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## REPORT on the Grant Holders' meeting of the newly selected Capacity Building for Higher Education (CBHE) project 28-29 January 2019, Brussels

Grant Holders' Meeting, for all project generation 2018, was organised on 28-29th January 2019 in Brussels, Belgium. This two-day meeting was addressed to the representatives of CBHE projects selected under the Call for proposals EAC/A05/2017. Its overall aim was to address in detail practical issues related to the implementation of new projects, the management of the grant agreement and the financial rules applicable to the CBHE grant. The meeting was, also, an excellent opportunity for new and experienced practitioners to network with other projects.

The participation to the conference was mandatory for all selected projecs. This participation was limited to a maximum of 2 representatives per project, namely:

1. The project coordinator from the coordinating institution (as identified in the grant application and in the grant agreement)

2. One representative from one of the beneficiary institutions located in a Partner Country (partners from Programme Countries are not invited to this meeting).

The representatives of TeComp project were:

- a) Jelena Ignjatovic
- b) Luiz Seiti

Given the limited capacity of the venue and the necessity to treat all projects on an equal footing, the organisers enforced a very strict policy of not allowing additional participants on the meeting's premises.

According to the rules of your CBHE grant agreement, your participation costs as well as those of your partner institution representative can be covered by the project grant.

As it can be seen in the Agenda of the meeting, the meeting was divided into plenary sessions, parallel workshop sessions and a helpdesks.

1. The workshop sessions was devoted to financial issues. They were recorded and made available after the meeting, so as to allow all project partners to receive first-hand information.

2. The helpdesk allowed us, the representatives of all individual projects, to meet our EACEA Project Officers. Participation to this helpdesk was mandatory and very useful. We firstly met Inmaculada Rodriguez.

3. Other helpdesks allowed all participants to meet with

(i) representatives from the International Contact Points (ICPs) in the Programme Countries,(ii) representatives from the National Erasmus+ Offices (NEOs) located in some of the Partner Countries and



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(iii) colleagues from the European Commission and the Agency in charge of other Erasmus+ and Marie Slodowska Curie actions in order to discuss project implementation issues.

4. Finally, a time-slot will be devoted to networking between project representatives in order to encourage interactions and discussions between projects working in the same regions.

The most useful part of the meeting were bilateral meetings with the Project Officers in charge of the projects during the helpdesks. We discussed the basic issues related to the project implementation and monitoring, financial and contractual management of projects. The officers gave the responses on earlier prepared questions of all project coordinators.