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Intermediate Report on implementation of the project (IR)**

Dear Prof Zlatkovic,

We would like to inform you and your project partners that we have carried out the assessment of your Intermediate Report received on 22 April 2014 and we are pleased to inform you that it has been approved. Please note that in our analysis we have also taken into consideration the feedback we received from the monitoring visits carried out in Serbia in April 2014.

We would like to congratulate you on the results you have produced so far and for the several activities you have implemented during this first period.

In spite of the fact that this is the first Tempus project for the coordinator and the partners, the project team has demonstrated to be really committed in the management of the project and to be able to cope with some difficulties faced during the first period.

Overall we see that all activities are advancing according to the working plan without any major delays. We acknowledge that a significant number of results have already been achieved: establishment of training centres, accreditation of laboratories and instaurated cooperation with local companies, reform of study programmes at BA level already adopted by the institutions and two study programmes modernised (at the Agriculture and Food College of Applied Sciences in Prokuplje and the Agriculture College of Applied Sciences in Sabac), which will go now through the accreditation process.

We are pleased to see that most of recommendations formulated on the basis of the previous monitoring visit in 2013 have been taken into consideration and appropriate feedback has been provided in the Intermediate Report. It is very positive to note that students have been included and consulted at various stages of the project implementation.

Furthermore, we would like to extend our compliments to the project team for the high number of dissemination activities carried out, including newsletters, participation in various events, press releases, etc. The project website is very informative and contains relevant and updated information on the development of project activities and the results already achieved.

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On the basis of our analysis of your report, we would like to make the following remarks, which we hope you will take into consideration during the implementation of the second part of your project. These comment and recommendations also reflect the findings of the above-mentioned field monitoring visit. We would also like to receive detailed information on your follow-up of these comments in your final report.


- In order to motivate academic staff to implement the new approaches and new teaching methodologies introduced under the project, it is recommended to prepare a teaching methodology handbook including concrete examples.
- Even if it was not originally planned in the application, some students' mobilities could be foreseen for students attending the new courses (provided that there is enough budget available).
- Since the number of hours dedicated to students practice has been increased at each institution, college rulebooks on student practical work and internship need to be revised accordingly.
- Especially in the last year of the project, additional dissemination activities, targeting potential students and employers, should be organized.
- Even if project partners have already established contacts with certain number of local companies, more efforts need to be invested in creating sustainable long-term cooperation with potential employers (especially in view of the organization of student internships).
- Certain project results, such as the new teaching methodologies, could be used also for other specialist studies already existing at the beneficiary institutions.
- Mechanisms for monitoring the success of the adopted changes in the study programmes (i.e. through mechanisms for tracking the carriers of graduate students and monitoring their level of employability) could be envisaged. Students' feedback can also be used as an indicator for testing the quality of the study programmes.

We noted from your financial statement that your spending level of the project budget has not yet reached that 70% of the previous pre-financing. Therefore, we would ask you to submit a new Request for Payment and Statement of the Costs incurred once you have reached the minimum spending level.

Should you require any further information, please contact Antonella Giorgio (Tel: +32 2 29 93218, e-mail: [eacea-tempus-project-management@ec.europa.eu](mailto:eacea-tempus-project-management@ec.europa.eu)). We also encourage you to regularly consult our Tempus website <http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/tempus>.

We wish you a successful continuation of your activities.

Yours sincerely,



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