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Subject: Tempus project 544595 - Feedback from the 2nd Field Monitoring visit in BA

Dear Professor Bazok,

As part of our on-going Tempus IV monitoring activities in the EU and Partner Countries, a field monitoring visit of the project "Lifelong learning for sustainable agriculture in Alps-Danub-Adriatic Region" (LifeADA) was carried out at the Faculty of Agriculture and Food Sciences of the University of Sarajevo on 21 December 2015. Mr Suad Muhibic and Ms Nena Markovic, from the National Erasmus+ Office in Bosnia Herzegovina discussed the progress of activities with the project representatives of the University of Mostar and of the University of Sarajevo.

First of all, we would like to thank the representatives from the partners in Bosnia Herzegovina for the time devoted to the discussions and for having provided updated information on the progress that is being made towards the achievement of the project objectives in their country.

We can conclude from the visit that the objectives of the project as well as the project design are still relevant to the local needs and to the target groups. The project supports the local needs for modernization of the higher education through development and promotion of LL system for sustainable agriculture. The project seems to be flexible and feasible within the time frame given and the project objectives and tasks are clearly understood by the Bosnian partners. According to the feedback received, no major changes occurred in the project environment since it's started, besides the fact that some work packages (WP1, WP6, WP7, and WP8) were grouped together to facilitate their implementation.

The monitoring team reported efficient management and good cooperation among the partners. The Project Management Committee has been set up and most of the planned activities have been implemented in accordance with the activity plan and without major delays, with the exception of the procurement of the equipment, which had to be delayed due to the Rule of Origin requirement.

The major outputs achieved thus far include the development of the reports on LL needs and potentials for sustainable agriculture in partner countries, the development of the "Regional Guidelines for Development of National Strategies for LL in Sustainable Agriculture", the development of the draft proposal of "National strategy for LL in Sustainable Agriculture", the implementation of the trainings of teachers on novel methods for teaching in LL, the designed pilot activities and courses' curricula, and the project web page (www.lifeada.sistemi.hr). The most effective part of the project seems to be the implementation of the trainings on novel methods for teaching in LL, which allowed the participants to enhance their skills and competences needed for future work in that field. The project also enhanced the capacity of teachers to design pilot activities, curricula, and relevant documents. It enhanced the capacity of the involved faculties to create pilot activities and courses.

The local partners reported on the establishment of cooperation with relevant agricultural and food processing associations with an aim to ensure satisfactory response rate to the online surveys on LL in Bosnia Herzegovina (WP2). However, cooperation with agricultural associations, institutes, and other relevant institutions should be strengthened in order to ensure wider impact and sustainability of the project outcomes. In particular, more efforts should be done in involving agriculture and food

producers in the implementation of the pilot activities, foreseen for next year in the project Workplan.

A crucial aspect for the project impact and sustainability in Bosnia Herzegovina is the adoption of the National Strategy for LL in Sustainable Agriculture, developed within the project, by the relevant Bosnian authorities. The project coordinator should therefore make all the necessary efforts in order to ensure that the finalization of the proposal for the National Strategy is achieved as soon as possible and is shared with the relevant authorities.

In this regard, we invite you to provide us with accurate information on the process that the National Strategy for LL in Sustainable Agriculture in the different project's partner countries are undergoing and the expected timing for their approval and legalization at National level.

Please ensure the dissemination of this feedback to your project partners and do not hesitate to contact me or the Erasmus+ Office in Bosnia Herzegovina should you need any further clarifications.

We wish you a successful continuation of your activities.

Best regards,

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