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**Subject:** Tempus project 544595 - Feedback from the Field Monitoring visit in ME

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 Biotechnology of the University of Montenegro on 23 March 2016. Mr Ranko Lazovic, from the National Erasmus+ Office in Montenegro discussed the progress of activities with the project representatives of the University of Montenegro.

First of all, we would like to thank the representatives from this project partner 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 Montenegro.

We can conclude from the visit that the objectives of the project are still relevant to the local needs in Montenegro and that the project is developing in accordance with the original plan. The University of Montenegro has been actively involved in the project activities and the University management seems supportive to the project implementation.

As is the case in other Western Balkan countries, a crucial aspect for the project's success and sustainability is the adoption of the National Strategy for LL in Sustainable Agriculture, developed within the project, by the relevant Montenegrin authorities. We acknowledge the efforts done by the project to involve the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Montenegro in the project as well as the good cooperation modalities between the University of Montenegro and the Ministry. We would like to recommend the coordinator to pursue with these efforts to involve the Montenegrin authorities in the preparation of the National Strategy. In this regard, and as requested previously, 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.

We are satisfied to learn that the local coordinator in Montenegro is trying to link the project with the current EU integration process. Indeed, the adoption of the Rulebook for Education of Producers in the field of Agriculture shows the recognition given by the Ministry of Agriculture to this topic, which is one of the main requirements within chapters 11, 12 and 13 of the negotiations of accession of Montenegro to the EU. We can therefore consider that the project results will contribute to further approach the EU standards.

Finally, we would like to recommend the project to give priority to dissemination activities in Montenegro in this last phase of the project implementation. Indeed, dissemination remains in Montenegro a weaker aspect that should be tackled through internal dissemination events and promotion materials addressing academic, student and business community. We also recommend to involve external stakeholders in the field in the dissemination activities.

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

We look forward to receive the information regarding the process that the National Strategy for LL in Sustainable Agriculture are undergoing in the different project's partner countries as requested above within one month of reception of this feedback.

Best regards,

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