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## **MISSION REPORT**

### **ON THE STUDY VISIT TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MARIBOR, SLOVENIA**

**November 13 – November 16, 2013**

#### **List of TEMPUS SIGMUS delegates from Serbia:**

1. Radojka Krneta, the University of Kragujevac, contact person, teaching staff representative
2. Nikola Ivković, Student Vice-rector of the University of Kragujevac
3. Radoslav Erić, Head of the Information Center of the University of Kragujevac
4. Djordje Damjanović, University of Kragujevac, teaching assistant, staff representative

Above listed delegates visited the University of Maribor from November 13 to November 16, 2013, within the scope of the Tempus project SIGMUS.

Contribution of project teams from both universities to the achieved SIGMUS project results was discussed during the first part of the meeting. All meeting participants have concluded that significant project results were achieved regarding strengthening the role of students in governance and management at the Universities of Serbia.

From the aspect of the sustainability of project results, following questions were mentioned during the discussion:

- How to transfer the information and knowledge between the old and new student representatives and how to provide the continuous work in student organizations?
- How to motivate students for their participation in the university governance and management?
- Are there some benefits for student representatives?
- To what extent are the students interested in their participation in Higher Education reform?
- What are the criteria for candidates for student representatives and do they include some specific personal characteristics and skills?
- How the principle of equal access to the student leader positions is applied and to which extent the gender issues, involvement of students with special needs, involvement of students from different social groups, etc. are considered?

Such and similar issues were discussed during the meetings.

Our host Mladen Kraljic has elaborated to us some of ongoing activities within The Danube Rectors' Conference (DRC) concerning possibilities of including University of Maribor as well as including universities from Serbia in preparation for EU program HORIZON 2020.

Also, our host has presented to us some problems at their University regarding Erasmus students such as unequal number of incoming and outgoing students, lack of variety of study programs teaching in English, the brain-drain problem which is rising among outgoing students, etc.

The experience of the student representatives from University of Maribor, Klemen Drnovšek and Rebeka Žirovnik, Vice-dean for Student Affairs, was very useful for student Vice-rector from University of Kragujevac. The organization, role and importance of different services for students at University of Maribor were presented to student Vice-rector. Also, some of possibilities for mutual visits and future cooperation between student representatives from both universities were discussed. Student Vice-rector will disseminate gained experience in order to enhance student life and organizing at home university.

During second day of meeting we have visited the Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (FERI). We met with Prof. Andreja Rojko. She has presented new teaching methods and laboratory exercises which is applied within study program in Mechatronic. Also, we have discussed about possibilities of future cooperation.

In addition, short sightseeing of Maribor was organized for the visitors to get acquainted with cultural and historical sights of Maribor.



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