

**Implementation of Education Quality Assurance System via Cooperation of
University - Business-Government in HEIs (EDUQAS)
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MINUTES OF THE VISIT TO LIEGE

14 January 2019

Ms D. Thewissen welcomes the participants and presents the situation of higher education in FWB and ULiège. A PowerPoint file is available on the project website.

This presentation is followed by the presentations of Ms I. Zolotaryova, for Ukrainian universities, and Ms M. Nugmanova, for Kazakh universities, regarding the analysis of questionnaires. They agree to synthesize the analysis in a written document.

A workshop where the members are divided into two groups, one for each country, is organized regarding the following questions:

- What are your needs in terms of IQA? In your HEI?
- What are your expectations in terms of EQA?
- What are your expectations from the European partners?

The answers to questionnaires have helped define the participants' expectations regarding the trainings of Liège and Nancy.

Ms Solange Pisarz presents HCERES (the French High Council for the evaluation of Research and Higher Education) > a brief overview of the French HE and research system, a brief overview of the QA system and the presentation of HCERES international activities.

Cédric Sanlis presents the principles and practices for the implementation of an internal quality management system based on the experience of the University of Lorraine.

All presentations are followed by exchanges and discussions between partners.

15 January 2019

The morning is dedicated to the project meeting with the arrival of Lucian Mandache, representing the University of Craiova. The afternoon is dedicated to the presentation of statistical tools used in ULiège within the RADIUS cell reporting work (presentations available on the project website).

Various topics and issues are raised during the project meeting. L. Mandache states that, in case of uncertainties regarding the answers to provide, the questions will be referred to Ms A. Bandoi, who will answer thereafter.

Various topics have been approached:

1. The intermediate report.

Each partner should prove that they have used 70% of the first instalment.

Everyone will provide a detailed report.

The website will be accessible by the end of January.

2. Equipment-related questions

The Romanian law does not allow entering contracts to pay the equipment provider directly.

The Ukrainian law forbids to buy equipment where the total amount exceeds the legally provided sum. The only choice is allowed in terms of materials, not brands.

A solution is sought to allow to buy suitable equipment.

This issue has been known from the beginning and comes back in every debate.

The issue is reported to the general coordinator in Brussels.

Another raised issue refers to the lower quality of materials available on the Ukrainian market

3. Exchange rate

The exchange rate to be used is the one for December 2017, when the funding was received.

4. Final report for WP1

Ms I. Zolotaryova and Ms. M. Nugmanova will draw up the report for the analysis of questionnaires resulting from WP1.

Craiova will send the useful documents for drawing up the intermediate report (template, etc.).

All supporting documents of the partners have to be sent to Craiova (time sheet).

Each partner has to justify the use of 70% of the budget.

5. Website

L. Mandache presents the website where each partner will be able to upload various documents. The website will be accessible by the end of January. The delay is due to IT security issues.

6. New partnership request

L. Mandache presents the request of Kharkiv National University of Radioelectronics (KNURE) to enter the consortium as of WP2. The new partner could replace P9 as the coordinator of WP4.

The EU might accept such a change.

UCV could reallocate the saved money to the new partner university.

L. Mandache will provide a supported request and the proposed solutions to all the partners, who will have to give their consent before a request to this purpose is sent to the EU.

7. Nancy

The visit to Nancy will take 3 days; March 11 and 15 will be travel days.

8. Other meetings

The visit to Riga will take place as of May 6.

The visit to Almaty (WP3) will take place in September, a date will be agreed in Nancy.

The other visits will succeed (one each month) starting October.

Mariupol is moved to May 2020

16 January

The morning is dedicated on the one hand to the presentation of the QAS in the French community of Belgium (AEQES – Agence pour l'évaluation de la qualité dans l'enseignement supérieur) and the QAS implemented in ULiège (via SMAQ) in order to meet the requirements of AEQES. The presentations are available on the website.

The afternoon is dedicated to the analysis of answers to ESG 1.1, 1.2, 1.3 and 1.4 by the HEIs in the French community of Belgium. The presentation is available on the website > *Analysis of thirteen evaluations against the benchmarks and guidelines for quality assurance in the European Higher Education Area (ESG), Part 1*

17 January

The morning is dedicated to a workshop whereby the universities that are still present analyse how ESG are taken into account in their internal activities.