

Minutes of KA2 Fifth Transnational Meeting Joint Curriculum Development

Erasmus+ KA2 Strategic partnership for Joint Curriculum Development in Health Technology Assessment

(JoC-HTA)

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10 July – Monday

Welcome and Agenda

prof. Tomasz Hermanowski

-introduction of participants

-presentation of the project and meeting agenda (presentation enclosed)

Official opening

prof. Bożena Werner, Deputy Dean of Medical Faculty English Division, in the name of MUW Rector,

prof. Mirosław Wielgoś

-reading of the MUW Rector's supporting letter

prof. Piotr Luliński, Deputy Dean of Faculty of Pharmacy with Laboratory Medicine, in the name of MUW

Dean prof. Piotr Wroczyński

-greetings on behalf of MUW Dean of Faculty of Pharmacy with Laboratory Medicine

Brief report on KA2 Project development

*Representatives of Hacettepe University, prof. Nazli Şencan on behalf of KA2 Project Coordinator -
prof. Bülent Gümüşel*

- confirmation of the deadline for K1 grant application – February 16, 2018
- before submitting the final application it is recommended to obtain market input and to determine “social impact”
- the importance of obtaining the support from private companies and preparing the ground for internships was emphasized
- it was recommended to publish articles in scientific journals in order to promote the project, e.g. in International Journal of Technology Assessment in Health Care,
- decision to collect data of students participating in HTA information sessions in order to create data base of potential students
- discussion about student mobility pathway and difficulties related to joint diploma (Hungary and UK due to their internal regulations cannot issue a joint diploma)
- necessity to introduce peer review of curriculum in order to avoid inconsistencies, omissions and repetitions
- discussion on the selection of KA1 Project’s home-base country (candidates: Bulgaria, Turkey, Greece)
- discussion regarding promotion opportunities:
- meetings with potential students, e.g. March 17, 2017 Sofia, Bulgaria; July 10, 2017 Warsaw, Poland
- meetings with the stakeholders, e.g. during ISPOR 22nd Annual International Meeting, May 20-24, 2017 held in Boston, MA, USA;
- conference presentations – abstract for ISPOR European congress in Glasgow (submitted);
- publications in journals, e.g. article in ISPOR newsletter (in press).

Discussion of Bologna Packages (core courses) prepared by working groups (WP)

Moderator prof. Alan Hycox (see JoC-HTA Issues Paper enclosed)

- discussion about introduction of changes to curriculum and aligning names with contents of particular courses
- discussion about implementation of internal vs. external peer review
- emphasizing that the program is the first master HTA program focused on Central Europe
- underlining the need to adjust the program in such way that will enable the students to enter the market
- drawing attention to the practical side of students’ education, including courses concerning reimbursement systems, working with databases and analyzing case studies
- noticing that also individuals already employed in different sectors of the market can be potentially interested in the program

- raising the issue of difficulties connected with the joint cooperation of private and public entities
- presentation of benefits arising from summer student practices in real HTA environment
- discussion about correlation of the courses that are similar but also specific to the particular countries
- determining that the home-base country is to be responsible for the administrative issues and coordination of students pathways
- deciding that it is possible for students to obtain credit for courses already complemented at different universities/faculties (credit recognition preview)

Budget information, business plan with participants and cost, a motion to EC for extension of reporting period by 4 months w/o funding

prof. Melike Özkan

- making arrangements to use the remaining budget of the program transferring 20% (out of 40% to be paid) on the responsibility of the receiving University)
- discussion on how to manage the payment of the balance (after the Final report). The Grant Agreement says “The payments of the balance, which may not be repeated, is intended to reimburse or cover after the end of the period set out in Article I.2.2 the remaining part of the eligible costs incurred by the beneficiaries for its implementation.” What are the requirements of the National Agency?
- the last meeting of all participatory Universities should be held not later than September 2017 and that all the countries should take part in finalizing the project.

Discussion (further) on Bologna Packages (fundamental courses) prepared by working groups (WP)

Moderator prof. Guenka Petrova

- discussion about already prepared courses and courses that must be completed
- underlining that it is needed to upload the courses on DaPulse

Afternoon Session

HTA information session with potential students, MUW authorities and other stakeholders (in attachment participants list and evaluation forms)

Moderator prof. Tomasz Hermanowski

- HTA process in UK, Scotland – University of Liverpool programme, prof Alan Hycox,
- Some basics of HTA methodology – Anna Zawada
- Eötvös Loránd University Budapest – prof. Zoltan Voko (presentation enclosed)
- Medical University of Sofia – prof. Guenka Petrova (presentation enclosed)
- University of AthensHTA/Health Economics Programme –prof. John Yfantopoulos

- Hacettepe University, Ankara – prof. Nazli Şencan
- MUW Medical Programs in English – prof. Bożena Werner (presentation enclosed)
- Faculty of Pharmacy with Laboratory Medicine, English Pharmacy Division – prof. Piotr Luliński
- Erasmus Mundus student grants – Hanna Wojtasik, MUW (presentation enclosed)

11 July – Tuesday

Discussion on Bologna Packages (advanced courses) prepared by working groups (WP); conclusion on final curriculum

Moderator prof. Zoltan Voko

- discussion about the content of courses and the need to review them again
- proposal to agree on one week deadline to upload the remaining courses on DaPulse
- emphasizing that in case of Erasmus programme it is desired to obtain 30-35% of private sector participation
- participants need to be careful regarding private sector sponsoring

Next steps after KA2 Project conclusion, establishment of a new Consortium, to submit Erasmus + Grant application in 2018

Moderator prof. Alan Hycox

- discussion on KA1 Consortium establishment and leadership
- proposition that Turkey can coordinate KA1 Project, setting the education base at Erzincan University (because Hacettepe University is no longer interested after completing KA2 Project)
- proposal to held the next meeting in Istanbul and/or in Erzincan after executing formalities regarding establishment of KA1 Consortium
- proposal to investigate other options; Medical University of Sofia leading KA1 project (checking the feasibility - confirmation at the beginning of September)
- setting the date of the next meeting to be held 28-29 September 2017. Location to be decided by September 4, 2017.

Erasmus + Program presentations:

Beata Skibińska, Deputy Director for Higher Education Department, Polish National Agency for Erasmus Programme+ (see enclosed presentation)

- the first step should consist of verification if the similar program does not already exist and that the documentation submitted for the review is innovative and that it fills the gap in the market
- the program will be assessed by 3 independent anonymous experts selected by the European Commission

- it may be possible to arrange a meeting with the Executive Agency (European Commission's Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency) that also organizes also orientation days
- all necessary information is available in the Erasmus Plus Program Guide
(http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/sites/erasmusplus/files/files/resources/erasmus-plus-programme-guide_en.pdf)
- the curriculum is to be completed before filing the application (the preparatory year is only for closing the formalities, not preparing the curriculum)
- rising the issue regarding the need of accreditation of the program – legal issues of accreditation to be discussed before application
- even though UK and Hungary may only be supporting partners, in Erasmus Plus Programme it is possible for them to delegate visiting scholars
- Erasmus Plus Programme encourages cooperation with the private sector
- European Commission issued a guideline on how to prepare the consortium agreement
(http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/other/gm/h2020-guide-cons-a_en.pdf)
- informing about H2020 Program Multi-Beneficiary General Model Grant Agreement
(http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/mga/gga/h2020-mga-gga-multi_en.pdf)

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- discussion about multiple meetings with different stakeholders and feasibility of financing a meeting in non-Consortium country (Basel, Brussels?)

Partner countries declarations:

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- discussion about students pathways – in case of joint diploma it is necessary for the student to study at least one year in one country, i.e. only two locations in total are possible in this solution
- it should be a student's decision which courses to attend to (certificate of credit listing all courses completed) – it is better to avoid over-regulation and to advise a student on available options rather than to limit his freedom of choice of courses to only two possible pathways.