic results.

Prof. dr Branko Milosavljević, **UNS**, reported on the activities in implementing WP3, with regards to the creation of institutional repositories, their main characteristics and functions, as well as the data they are to encompass. Prof. dr Branko Milosavljević presented all partners a work-in-progress repository in order to discuss possible changes and improvements regarding its functions and user-friendliness.

Dr Dejan Pajić, **UNS**, presented the activities within WP4 that have been done up to that moment. He also informed the attendees on the trainings organized by BE-OPEN core team on Open Science principles' implementation, as well as the characteristics, functions and use of the institutional research results' repository.

Lazar Petrović gave an overview of the documents prepared within **WP5** so far: Quality Control Manual, Monitoring Manual and Annexes Manual, as well as reports on WP1 (deliverables 1,2,3) and WP2 (deliverable 1), furthermore, evaluation reports on self-assessment analyses, project achievements and conducted study visits.

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Dr Staniša Perić delivered a presentation on the activities done so far within the **WP6.** This work package is intended to raise awareness on Open Science principles and policies by achieving visibility of the Erasmus+ BE-OPEN project and its results. Many activities have been carried out up to that moment in terms of the Project visibility. BE-OPEN project activities and results were presented at:

- National Open Science Days in Belgrade
- Open Access Week (University of Nis, University of Novi Sad)
- Belgrade Book Fair, Belgrade
- XIV Inter. Conf. on Systems, Automatic Control and Measurements - SAUM, Niš.
- Conference on the Third Mission of the University, Belgrade
- Lecture on Open Data at University of Novi Sad

He also reminded that two additional dissemination conferences are to be held in future according to the initial workplan, as well as that dissemination plans submitted by partner institutions at the beginning of the Project, need to be revised in terms of implemented/non-implemented activities and activities to be conducted in near future. He is going to analize these, and give precise instructions to each partner institution on for their dissemination plans update.

Dunja Malbaša, **UNS**, presented activities within **WP7**. University of Novi Sad, as the leader of WP7, reminded partners on the next deadline for partner's narrative and financial reports: 01.06.2019. Also, a table with total budget, transferred budget and total declared costs by partner institutions was presented. Partners were informed on the new exchange rates, due to received 2nd installment from EACEA.

Partners were reminded to update the supporting documents at BE-OPEN website administration portal, as well as to send original signed and stamped documents in paper (by post) by April 20th, 2019, at the latest, since an auditing agency has just been engaged, thus they will require them for auditing.

Due to the delayed equipment purchase (long and exhausting public procurement procedure), as well as late arrival of the 2nd installment, the Coordination team suggested a prolongation of the Project implementation period to be asked from EACEA in the following months. This has been approved by all partner institutions, having in mind these delays and the Project activities that are to be carried out.

Prof. dr Snežana Smederevac informed the partners that funds that each partner institution put at the disposal to the MEST for staff costs, will be given back to them, due to the fact that MEST cannot spend these in compliance with ERASMUS+ rules.

It was agreed that, if the prolongation is to be approved by EACEA, the next Consortium meeting is going to be held in September/October 2019 at the University of Udine where the Project results would be presented and evaluated accordingly by UNIUD, while the final conference is going to be held at University of Novi Sad.

BE-OPEN Project Coordination Team