



Western Balkans Alumni Association

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FIRST SIX National small projects





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Alumni Contact Seminar

Serbia

Date: 22nd February 2019

Location: EU Info Center in Belgrade

Project: It will gather 50 alumni of Erasmus and other exchange programmes with the aim to strengthen the WBAA network, share ideas and plan future activities, and raise awareness about opportunities of Erasmus+ and other EU programmes. The participants of the event will be informed about various academic and professional opportunities for their self-development after the mobility period. Also, they will get acquainted with the work of WBAA.

Does the project have any other partners, besides WBAA?

- ESN Serbia
- EU Info Center
- Foundation Tempus
- garagErasmus

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Success - Describe the expected results of your project?

- 50 alumni of exchange programmes took part in the event and are motivated to join WBAA.
- Through the promotion of the event over 3 000 young people are informed about the existence of WBAA.
 - 8 draft applications for future WBAA projects as the outcome of small sessions.
- Media article about the event posted at the websites of WBAA and ESN and disseminated to externals.
- 50 alumni from Serbia are informed about opportunities for their career development after the mobility period.



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WBAA Entrepreneurs

North Macedonia

Date: open
Location: tbc

Project: Entrepreneurial education helps students to develop qualities such as self-confidence, self-initiative, creativity, team spirit, passion, self-fulfilment, desire to learn, intellectual curiosity, appreciation for a job well done etc. These are important attitudes in education. Any individual or group who calls these qualities into play has striven for being better. The seminar will give the students an opportunity to develop an entrepreneurial spirit. The main aim is to make the knowledge of the participants meaningful and provide them with the approach that they can apply in carrying out any projects, events in order to improve the educational system on WB's territory by introducing new teaching methods.

Does the project have any other partners, besides WBAA?

- Universities – universities' professors
- HEI
- NGOs

Success - Describe the expected results of your project?

- During the project representatives of HEIs will be present and with their support the ideas and the knowledge would be implemented in universities. After the project realisation gained knowledge will be shared, e.g. brief presentations during classes with help of professors. It will be written a book with the "New teaching methods ideas".
- After 6 months period a survey will be taken in order to measure the effects of using the methods.
- The project work should be briefly presented on a next WBAA meeting of the national representatives.
- Final report will be given after the survey results. The results will be shared with all the HEIs in order to make them taking future actions and new methods for better quality of the education and motivation of the students.



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WBAA team-training project!

Albania

Date: April 2019

Location: tbc

Project: It's a project which aims to empower WBAA members to allow them to perform better in their WBAA daily tasks and foster team work. 2019 is the year where WBAA will contribute mostly with its projects, and for that WBAA Albania wants to invest by providing self-development opportunities to its members by creating a group of Trainers empowered with the tools and knowledge on: project management, youth organization, youth partnership building to educate and develop fellow members in the network. Capacity building activities where soft-skills can be identified, team bounding and where members can learn from one another in a structured and fun way.

Does the project have any other partners, besides WBAA?

Since the project is based on capacity building and fostering team work and competences of WBAA members it will be organized and run by WBAA Albanian team and we will invite professional trainers for this activities.

Success - Describe the expected results of your project?

- Involvement of several members. Albania currently has around 80 registered members
 - Activate members that haven't been active until now
 - At least two concrete projects run by participated members
- Alumni are informed about opportunities to get involved in WBAA
 - Trainer database for future activities



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Student fair

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Date: open
Location: tbc

Project: Bring NGO's and students together. We noticed there are still issues that are not solved where some youth live with the stereotype „working for free“. On the other hand, many students are interested into writing project proposals and non-formal education. The first day we want to organize an open workshop where anyone can attend. The workshop would cover two topics “Life without Organization(s)” and “BE(ing) a leader”. On the second day is the Student fair, incl. round tables with representatives of other organisations. Conclusions will be presented on a press conference. We would include importance of WBAA for young people and present Erasmus+ program too.

Does the project have any other partners, besides WBAA?

- ESN Sarajevo & Tuzla
- University of Sarajevo
- Erasmus+ office in BiH

Success - Describe the expected results of your project?

- Survey report: a booklet containing the analysis of the information gathered through the online survey
- Student fair will open mind of how many interesting organisations are out there and to be part of them
- Partners of the project and volunteers are capable: to create and implement a project, to effectively communicate in team and during project implementation, to recognize the needs of their local community
- participants are educated on: application process for different Erasmus + programmes, benefits of a mobility experience, concept of active citizenship, writing a project proposal



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Building Youth Power in MNE

Montenegro

Date: open

Location: tbc

Project: Our project aims at empowering young people with the information about study programmes offered by the EU and through other bilateral agreements with the European countries. WBAA Montenegro members want to share ideas, knowledge and experience on why the international experience matters and what added value does it bring. We want to see more young people from Montenegro and the Western Balkans region travelling, meeting new cultures, traditions and languages, acquiring knowledge at the best world universities, and creating friendships with people from all over the world.

Does the project have any other partners, besides WBAA?

Cooperation with high schools and universities in Montenegro, as well as with the Erasmus+ Office in Montenegro

Success - Describe the expected results of your project?

- The final result will be the brochure ready to be distributed in the future, whenever a student inquires about the studying opportunities in Europe.
- We will measure the success of the project by the increase in the number of:
 - (1) applicants interested in pursuing their studies abroad,
 - (2) referrals to contacts mentioned in the brochure, and
 - (3) members to WBAA.



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Presenting WBAA to Kosovo* alumni and Higher Education stakeholders

Kosovo

Date: August 2019 (tbc)

Location: tbc

Project: Due to the fact that Kosovo has one the highest number of registered alumni Western Balkans Alumni Association is planning to officially present the association and its activities to the interested alumni (members and potential members) and all Higher Education stakeholders.

WBAA as a stakeholder in Higher Education reform in the Balkans, and in particular in Kosovo is to present to Erasmus+ alumni and HEI institutions about the work and the meeting will be used to identify local interests as well.

Does the project have any other partners, besides WBAA?

Our potential partners for this particular project will be European Delegation in Kosovo and the EU Informational and Cultural Centre in Prishtina

Success - Describe the expected results of your project?

- The event would have many outcomes. The overall impact would be more visibility for our National Chapter, and presenting our work and goals to the Higher education stakeholders in Kosovo.
 - Chance for potential involvement in project with the HE stakeholders.
 - Increase number of members and especially active members
- Increase visibility amongst higher education stakeholders by presenting WBAA

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