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We are on the way!



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Set, ready, go!

Dear readers,

We are happy to announce the initiation of the E-le.G.A.N.T.S. project. Through our Newsletters, our website and our Social Media, we will keep you informed for all the project developments. Stay tuned!

About the Ele.G.A.N.T.s Project Aims

E-le.G.A.N.T.S. aims to establish new skills, concerning technological knowledge, training tools, knowledge sharing, networking, performing art and the ability to translate them into job opportunities, in the Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) of three Western Balkan countries targeted at developing a new digital readiness and at changing the relationship between curricula, skills, and performing events in a distant perspective digital dimension.

The specific objectives of the project concern the role of HEIs in the partner countries for economic and social development and their specific capacities to link the academic world of culture and art, research activities to the labor market and civil society. The project focuses on three key aspects:

1. The development of digital readiness in partners' HEIs restructuring training models and contents.
2. To prepare HEI students in Albania, Montenegro, and Kosovo to enhance more effectively their (self-) employability and the capacity to access the Creative Economy.
3. To develop skills to tackle future employment perspectives and build international aggregated answers through a digital transformation, that, by definition, is borderless and asks to work globally

The main output that the project is committed to produce is:

- An Online trained course and implemented toolkit
- Set up an LMS (MOOC) Platform and produced Learning objects
- Organized StartCup

The project has a flexible approach in order to adapt the learning outcomes to the particular needs and digital skills of the participating learners, and will be structured in a way that allows them to improve their skills in a practical and concrete way, gaining a broader understanding and exchanging best practices and experiences. The students are the primary beneficiaries of the project together with the academic staff and non-academic staff that will have the opportunity to integrate digital tools into their teaching.

The E-le.G.A.N.T.s Project Partner Institutions

ITALY

ITALIAN UNIVERSITY LINE (IUL) (PROJECT LEADER)



IUL online university was founded by Ministerial Decree of 2 December 2005, and published in the official journal on 5 January 2006. It issues academic qualifications recognised by law in accordance with art. 3 of Ministerial Decree no. 509 of 3 November 1999 and subsequent amendments.

The university is founded by the IUL Consortium, consisting of two public institutions:

- The National Institute for Documentation, Innovation and Educational Research (INDIRE);

- The University of Foggia.

IUL online university is subject to the accreditation and control system of ANVUR (National Agency for the Evaluation of the University and Research System). This means that IUL's educational provision must be in line with a specific regulatory framework, to guarantee ever-increasing quality standards, through constant monitoring, assessment, self-assessment and audit processes.

More information: <https://www.iuline.it/en/>

SLOVENIA

SCHOOL OF ADVANCED SOCIAL STUDIES (SASS)



The School of Advanced Social Studies in Nova Gorica (SASS) was established as an independent private higher education institution on 15 June 2006.

In 2007, the teaching process started at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels. In the academic year 2007/08, SASS began implementing full-time study programmes, namely the undergraduate study programme Advanced Social Studies, which is renamed into (academic) study programme Social Management, and the master's study programme Intercultural Management. In 2008, the School obtained accreditation for a doctoral programme of Sociology, thus vertically completing the system of study programmes, i.e. at the postgraduate, master's and doctoral levels.

A year later, we started creating an additional vertical line vertical in the field of social management, where we obtained accreditation for the undergraduate (BA) study programme and a master's study programme titled Social Management (currently inactive). In the academic year 2012/13, bachelor of arts study programme and master's study programme Psychosocial Counselling were added to the existing programmes.

More information: <https://www.fuds.si/en/>

GREECE

IONIAN UNIVERSITY (IURC)



The Ionian University, which is currently in its fourth decade of operation, is located in the historic and beautiful Ionian Islands, Greece. It is a modern state university, which, after integrating the Technological Educational Institute of the Ionian Islands in 2018, is now offering 12 undergraduate (B.A., B.Sc.) and 16 postgraduate (M.A., M.Sc.) programmes. Ionian University's 8.000+ undergraduate and graduate students collaborate with more than 250 faculty members and staff in its campuses scattered around Corfu, Lefkada, Kefalonia and Zakynthos islands.

During its years of operation, the Ionian University has created an international academic and research profile, being a partner in many academic networks, collaborating with other higher education institutions and research centers on a European and international level, and participating in 200 bilateral and LLP Erasmus academic agreements.

Moreover, the Research Committee of Ionian University (IURC) was established in 1988 to manage the funds received from various sources (European Union, private or public organizations) for the implementation of projects orientated towards research, education, training, development, lifelong-learning, innovation and any other activity that functions as a bridge between education and research on one hand and the market on the other.

The Research Committee of IURC has implemented over 250 research projects and educational programs funded by the European Union, international organizations, the General Secretariat for Research and Technology, various ministries, banks, public sector bodies and private entities

More information: <https://ionio.gr/en/>

ALBANIA

UNIVERSITY OF ARTS - TIRANA (UART)



University of Arts of Tirana is the unique Public Higher Education institution offering Bachelor, "Master of Science"/ "Master of Art", "Professional Master Degree" studies in Music, Fine Arts and Stage Arts in Albania. Recently PHD studies in Musicology and Drama Arts have entered into the second cycle. The number of students is between 900 – 1000 units every year.

Established in 1966 as High Institute of Arts (HIA), during the period from 1991 to 2011 it was called Academy of Arts, and as "The University of Arts" (UART – Universiteti i Arteve) it was decreed by the Albanian Council of Minister on 23.03.2011.

UART consists of **3 Faculties: Music, Fine Arts, and Stage Arts**. The structure of the Faculties at the University of Arts is composed as follows:

- **Music:** (3 Departments: Instrumental performance, Singing, and Composition, Musicology Conducting and Pedagogy),
- **Stage Arts:** (3 Departments: Acting and Art's Theory, Theatre & Film and TV Directing, Choreography and Scenography)
- **Fine Arts:** (3 Departments: Painting, Sculpture, and Applied Arts).

More information: <http://www.uart.edu.al/index.php?lang=2>

UNIVERSITY OF SHKODRA "LUIGJ GURAKUQI" (UNISHK)



The Luigj Gurakuqi University of Shkodër (Albanian: Universiteti i Shkodrës "Luigj Gurakuqi") is an Albanian public university established in 1957.

It has 6 faculties, 26 branches, 21 departments and more than 190 professors.

It has been the major institution of higher education in the region, especially in the technical and scientific disciplines.

In 1992, the university received permission from the government to initiate the development of the Faculty of Economics, with responsibilities for emphasising market economics, management, and business administration. Menduh Derguti, rector of the University of Shkodra in 1992, asked the

University of Nebraska–Lincoln to help develop its curriculum in market economics and business management. Derguti attended training seminars provided by the UNL team in September 1992. As a result, the rector, Dr. Gjovalin Kolombi, established the Faculty of Economics.

More information: <https://unishk.edu.al/>

KOSOVO

UNIVERSITY “HAXHI ZEKA” (UGHZ)



"Haxhi Zeka" University (UHZ) was founded in Peja on November 14, 2011, under the Ministry of Education, Science, and Technology (MEST). The teaching process started on October 1st, 2012. Previously known as the Commercial High School, established in 1960, it has been instrumental in shaping an academic culture and producing thousands of qualified economists. "Haxhi Zeka" University, as an academic institution, aims to transfer knowledge to realize students' potential for the dynamic labor market, prioritizing scientific research, artistic activity, and internationalization to contribute to the economic development of Peja region and the country in general. The university comprises five academic units: the Faculty of Business, the Faculty of Management in Tourism, Hospitality, and Environment, the Faculty of Agribusiness, the Faculty of Law, and the Faculty of Arts. We have obtained accreditation for both Bachelor's and Master's studies.

Additionally, the university has three organizational units: the Institute for Science and Art, the Center for Excellence, and the Business Incubation Center.

More information: <https://unhz.eu/>

UNIVERSITETI PER BIZNES DHE TEKNOLOGJI (UBT)



UBT offers a dynamic and innovative 21 century academic environment. UBT provides a supportive and challenging opportunity for the students, faculty and staff in participatory and self-governance setting.

Building on a tradition of teamwork between Students, faculty, staff and administrators, UBT is committed to enhance its participation as an active member of community by providing learning opportunities driven by teaching and research excellence, intellectual interaction and creativity.

UBT is a preminent center of intellectual and cultural activity in Kosovo, improving the region's quality of life through the skills, knowledge, experience and engagement of its faculty, staff, students and alumni.

More information: <https://www.ubt-uni.net/en/ubt-en/>

MONTENEGRO

UNIVERSITY “MEDITERRANEAN” PODGORICA (UNIMED)



University “Mediterranean” Podgorica was founded on May 30, 2006 in Podgorica, as the first private university in Montenegro. During almost two decades of work, the University has grown into an eminent higher education institution that realizes its teaching and scientific activities through nine study programs in undergraduate studies, ten study programs in specialist studies, eleven in master's programs and three study programs in doctoral studies. The University is an accredited and licensed institution consisting of six faculties:

Faculty of Tourism “Montenegro Tourism School”

Faculty of Economics and Business

Faculty of Information Technology

Faculty of Visual Arts

Faculty of Foreign Languages

Faculty of Law

The University is clearly and thoughtfully committed to systematically and organizedly improving the quality of studies to be modern, flexible, comparable, competitive and efficient. In that sense,

and in accordance with the Bologna process, we continuously work on raising the quality level of all university activities: teaching, study programs, grading system based on the introduction of the European credit accumulation and transfer system - ECTS, textbooks and literature, classroom and other space, information system, scientific research activities, publishing activities, selection of teaching and administrative staff, library activities, continuing education and other standards.

All study programs are accredited and licensed following the positive regulations of Montenegro. The university received a license to operate on August 31, 2006, and since then twice (in 2008 and 2013) it has been very successful in the process of re-accreditation of the institution and study programs in accordance with national regulations.

In 2014 and 2018, our institution also successfully passed the process of external institutional evaluation (IEP) conducted by the European University Association (EUA).

More Information: <https://unimediterran.net/?lang=en>

UNIVERSITY OF MONTENEGRO (UOM)



The University of Montenegro was founded in 1974 and is the oldest institution of higher education in Montenegro. It has 19 faculties and three institutes, with an academic community of about 17,000 active students at all levels of study, and more than 1,000 academic, professional and other

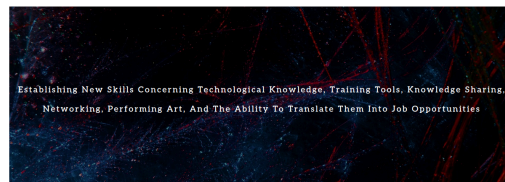
staff. Since 2004, classes at the University of Montenegro have been organized in accordance with the principles of the Bologna Declaration.

More information: <https://www.ucg.ac.me/#lat>

The E-le.G.A.N.T.S. web site



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The E-Le.G.A.N.T.S. project website is on line

The E-Le.G.A.N.T.S. web site is ready for use, not only for the partners but for all the stakeholders or people interested about the intellectual outputs of the project. Our aim is for the project website to be the “information center” for all the announcements, open calls and activities that will take place during and after the realization of the project.

More information: <https://elegantsproject.eu/>

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