

## DISSEMINATION REPORT

Coordinator's Name: POLIS University

Activity	Location	Date	Target Audience
Kick-off Meeting	POLIS University premises and on-line	18-19 March 2021	Partners, staff

*Brief description of the action/activity/event:* In the premises of POLIS University, was organised the Kick-off Meeting of the project IDEA: “Inclusive Tertiary Education in West Balkans”, founded by Erasmus + CBHE (D1.1). During the meeting was discussed and reviewed the preparation of the final document / study: “Analysis & Master-Plan to Address the Needs & Wants of Accessible Higher Education in the Western Balkans” (D1.2).

The project is about building institutional, human and infrastructural capacities, to provide more access and support to students with special needs and POLIS University is in the role of Coordinator in this project.

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Activity	Location	Date	Target Audience
Remote Workshop / Study Visit	Online	12-14 May 2021	Students, staff

*Brief description of the action/activity/event:* Participation of the staff in the Virtual Study Visits / workshops, developed by National Kapodistrian University of Athens accessibility Units, in the framework of D. 2.1.1: “Development of New Protocols and Drafting of Policy Papers with Normative Suggestions”.

At the centre of the workshop, was the recognition of the Universities from Albania, Kosovo and Montenegro about the way the Student Support Unit with special needs works, the regulations, the work plan, infrastructure and so on.

The Greek partners presented all aspects of the operation of their Centers, to support students with special needs, including IT and assistive technologies, infrastructure and physical accessibility, visual communication, psychological support, libraries, special courses, international mobility, transportation, voluntary service etc.

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Activity	Location	Date	Target Audience
Remote Workshop / Study Visit	Online	25-28 May 2021	Students, staff

*Brief description of the action/activity/event:* The second workshop (virtual visit), in the framework of D.2.1.1: “Development of New Protocols and Drafting of Policy Papers with Normative Suggestions”, was developed by the University of Masaryk, Czech Republic.

This workshop aims to share with the academic and administrative staff of Universities from Albania, Kosovo and Montenegro, the experience of Masaryk University in inclusive education, support for students with special needs through assistive technology, support for students with dyslexia and psychological adjustments, support for students with physical problems using braille cod, hybrid texts, etc.

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Activity	Location	Date	Target Audience
Remote Workshop / Study Visit	Online	14 - 18 June 2021	Academic and administrative staff, students

*Brief description of the action/activity/event:* Participation of the academic and administrative staff of Universities from Albania, Kosovo and Montenegro, in a virtual tour laded by University of Limerick, Ireland (D. 2.1.1).

The 3-day virtual study visit / workshop, cantered on unfolding experience from the side of this University, for comprehensive education, support for students with special needs, assistive technology, etc.

The purpose was to share the experience of the University of Limerick in terms of inclusive education and support services provided to students with special needs, ranging from admissions to placement in the labor market.

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Activity	Location	Date	Target Audience
Student orientation day	POLIS University	12 October 2021	Students, staff

*Brief description of the action/activity/event:* In the “Orientation Day” of the Academic Year 2021-2022, the Office of Students Support and Career Counselling and the Office of Project in POLIS, presented to the students, the IDEA project: "Inclusive Tertiary EDucation in the West BalkanS". In this project, where participated European and regional universities and where POLIS University is the coordinator, has the main goal of assisting students with special abilities, during academic process.

During the extension of this project, in addition to the drafting of specific regulations and protocols, the academic staff is receiving the necessary training, to facilitate this process for students with different abilities in the POLIS communities.

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Activity	Location	Date	Target Audience
International Day of Persons with Special Needs	POLIS University premises	3 December 2021	Students, staff

*Brief description of the action/activity/event:* In the framework of the International Day of Persons with Special Needs, the Office of Student Support and Career Counseling, represented by Dr. Malvina Istrefaj and Dr. Keti Hoxha, held an informative meeting with students about this category of students.

The meeting, in addition to the awareness and educational function, was focused especially on the presentation of the IDEA project "Inclusive Tertiary Education in West Balkans", funded by Erasmus + CBHE and coordinated by POLIS University.

In the meeting was discussed various issues and challenges related to inclusive higher education and accessibility for persons with special needs. This project will serve as the base platform to facilitate the integration of students with different abilities at POLIS University, oriented towards inclusive education.

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<b>Activity</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Target Audience</b>
The IDEA project in a conversation with civil society	Rogner Hotel	28 December 2021	Staff, civil society

*Brief description of the action/activity/event:* The IDEA project “Inclusive Tertiary Education in WBs”, is presented at the meeting held in the framework of the SAIL project (Sparking Activism Initiatives Locally), implemented by CO-PLAN with the financial support of the Office of Public Relations in the U.S Embassy-Tirana, as part of the “Civil Society Capacity Building” program. The IDEA project focuses on increasing the capacities of HEIs for inclusiveness and increasing students’ access to higher education institutions, but also the cooperation and involvement of actors outside the academy, such as associations, public institutions, parents, young people with special needs.

During this meeting, IDEA was presented by the project coordinator, POLIS University, while representatives of Universities from Albania, partner in this project, were present.

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<b>Activity</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Target Audience</b>
Initial Training of Registrar Office, Voluntary Support & Transport Services’ Coordinators	Donja Gorica University in Podgorica	22-24 February 2022	Administrative staff

*Brief description of the action/activity/event:* Participation of the staff in the initial training (D. 2.2.1.3), to support students with disabilities and learning difficulties, held at the Donja Gorica University in Podgorica.

The training was focused on university administrative services, for accessibility tertiary education. The main topics of the training were on the rights of persons with disabilities in Albania, Kosovo and Montenegro, the sharing of best practices by the Accessibility Unit of the Kapodistrian University of Athens on the characteristics, registration, voluntary support service, transportation, staff skills, needs, particular cultural contexts for students with disabilities and learning difficulties.

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Activity	Location	Date	Target Audience
Training of Built Environment Accessibility Consultants	POLIS University	15-17 March 2022	Students, Staff, social visitors

*Brief description of the action/activity/event:* The attendance of the staff in the training of Build Environment Accessibility Consultants (D2.2.1.2), organized by POLIS University in site and on-line.

The training was developed by National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, with the participation of academic and administrative staff, from 6 Western Balkans Universities. Universities discussed about standards, needs, the policy and legal framework and how accessible and inclusive are University campuses for students with disabilities in Albania, Kosovo and Montenegro.

Also, best practices were shared from the Accessibility Unit of the Kapodistrian University of Athens and the NGOs for disabled persons.

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Activity	Location	Date	Target Audience
Training of International Relations Offices' Coordinators & Career Officers	Donja Gorica University in Podgorica	05-07 April 2022	Academic staff

*Brief description of the action/activity/event:* Participation of the staff in the training “Training of International Relations Offices’ Coordinators & Career Officers”, held at the premises of University “Donja Gorica”, Potgorica (D 2.2.1).

The trainings focused on best practices on support services for Students with Disabilities by the academic advisors, on inclusive teaching, learning and assessment methods, as well as international mobility and career services from the International Relations and Career Offices at the Universities.

In addition to the training, the project consortium, led by POLIS University, which is also in the role of the coordinator in this project, has also held a management meeting to analyze the activities and results so far, the problems and the ongoing steps of the project implementation.

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Activity	Location	Date	Target Audience
Study visit at the University of Masaryk	Masaryk University, Brno	09-10 May 2022	Academic staff

*Brief description of the action/activity/event:* Participation of the staff in the study visit (D. 2.2.2) conducted by Masaryk University in Brno, Czech Republic, together with colleagues from Albania, Kosovo and Montenegro, partners in the project.

The purpose of this visit was to study the model and get acquainted with the best practices on inclusive education, universal design for learning, education for all.

The participating staff, in addition to the training, visited the centers dedicated to students and staff with special needs, the digitized texts and the video production laboratory. The infrastructure, IT and assistive technology, and other facilities that the Support Center for students with special needs "Teiresiás" offers.

A special visit was made also to the city of Brno, where the infrastructure serving people with special needs were observed, but also the problems that the city has.

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Activity	Location	Date	Target Audience
Study visit at the University of Limerick	Limerick University, Ireland.	21-23 June 2022	Academic staff

*Brief description of the action/activity/event:* Participation of the staff in the study visit (D. 2.2.2) at the University of Limerick, together with representatives from other partner Universities in Albania, Kosovo and Montenegro.

The purpose of this visit was to study the model and get acquainted with the best practices on inclusive education, universal design for learning, education for all.

The participating staff, visit the campus and physical spaces, library and assistive technology labs for students with disabilities.

Staff of the University of Limerick shared their experience of equality, diversity, inclusion, strategic partnerships within the community and with employers, support services for students with disabilities, student experience testimonials, and practices to build employability skills for students with disabilities.

Meanwhile POLIS and the University of Limerick signed cooperation agreements for the deepening of academic and scientific cooperation in other fields and in European cooperation.

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Activity	Location	Date	Target Audience
Study visit / Training at the National & Kapodistrian University of Athens	National & Kapodistrian University of Athens	11 November 2022	Academic and administrative staff

*Brief description of the action/activity/event:* Participation of the staff in the training / study visit conducted by National Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece (D. 2.2.3), together with representatives from other partner Universities in Albania, Kosovo and Montenegro.





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The purpose of this visit was to study the model and get acquainted with the best practices on inclusive education, universal design for learning, education for all.

The two-day training was about building institutional, human and infrastructural capacities, to provide more access and support to students with disabilities, as well as creating best practices of accessibility units in their institutions.

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