



Strengthening Teaching Competences in Higher Education in Natural and Mathematical Sciences



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In this moment we have several questions in mind.

One of the questions that we would like to consider is the purchase of equipment. For partners from Serbia and Albania, the funds foreseen for equipment make up a huge part of the first pre-financing we have received. If at the beginning of the project we buy all the equipment, we will not have enough funds to carry out other activities. **Therefore, we would like to ask whether it is possible that the purchase of equipment is realized in two parts, the first part immediately, from the funds received as the first-pre-financing, and the second part later, from the funds that will be received as the second pre-financing.**

I would note that in this way the tender procedure would not be avoided, because the funds for the purchase of equipment amount to 190,000 EUR for the Serbian partners, and 70,000 EUR for the Albanian partners, and after splitting these funds in two equal parts, we would still be obliged to conduct tenders for all partial purchases.

The second issue concerns the payment of staff costs to persons who are not permanently employed at a partner institution. In particular, we have an IT expert who at the very beginning of the project was employed at our university, and who designed the project website and performed other expert tasks related to the project. However, since January 1, 2019 he moved to another company. We are interested in how we can pay for the work he has done while he was employed at the University, and would we still be able to engage him in the maintenance of the website and other specific IT jobs.

PARTNERSHIP MEETINGS PLANNED IN THE CURRENT YEAR

- 1) KICK-OFF MEETING, January 15-17, Niš, Serbia
- 2) CENTRAL MANAGEMENT TEAM (CMT) MEETING, the last week of September 2019, Granada, Spain – meeting of the project management body, all partners are involved
- 3) LOCAL COORDINATING TEAM (LCT) MEETING, somewhere in April 2019, Belgrade, Serbia – meeting of the body consisting of the members CMT from Serbia and Albania, which deals with issues that are not of vital interest to partners from program countries

VISITS PLANNED IN THE FIRST HALF OF THE CURRENT YEAR

A delegation of institutions from Serbia and Albania will visit the following partners from the program countries

- 1) OVIEDO, Spain, March 24-29, 2019
- 2) OSTRAVA, Czech Republic, somewhere in the second half of May 2019 (duration 5 days)
- 3) BANSKA BYSTRICA, Slovakia, somewhere in the second half of May 2019 (duration 5 days)