



TACKLING COVID-19 - CHALLENGES AIMING AT BETTERING THE HIGHER EDUCATION QUALITY

TACOHEQ

2020 Round 1 KA2 - Cooperation for innovation and the
exchange of good practices



PROJECT SUMMARY

- The global situation has already changed as a result of the Pandemic Covid-19, and the changes will be irreversible and more dynamic than the rate we will be able to react with. The labor market is exponentially changing and the problem with addressing proper skilled labor force is growing.
- The current situation is combined with other several factors— lifestyle changes, the increasing possibility for remote or distance working strongly related not only to the pandemic but also to the fact that a large part of the jobs currently created are much more mentally than physically labour-intensive, etc.
- The higher education institutions are forced to include new approaches of educational methods and instruments, new syllabi, complementary measures, and the development of dedicated learning teams, programmes or hubs, the generation of new knowledge and skills and mentoring processes offered to higher education students.
- With regard to that context, TACOHEQ is a 24-month project to empower universities in Bulgaria, Greece, Serbia and Turkey by entering into new strategic partnerships. The project is aimed at facing the challenges rising from the global pandemic of Covid-19 and future similar events that will require on-line distance trainings.



PARTNER ORGANISATIONS

1.	SOUTH-WEST UNIVERSITY NEOFIT RILSKI	Bulgaria
2.	UDRUZENJE GRADJANA OSVEZENJE The Citizens' Association Osveženje	Serbia
3.	ARISTOTELIO PANEPISTIMIO THESSALONIKIS Aristotle University of Thessaloniki	Greece
4.	ZENTYR ZA IZSLEDVANE I ANALISI The Centre for Research and Analysis	Bulgaria
5.	CANAKKALE ONSEKIZ MART UNIVERSITESI Canakkale Onsekiz Mart University	Turkey



PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY

	Budget Items	Total Grant
1	Project Management and Implementation	36.000,00 EUR
2	Transnational Project Meetings	8.050,00 EUR
3	Intellectual Outputs	127.702,00 EUR
4	Multiplier Events	9.600,00 EUR
5	Exceptional Costs	2.500,00 EUR
	Total Grant	183.852,00 EUR

TRANSNATIONAL PROJECTS MEETINGS

ID	Meeting title	No. of Participants	Grant
M1:	Kick-off meeting	2	0,00 EUR
M1:	Kick-off meeting	6	3.450,00 EUR
M2:	Meeting for IO 2 and IO 3 development	8	4.600,00 EUR
Total			8.050,00 EUR



INTELLECTUAL OUTPUTS

ID Output	Output title	Category of Staff	No. of Working Days Grant	Grant
01	Methodology for creation of on-line distance courses on Bioinformatics and Databases	Teachers/Trainers/Researchers	655	49.226,00 EUR
02	Creation of on-line distance course on Bioinformatics	Teachers/Trainers/Researchers	366	36.030,00 EUR
03	Creation of on-line distance course on Databases	Teachers/Trainers/Researchers	387	28.638,00 EU
02	Creation of on-line distance course on Bioinformatics	Technicians	111	7.703,00 EU
03	Creation of on-line distance course on Databases	Technicians	111	6.105,00 EUR
Total			1630	127.702,00 EUR



TIME TABLE

ID	Activity Type	Starting Period	Description
1	Transnational Projects Meeting	03-2021	Kick-off meeting
2	Transnational Projects Meeting	03-2021	Meeting for IO 2 and IO 3 development
3	Intellectual Output	03-2021	Methodology for creation of on-line distance courses on Bioinformatics and Database
4	Intellectual Output	09-2021	Creation of on-line distance course on Bioinformatic
5	Intellectual Output	09-2021	Creation of on-line distance course on Databases
6	Multiplier Event	10-2022	Presentation of Intellectual Outputs of TACOHEQ project
7	Multiplier Event	11-2022	Presentation of Intellectual Outputs of TACOHEQ project
8	Multiplier Event	01-2023	Presentation of Intellectual Outputs of TACOHEQ project
9	Multiplier Event	01-2023	Presentation of Intellectual Outputs of TACOHEQ project

INTELLECTUAL OUTPUTS

	Leading Organisation	Output Title	Starting Period
IO1	ZENTYR ZA IZSLEDVANE I ANALISI (E10117225, BG)	Methodology for creation of on line distance courses on Bioinformatics and Databases	01.03.2021-01.12. 2021
IO2	SOUTH-WEST UNIVERSITY NEOFIT RILSKI (E10208855, BG)	Creation of on-line distance course on Bioinformatics	01.12.2021-01.03.2022
IO3	SOUTH-WEST UNIVERSITY NEOFIT RILSKI (E10208855, BG)	Creation of on-line distance course on Databases 09-2021	01.12..2021-01.03.2022



MULTIPLIER EVENTS

	Event Title	Country of Venue	Local Participants	Foreign Participants	Grant
E1	Presentation of Intellectual Outputs of TACOHEQ project	Bulgaria	20	2	2.400,00 EUR
E2	Presentation of intellectual outputs of TACOHEQ project	Greece	20	2	2.400,00 EUR
E3	Presentation of intellectual outputs of TACOHEQ project	Turkey	20	2	2.400,00 EUR
E4	Presentation of intellectual outputs of TACOHEQ project	Serbia	20	2	2.400,00 EUR
	Total		80	8	9.600,00 EUR



EXCEPTIONAL COSTS

	Description and Justification	Grant
1	Translation of the Bioinformatics course in Greek	1.250,00 EUR
2	Translation of the Databases course in Turkish	1.250,00 EUR
	Total	2.500,00 EUR



BUDGET PER PARTICIPATING ORGANISATION

	Organisation	Country of Organisation	Grant
1	SOUTH-WEST UNIVERSITY NEOFIT RILSKI	Bulgaria	58.060,00 EUR
2	ARISTOTELIO PANEPISTIMIO THESSALONIKIS	Greece	35.366,00 EUR
3	CANAKKALE ONSEKIZ MART UNIVERSITESI	Turkey	26.770,00 EUR
4	UDRUZENJE GRADJANA OSVEZENJE	Serbia	26.314,00 EUR
5	ZENTYR ZA IZSLEDVANE I ANALISI	Bulgaria	37.342,00 EUR



BUDGET DETAILS PER PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATION

SOUTH-WEST UNIVERSITY “NEOFIT RILSKI”

Budget Items	Total Grant
Project Management and Implementation	12 000,00
Transnational Project Meetings	1 150,00
Intellectual Outputs	42 510,00
Multiplier Events	2 400,00
Learning/Teaching/Training Activities	0,00
Exceptional Costs for Expensive Travel	0,00
Special Needs Support	0,00
Exceptional Costs	0,00
Exceptional Costs Guarantee	0,00
Total Grant	58 060,00



BUDGET DETAILS PER PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATION

ARISTOTELIO PANEPISTIMIO THESSALONIKIS

Budget Items	Total Grant
Project Management and Implementation	6 000,00
Transnational Project Meetings	1 150,00
Intellectual Outputs	24 566,00
Multiplier Events	2 400,00
Learning/Teaching/Training Activities	0,00
Exceptional Costs for Expensive Travel	0,00
Special Needs Support	0,00
Exceptional Costs	1 250,00
Exceptional Costs Guarantee	0,00
Total Grant	35 366,00



BUDGET DETAILS PER PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATION

CANAKKALE ONSEKIZ MART UNIVERSITESI

Budget Items	Total Grant
Project Management and Implementation	6 000,00
Transnational Project Meetings	2 300,00
Intellectual Outputs	14 820,00
Multiplier Events	2 400,00
Learning/Teaching/Training Activities	0,00
Exceptional Costs for Expensive Travel	0,00
Special Needs Support	0,00
Exceptional Costs	1 250,00
Exceptional Costs Guarantee	0,00
Total Grant	26 770,00



BUDGET DETAILS PER PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATION

UDRUZENJE GRADJANA OSVEZENJE

Budget Items	Total Grant
Project Management and Implementation	6 000,00
Transnational Project Meetings	2 300,00
Intellectual Outputs	15 614,00
Multiplier Events	2 400,00
Learning/Teaching/Training Activities	0,00
Exceptional Costs for Expensive Travel	0,00
Special Needs Support	0,00
Exceptional Costs	0,00
Exceptional Costs Guarantee	0,00
Total Grant	26 314,00



BUDGET DETAILS PER PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATION

ZENTYR ZA IZSLEDVANE I ANALISI

Budget Items	Total Grant
Project Management and Implementation	6 000,00
Transnational Project Meetings	1 150,00
Intellectual Outputs	30 192,00
Multiplier Events	0,00
Learning/Teaching/Training Activities	0,00
Exceptional Costs for Expensive Travel	0,00
Special Needs Support	0,00
Exceptional Costs	0,00
Exceptional Costs Guarantee	0,00
Total Grant	37 342,00



DOCUMENTS FOR REPORTING

- Declaration of attendance;
- List of participants;
- Time sheets;
- Interim report form. - By 01.04.2022 the Coordinator should prepare and submit an interim report on the project implementation, covering the time from the start date of the project implementation to one month before the submission date (or 01.03.2022).
- Final report - Within 60 days from the end date of the project, the coordinator must submit a paper report on the implementation of the project. This report must be identical to the information based on the system “Mobility tool +”.



THE FINAL REPORT

- The final report will be evaluated on the basis of quality criteria and can get up to 100 points. If the final report collects less than a total of 50 points, NA will reduce the final financial support due to poor, partial or delayed implementation of the PROJECT, Even if all reported activities are eligible and are actually fulfilled.
- Only for accredited organizations in HE : In the presence of accredited organizations if the NA finds that the implementation of the PROJECT does not comply with the quality standards that the BENEFICIARIES have agreed to comply with, c addition or alternative NA requires the implementation of a plan within a specified period for action to ensure that quality standards are respected and complied with by THE BENEFICIARIES. If the BENEFICIARIES do not implement the action plan in instructions, the NA may revoke the accreditation of the respective BENEFICIARIES.
- The final report, products and results will be evaluated by the NA together with the reports of the mobility participants, if any, using a common set of quality criteria focusing on:
 - The extent to which the PROJECT has been implemented in accordance with the approved project offer;
 - The quality of the performed activities;
 - The quality of the products and results; o Learning outcomes and impact on participants;
 - The impact on the participating organizations;
 - In the case of teaching, teaching and learning activities: the quality of practical measures to support mobility in preparation, monitoring and supporting participants during their activities for mobility and measures to recognize / validate the results of the training of the participants; o
 - The quality and scope of the activities carried out for the dissemination of the results;
 - Potentially greater impact of the PROJECT on individuals and organizations other than BENEFICIARIES.



FINANCIAL AND CONTRACTUAL RULES

- The **BENEFICIARY** guarantees that the activities performed with the financial support for the **PROJECT** are eligible in accordance with the rules set out in the Erasmus + guide.
- The project must be completed in 24 months.
- Payments:
 - First advance payment;
 - Subsequent advance payments;
 - Balance payments.



PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION:

- BENEFICIARIES perform the activities and create the products with financing on the corresponding budget line in accordance with the data in the form for application and as approved by the NA in the CONTRACT.
- THE BENEFICIARIES agree with the distribution of the funds between them in compliance with their workload on the project and the results.
- The COORDINATOR reports on the implementation of the activities and products under THE PROJECT on behalf of the PROJECT as a whole.

COVID 19

- There are rules that only apply as a result of the Covid 19 pandemic.
- Virtual mobility is reported as follows: Beneficiaries are allowed to transfer up to 60% of the funds allocated to each of the budget categories: Transnational Project Meetings, Dissemination Events, Teaching and Learning Activities and Extraordinary Expenditure to any other budget category except Project Management and Implementation and exceptional costs.
- Funding for virtual activities (transnational meetings) is not eligible.
- Training, teaching and learning activities. Financial support for transport is not provided. The amount of the grant is calculated by multiplying the number of days of virtual absence per participant by 15% of the applicable unit amount, according to the type of participant
- Distribution event: the amount of funds is calculated by multiplying the number of participants from organizations, other than the beneficiary, by 15% of the applicable unit amount per participant.



MOBILITY TOOL +

- The project will be reported online with a with a platform „Mobility tool +“
- The information is on the links: [Higher education – HRDC](#) and [Проектна документация за Ключова дейност 2, сектор „Висше образование“ – HRDC](#)
- The COORDINATOR describes each international teaching, learning and training activity through the Mobility Tool +.



INTELLECTUAL OUTPUTS

BENEFICIARIES create the intellectual products specified in application form and approved by the NA in the CONTRACT.

- The COORDINATOR reports the performed activities and created products through Mobility Tool on behalf of the PROJECT as a whole.
- The COORDINATOR presents written evidence of the PROJECT products as a whole that must be uploaded to the Results Dissemination Platform at the latest at transmission of the final report.
- The COORDINATOR reports through the Mobility Tool + the number of working days for the different categories of staff for each BENEFICIARY through references to working time stored for this purpose for employees directly with the production of intellectual products.
- Mobility Tool automatically calculates the amount of financial support based on unit rates applicable to the category of staff and the country concerned.



INTELLECTUAL OUTPUTS

- In order to be considered as "staff" for the production of intellectual products, employees must be either net or professional volunteers for teaching, teaching or youth non-formal learning activity and can be university professors, teachers, trainers, school leaders, youth workers and non-teaching staff.
- In all cases BENEFICIARIES must be able to declare a formal liaison with the relevant staff member, whether the employee is involved in the PROJECT on a professional or voluntary basis.
- Nota Bene: Employee working for a BENEFICIARY of a contract for performing a specific service (eg translator, web designer, etc.) is not considered for an employee of the respective organization. Therefore, his work cannot be credited to the cost of creating "intellectual products", but can be eligible cost per item "extraordinary costs" under the conditions set out in the relevant section below.
- The category of staff applicable to each employee must be one of the four categories set out in Section III of this Annex. In the case of staff working as volunteers for the BENEFICIARY, the applicable category will not refer to the professional status of the employee, and to the function performed by him in connection with the production of intellectual products.
- The categories of “manager” staff and “administrative staff” can be used only if present on the application form and approved by NA, as set out in Annex II.



DISSEMINATION EVENTS

- Organizing events to disseminate the results is only permissible if are specified in the application form and are approved by the NA in Annex II.
- In case the BENEFICIARIES do not produce the intellectual products, stated in the application form and approved by the NA, related to them Dissemination events will also not be considered eligible for financing. If the financial support provided by the NA is for the implementation of several intellectual products, but only some of them have been produced, NA determines the extent to which each of the related events for the dissemination of the results are eligible for funding.
- Only participants from organizations other than the organizations of BENEFICIARIES may be included in the number of persons on the basis of which the amount of financial support is calculated.
- Dissemination events can only take place the program countries in which the BENEFICIARIES are located.



LOGO OF THE PROJECT





THE FINAL REPORT

Thank you for your attention!!!