



# Management Board Meeting, May 18, 2023



**PhD ICT KES**  
Co-founded by the Erasmus+

# Participants

UP

SEERC

UBT

LNU

UPZ

NTNU

Katarina Rönndahl

Christina Keller  
(late invitation)

# Agenda

- 15:00 • Introduction to the Management Board meeting: participants, agenda
  - new agenda item: sustainability plan, others?
- 15:05 • Recap of previous meeting
- 15:10 • Follow up on EU field visit in Kosovo (Lule)
- 15:20 • Follow up on Budget issues (Katarina)
- 15:30 • Follow up on Supervisor training in Pristhina (Kadri)
- 15:40 • Spring and Autumn activities
- 16:20 • Status of Accreditations
- 16:30 • Planning for project ending, the transfer of its outcome including operational governance
- 16:40 • Approval of pending deliverables
- 16:50 • Additional items, Sum up, and Closing

# Mgmt Board meeting, March 1, 2023 Pristhina

- Agenda for the inauguration
- Planned Spring activities and suggested autumn activities (also added to today's agenda)
- Discussion on the financial situation (which is also on today's agenda)

# EU Monitoring field visit – Lule

# Budget issues – Katarina

Mail from Qamile Sinanaj, MESTI:

After careful consideration, we have decided to return the funds that we are unable to spend due to the very well elaborated reasons in your below email. Our decision was made with the aim of ensuring the sustainability of the project. Returning the funds will allow us to use them in a more targeted and effective manner towards achieving our project goals. We believe that by doing so, we can enhance the quality and impact of our work and ultimately contribute to the long-term success of the project. We understand that the PhD school established recently in UP is an important component of the project, and we fully support it. Therefore, we agree on your proposal that the funds we return be directed towards supporting the needs of the PhD school.

# Decision point – relocation of funding

”It is possible for to transfer some money to other budget headings, and if some partner does not need all what was in the budget for them it can also be transferred to another partner in the project. ”

## **Suggestions:**

- The remain MESTI funding (6909,68 Euro) to be transferred to UP and to the disposal for the needs for establishing the NRSI operationally and for securing its sustainability.
- Drilon Bunjku, the Director of the NRSI, makes a suggestion/budget for the use of these funding – need to be used before Nov. 14 – following, as much as possible, the original budget plan for MESTI.

# Other budget issues and status – Katarina



# Supervisory training – Kadri

# Spring activities within the NRSI, remaining

- Monthly Webinars
  - (May 17: Carsten Sørensen, London School of Economics)
  - June 15: Minna Isomursu, Digital Health, University of Oulu, Finland
  - Sep. 20: Dagmar Gromann, Centre for Translation Studies at the University of Vienna, Austria
  - Oct. Mid: Ott Velsberg, Chief Data Officer, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications, Estonia
- Research Funding Application training, June 1-2
- Annual diaspora conference, July 13

# Autumn activities within the NRSI

Research Valorisation, workshop with industry, date TBD (UHU in charge)

Suggestions:

- Internal quality assurance processes
- Research ethics
- Research methods and philosophy of science
- Academic writing workshop
- Doctoral level course development workshop
  
- Any of these or other activities TBD?

# PhD program accreditation – Kadri

# Transfer of the project outcomes

- How – event and activities?
- When – October 4-6 suggested
- Preparations – board, committees, program (annually recurring)?
- ....

(Guidance Deliverable 2.3.1)

# Approval of Deliverables

- Deliverable 2.4.4
  - Report on the workshop for drafting self-evaluation reports for PhD studies in ICT held on February 11th, 2022, UBT leading
- Report on Inauguration event
  - in process and when completed most likely will be circulated by mail
- Supervisory training report
  - in process and will most likely be circulated by mail

# Additional issues -

- Sustainability report
- PhDICTKES2 proposal – extension

# Closing the meeting

Meeting closed

Next meeting in autumn, meanwhile mail contacts