

Minutes of the online meeting of the EDUQAS project

(Skype, 16.01.2020, 14.00 EET)

The meeting dealt with the previously sent key discussion issues and focused on the outcome of the NEO evaluation in Kazakhstan.

- **Regarding the impact of project training activities:** P1 proposes to administer an evaluation questionnaire that would prove that the training was successful: first to people directly trained in the project, then to experts who were trained in the PC member institutions. Regarding the comment that the EU experience should be adapted to national needs in partner countries, P2 pointed out that EU countries can only share existing experience, since this is a university management project. Moreover, P1 pointed out that the documents drawn up in Almaty have been drafted in order to adapt to the reality in Kazakhstan.
- If the staff in P11 does not work there any more, the people in the QA unit still have to be trained: directors of departments, etc., because they will have to work with those instruments after the end of the project.
- P11 pointed out the need of extra training for the Kazakh staff and it was decided that this could be done at the next meeting in Astana with the EU experts who take part there
- **Regarding the involvement of additional quality assurance agencies in Kazakhstan:** P2 expressed the opinion that, since the Commission approved the application it means that they approved the consortium, and there is no need to involve additional quality assurance agencies. P1 explained that there should be more collaboration between the Kazakh universities, the ministry and the associated partners, EACEA wants to see that the Kazakh partners are working together. P11 pointed out that they did not understand why their collaboration was not seen.
- **Regarding the impossibility to involve Erasmus+ offices in evaluation activities:** P11 does not understand those comments either, they never talked about that.
- **The enhancement of the structural dimension of the project:** proposal regarding the University-Business-Government network – to nominate a member of the consortium that would collaborate with the business environment, even in the external evaluation process. P1 is working to establish an online network of stakeholders and experts so that everyone can use it.
- The Kazakh partners will start writing an answer to the project officer's suggestions – the draft will be sent by Monday, 27 January, and then everyone should contribute to it.
- **Regarding the project activities plan:** we would like to ask for at least 6 months extension of the project. P11 discussed about 1 year with the national agency. P1 shall provide a proposal and then discuss it.
- **A dissemination action plan for 2020 has to be established.**
- **Development of the project sustainability plan:** Some roles have to be established and assigned.
- **The report in Ukraine was sent to Brussels, but there is no more information about it.**