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Within the activities of the Working Package 5 of the Tempus SIGMUS (Strengthening Student Role in Governance and Management at the Universities of Serbia in line with the Bologna Process) project, Students' union of Serbia has the task of implementation of the Students' Mentors Pool. Main priorities of the SMP are promotion and implementation of the Student Centered Learning within the Universities in Serbia. Regarding this fact, Students' union of Serbia made the first step in establishing the mentioned structure by organizing the Student Centered Learning conference in April 2011. The conference was followed by the workshop where three working groups of participants gave concrete proposals and outcomes on the topics of:

1. creation of the research frame on the level of present recognition and implementation of the students' centered learning at the universities of Serbia
2. creation of the SCL (students' centered learning) toolkit, regarding the European students' union' publication as guidance
3. creation of the strategy of promotion and implementation hence at the Universities of Serbia

Prof. Vera Dondur and Prof. Neda Bokan gave us an overview of the level of implementation of the SCL within the universities of Serbia, focusing on the opportunities and threats which SCL program is facing. Colleagues from the Students' Alliance of Belgrade made a presentation about the students' views of the paradigm shift from the teacher to the student centered learning, moderated by Aleksandar Jovic, and Kristina Davidovic. Kristina Davidovic made a short presentation about the SIGMUS project and Students' Alliance's involvement within it. Students' union from the Jagiellonian University of Krakow made a presentation about the implementation of the Student Centered Learning at the universities of Poland, moderated by Aleksandra Rataj and Joanna Grzymała-Moszczyńska, deeming that the above mentioned system is yet to be fully implemented, being regarded only at the Open Polis University. Students' union of Serbia closed the conference stating the loose paradigm shift in Serbia and need for a devolved and effective implementation, referring to the results of the "Examination of the Students' Population" project, brought out in 2009/2010.

Partners and colleagues from the consortium were contributing to the conference during the presentations, hence participating in the workshops. After the presentations and open discussions, stated working groups were formed, with the following members:

Group 1:

1. Joanna Rataj
2. Aneta Barkowska
3. Karolina Jarzabek
4. Joanna Grzymała-Moszczyńska

5. John Buluma
6. Michael Harrison
7. Solomon Adjei Marfo
8. Leylon Craten John
9. Friaa Abdelkarim
10. Marko Grnčarski
11. Vladimir Smuđa
12. Saša Mihajlović
13. Jelena Živković
14. Nataša Ćurčić
15. Nikola Damljanović

Group 2:

1. Mulugeta Biadgo Asress
2. Elijah Kiprono Torditich
3. Lawrenica Kekesi M.
4. Iyasele Edwin
5. Tantudyir Maalidefaa Moses
6. Raymond Hendersen
7. Przemyslav Szlosek
8. Martyna Kisielewska
9. Piotr Nawrot
10. Aleksandra Rataj
11. Kristina Davidović
12. Maja Radovanović
13. Ivan Adamović
14. Đorđe Marić
15. Vladica Zdravković

Group 3:

1. Mina Ibrahim Noshy
2. Mugambi Lewis
3. Karabuma Nkeza Ormella
4. David Khayumbi Isayi
5. Vladimir Đorđević
6. Karen Nicole Tambaco Montano
7. Okot Mathew Olmany
8. Eileen Adhiambo Owalla
9. Okidia Flora Elvira
10. Dijana Jagodić
11. Ivana Grmović
12. Milica Filajdić
13. Nemanja Milisavljević
14. Milan Ristović
15. Milan Ranković

International Working Groups gave us a general overview of the students' perception of the paradigm shift and understanding of the SCL in its core. Outcomes were concrete proposals mitigating the future process of the SCL promotion and implementation in Serbia. Through the Plan of Work within the task of the Students' Mentors Pool, SUS will be conducting a research, producing a Toolkit, forming a national Students' Mentors Pool, organizing another international conference for the presentation of the Toolkit on the Student Centered Learning, following the guidelines Toolkit of Student Centered Learning that Students' Union of Europe published recently.

Agenda of the conference:

Implementation of Students' Centered Learning-proaction, reaction, ACTION!

Tuesday, April 5th, 2011.

Avala, Belgrade

08:45-09:00 Gathering in front of the Rectorate in Belgrade, departure

09:00-10:00 Arrival to the Avala mount, coffee

10:00-10:10 Opening of the conference, introduction, moderator of SUS

10:10-10:30 Students' centered learning through the eyes of the Ministry of Education and Science

opportunities and threats, Minister, Prof. Žarko Obradović, Ministry of Education and Science, Serbia

10:30-10:40 Discussion

10:40-11:00 Introduction of Tempus project, Prof. Ruzica Maksimović, Grant coordinator, University of Belgrade, Serbia

11:00-11:20 Implementation of the students' centered learning at the Universities of Serbia, Prof. Srđan Stanković, President, National Council of Higher Education of Serbia, Serbia

11:20-11:30 Discussion

11:30-11:50 Review of the students' centered learning in Europe, within the EHEA, Prof. Vera Dondur, University of Belgrade, Serbia

11:50-12:00 Discussion

12:00-12:20 Implementation of the students' centered learning at the University of Belgrade, opportunities and threats, Prof. Neda Bokan, University of Belgrade, Serbia

12:20-12:30 Discussion

12:30-13:30 Coffee break/Lunch break

13:30-13:50 Implementation of the students' centered learning at the Universities of Poland, Aleksandra Rataj, Jagiellonian University, Rafał Piętka, Polish Open University

13:50-14:00 Discussion

14:00-14:20 Students' centered learning through students' eyes at the University of Belgrade, Aleksandar Jović, Students' alliance of Belgrade

14:20-14:30 Discussion

14:30-14:50 Students' centered learning through students' eyes at the Universities of Serbia, with an overview of European students' union's good practices, Nevena Vuksanović, Students' union of Serbia

14:50-15:00 Discussion

15:00-15:30 Coffee break

15:30-17:00 Working groups (WGs):

1. creation of the research frame on the level of present recognition and implementation of the students' centered learning at the universities of Serbia
2. creation of the SCL (students' centered learning) toolkit, regarding the European students' union' publication as guidance

3. creation of the strategy of promotion and implementation hence at the Universities of Serbia

17:00-17:30 Coffee break

17:30-18:30 Plenary session, introduction of the WGs' outcomes

18:30-19:30 Dinner

19:30-19:45 Gathering and departure

The Conference was the first step towards the successful implementation of the Student Centered Learning in Serbia, referring to the best practices in the European Higher Education Area. Following the plan of work for the next six months period, according to the Students' Mentors Pool establishing dynamics, SUS hopes to mitigate the process of the SCL implementation and to foster its genuine appliance.

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