

Meeting evaluation

The meeting of TEMPUS project *EACEA-517200 "Establishing and capacity building of the Southern Serbian-Academy and the National Conference for Vocational Higher Education"* held in Vranje, on 18th and 19th September, 2012.

1 What were your main expectations for this meeting? Were they fulfilled?

person	ANSWERS
1.	I expected good organization, respect for the given time, cooperation with the colleagues from Serbia and abroad, many interesting and informative presentations ,all of which was fulfilled. So my expectations related to this meeting were fulfilled.
2.	My expectations were to define further actions for the implementation of the project and to see exchange of experiences and good practice between higher education institutions in Serbia and abroad. My expectations were to a great extent fulfilled.
3.	Getting familiar with the student parliament of the Academy. The meeting exceeded my expectations.
4.	Effectiveness and conciseness was expected. Expectations were largely fulfilled.
5.	I expected to get more information about functioning of the Student parliaments in EU countries, but I was especially interested in hearing the presentations about quality control, since this is something which is very important for us if we want to improve our institutions and programs in order to survive at the market and be competative.
6.	My expectations were making the cooperation between schools of higher education even closer and making progress in establishing the Academy.
7.	I expected two things: a) to learn how European Student Parliaments are organized and to find out something about their activities and responsibilities b)to make a framework for the organization and resposibilities of the Student parliament within the Academy of Southern Serbia The first expectation was fullfiuled. The second; however, was not discussed (except within the presentations of strategic goals and action plans of the work gropus) so my expectation was not fulfilled in this respect. Maybe I expected too much or it was too early to have such expectations.
8.	I expected success in establishing the Academy. We have made a good start and I am very satisfied.
9.	All expectations related to this meeting are fulfilled.
10.	My expectations were to define the strategic goals of the Academy, which was fulfilled.
11./12.	Our expectations have partially been fulfilled, but since this is the EU program, our expectations were maybe too high, but certainly some new questions were asked and some new soultions were given with the view of improving the quality of work and the relation with students in the student base of the Health center in uprija.
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2 Give personal comments on the following items of the agenda

-report from the previous meeting

person	ANSWERS
1.	
2.	Precise, accurate, informative and systemized
3.	OK!
4.	No objections
5.	adequate
6.	
7.	Comprehensive and correct
8.	I have not been present at the previous meeting so I cannot make comments
9.	It is complete
10.	The report from the previous meeting is comprehensive
11./12.	From the previous meeting report we have seen that a significant improvement in the organization of higher education has been achieved, by creating the project's web page, by preparation of the Amendments to the Law of Higher education, and by expectations for 2013 to be a very significant year in education. The importance of establishing the Academy is stressed throughout the report and the Ministry of education and science is made aware of it. All indicates that this is a very important international project in the field of higher education and science.
13.	The report follows up everything that was discussed at the meeting in Krusevac. I do not have any objections to its content.

- Presentation of the student boards in EU

1.	
2.	Clear, with a lot of details, can be inspiring for ideas which can be applied in our country concerning their organization
3.	ok
4.	We are very satisfied with the presentations. They have been very detailed and we have learned a lot from their presentations.
5.	The presentations were informative but with too many details and too many slides. I have not been persuaded that such a complex structure is needed for the functioning of the student parliament
6.	They have not explained d Hodt method of collecting votes.
7.	very clear and picturesque
8.	Good presentations. The school boards function in the same way like in our country. The students are actively involved in the School organs.
9.	Comprehensive and full of information
10.	Presentations were on the expected level.

11./12.	<p>The EU student boards have a lot of obligations towards their colleagues, professors and their faculties since they take part in decisions on many important things like student fees, student exchange programs, exam organization, voluntary associations, creating various financial funds for helping those students who are not able to pay their own tuition fees.</p> <p>These student boards really protect the interests of students, professors and faculties so their roal is very important in improving the quality of higher education, which should be organized in a perfect way.</p>
13.	<p>Each country has its own model how the student organization is functioning. The presentation from the German student made a special impression on me because it put emphasis on the basic student needs (accommodation, food, transport, culture and help in managing certain procedures and in studying). Declaratively, our student organiozations are not much different form the organizations abroad. I do not know if the foreign student organizations manage to realize all the stated activities, but comparing them to the way our organizations function, my opinion is that our organizations do not deal much with the basic needs of students. Instead of it, they deal with high politics.</p>

- **Presentation of the student parliaments in Serbia**

1.	
2.	<p>Very informative, but could be supported with examples of real life situations of these parliaments, as well as differences in their organization and functioning and the problems that different parliaments from different schools of higher education actually have</p>
3.	ok
4.	<p>I think that it would have been better if the presentation was given in Serbian in order to keep the work dynamics and hold the attention of the listeners.</p>
5.	The presentation was substantial as well as the way of presenting.
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7.	<p>Comprehensive and good in quality but the way of presenting was a bit monotonous</p>
8.	<p>I am satisfied. The student from Niš has presented functioning of our student parliament in a good way.</p>
9.	Excellent, complete and very well presented
10.	The presentation was very good with a lot of information
11./12.	<p>Special bodies like Commissions or Councils should be formed for monitoring the student parliament work, giving it advice or criticizing it in order to achieve more efficient work of the student parliament in Serbia.</p>
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- **Presentations on writing scientific papers, methodology in teaching, launching a journal and practical training in higher education institutions**

1.	
2.	Useful and clear
3.	ok
4.	<p>Presentation about writing scientific papers was surely the best one during the entire meeting. Problems were presented in an effective way and the lecture of the presenter was effective as well.</p> <p>I think that there were too many unnecessary details concerning the presentation about the teaching methodology which distracted the attention of the listeners. The presentation had to be shorter with clearly defined problems and solutions. However, the way in which the material was presented was excellent.</p> <p>Presentation about launching a journal was great as was the way of presenting.</p> <p>Practical training presentation from the colleague from uprija was well done and well given. However, concerning the presentation from Vranje about practical training, I think that the presentation was well done but that it was better that it had been given in Serbian.</p>
5.	Each of these presentations was developed to inform the gathering about the things that other institutions do not do a priori and I think that in this sense the presentations were very successful. All the presentations, in general, had the problem with time, which affected the attention of the listeners to a certain extent. That way information is lost.
6.	This was very useful. I have not had the opportunity to hear systematized presentations related to these topics so far. Some similar presentations of similar topics would be very interesting for the following meeting in Pirot.
7.	<p>I want to congratulate all the authors who made a lot of effort in their presentations. As a graduate lawyer I am pleasantly surprised by the presentation on writing scientific papers which was comprehensive and studious. The way of presenting was also very interesting and it drew my attention although I do not write scientific papers.</p> <p>Teaching methodology or methodics which the engineers did not have during their studies nor did they have as a precondition for teaching work, has always been neglected. I hope that the presentation had an influence on them and that they should start paying attention to it in the future. It was good to hear the presentation but maybe on some other occasion since it is not related to the Academy establishing.</p> <p>In my opinion, the presentation on this topic was suggestive, confident and interesting, and it was possible to learn something from it.</p>
8.	I am very satisfied with the presentation of the professor from Niš who explained to us many things which were not clear.
9.	The participants made a lot of effort to inform the listeners about writing scientific papers, launching journals, practical training and methodology in teaching at the institutions of higher education in the Republic of Serbia.
10.	Presentations were excellent. The presenters gave some practical examples through their presentations.
11./12.	The work on writing scientific papers, launching a journal, teaching methodology and practical training seems to be challenging, confusing, complex, but is most of all useful and didactic. The way of creating one scientific paper was well presented and explained.

13.	Presentations about writing scientific papers and launching a journal were short, clear, interesting and without too many details, so my attention was on a high level. In Serbia there is a problem to organize practical training for careers in production since there is a small number of firms that actually produce something. Another story is whether the students will be able to see something in these firms and apply the theoretical knowledge that they have gained. All praise to the organizers of practical training who have to struggle to keep the practice alive, which cannot be done without.

- **Presentation of strategic goals and action plans on which the groups were working**

1.	
2.	Useful, inspiring but with a certain lack of managerial approach
3.	ok
4.	No objections
5.	Presentations were done in line with the given time and possibilities
6.	Useful exercise which encourages cooperation and sociability. Similar activities at the next meeting would be welcome. The only problem was that the topic was a bit unclear. More explanations are needed. I also think that the groups are too big. A small number of people do the actual work while the others are being philosophical. So more explanations, smaller groups and the greater number of groups.
7.	They were excellent taking into account the given time to make them and prepare them for presentation
8.	Groups were formed in a good way. The effect of team work was achieved which is very important for establishing the Academy
9.	The work groups did their job in an excellent way
10.	The work groups have successfully developed the strategic goals and defined action plans based on these goals.
11./12.	This presentation can be used and applied by all the institutions, that is participants in the project. From the strategic, to operational goals and action plans, the entire cycle of work improvement in the institution is made. This way is the way in which work should be done in the future and the quality of work should be achieved.
13.	Very demanding task which has to be put in practice

- **Presentation on quality framework for the improvement of the student parliament within the future Academy**

1.	
2.	Very good
3.	ok

4.	Personally I think that it would have been better if the presentation was given in Serbian because of the work dynamics and holding the attention of the listeners. I have noticed that nowhere in the presentation the culture of the students was mentioned nor their work in student organizations which would promote student culture by organizing student concerts, film projections, theatre plays
5.	Presentations were done in line with the given time and possibilities
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9.	Improvement of the student parliament quality is a task to be worked on in the future
10.	The presentation is satisfactory.
11./12.	A lot of work should be done in order to realize all the set goals according to the set plans and visions.
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- **Presentation of quality management at IPP and KaHo university**

1.	
2.	useful
3.	ok
4.	No objections
5.	Very useful presentations , especially the one of Mr. Andre Govaert
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7.	They have more or less repeated what is already known about the structure and the way of functioning in Western countries
8.	We have a similar situation. The standards stipulate uniformity.
9.	They are well done and it is useful to see how our partners from the EU deal with the quality management
10.	The presentations were well organized.
11./12.	Both presentations are very useful and well done . We really admire the fact that there is such cooperation and mutual respect between the elements in the structure of your higher education.
13.	Both universities have developed information systems which help them monitor the process of education and perform the quality management. The job that the teams for self-evaluation, quality assurance and preparation of documentation for accreditation in Serbia have are very exhausting since there is only one electronic form which is very helpful and everything else is done manually, so the possibility of making mistakes is great. The suggestion is to make tools which will make quality management and accreditation document preparation easier.

- **Project management, project website, EL course and the future project activities**

1.	
2.	Clear, useful
3.	ok
4.	No objections
5.	expected
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8.	The language course is very important.
9.	ok
10.	The project management is being realized, the web-site is being updated with new information and the EL courses have already started
11./12.	Web site is a good place to follow all the project activities. English language course is very important and it will turn out to be very useful in international cooperation and exchange of knowledge and experience.
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- **Practical information of the representatives from the Tempus office in Serbia**

1.	All the items of the agenda were realized. Presentations about student parliaments from Serbia, Germany, Portugal and Belgium were interesting and clear and the presenters did a good job. In general, I think that all the presentations were very good and that everything that was discussed is of great importance for reaching the desired aim. Working groups of the professors and us, the students have done their job in a good way which was approved both by Mr Geert and Mr Andre. Representatives from the Tempus office have explained many important things to all the participants, and their presence was very useful and significant
2.	Very useful and necessary, clear information was given, dilemmas were cleared away and instructions were given
3.	Very useful
4.	No objections
5.	Very useful information. Sophia Duki , a representative of the Tempus office was especially clear. She explained some very important issues.
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7.	They were incomplete and doubtful, by the principle 'you should know this'. More examples should have been given, more suggestions, more solutions offered to stop us wondering.
8.	They are great. Their explanations are perfect.
9.	Practical information was very useful for everybody
10.	The representatives from the Tempus office have explained obscurities about completing the forms for staff costs.
11./12.	Practical information just explained the essence of the TEMPUS project and the obligations of the participants in the project.
13.	It is good that the TEMPUS office is actively involved in implementation

	of this project since the majority of vocational schools does not have any experience with Tempus projects.

- 3. What is your opinion about the meeting agenda in general?

1.	I cannot emphasise any particular item, everything went as it was planned and as I have already said in the answer to the first question my expectations are fulfilled.
2.	made very well with interesting and useful topics; good dynamics of the meeting proceedings
3.	positive
4.	Personally I did not like the fact that the agenda was not respected in that sense that more presentations were given successively although it was not planned that way. It was necessary to put in a lot more effort to keep concentration which reflected on the productivity and motivation of those who were present. I think that , from a methodological perspective, continual bombarding with various types of information cannot be good.
5.	There were many changes, additions and rearrangements.
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7.	The agenda was excellent. The timing was exact with the planned extra time so that it was not possible to break the given time limits.
8.	It is very good
9.	The agenda was very well made.
10.	The agenda is generally good.
11./12.	The meeting was very useful for the application of innovations in the student base in the Health center and the exchange of knowledge between the participants
13.	The meeting agenda was well rationalized

4.What did you learn? Which part did you or didn't you enjoy?

1.	I have learned a lot by hearing and seeing student colleagues from Germany and Belgium and hearing the presentation from Portugal. I have learned how their student parliaments function, we have exchanged our experiences and I have accepted some of their ways in order to make amendments to the current Student parliament statute. I have also improved my knowledge of English a little bit and now I feel more secure in communication with foreigners.
2.	Topics about quality management were very useful as well as work in the work groups (determining strategic goals and action plans). Maybe the presentations should be written in English for foreign partenrs and presented in Serbian, to avoid translation which slows down the working dynamics. Also, some presentations were very long.

3.	I was made aware of new ideas and possibilities in the development of the student parliament. The work shops are always the most interesting part of the meeting
4.	<p>Many things were not clear to me about writing scientific papers but after the presentation everything is much more clear. This was also the part of the meeting which I liked most. Moreover, I learned a lot by working in a work group, as well as by listening about quality management at IPP and KaHo university.</p> <p>I did not like parts of the meeting during which presentations were given in a very bad English. I think that it was better that they were given in Serbian .</p>
5.	I got very important information about the quality control which I expected before the beginning of the meeting. There is no reason that I did not like any part of the meeting.
6.	There is a mechanism in Belgium which checks the quality of students' knowledge apart from the regular examinations. It is a pity that we do not have that kind of mechanism.
7.	The meeting was well organized in general and the organizers should be congratulated on it. I learned that we should fight for our own destiny and that the help aside is just of declarative nature. Money will be given if the results are achieved. There would not be any of it as there would be no Academy if we do not start solving crucial problems.
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9.	The entire meeting was constructive and full of information
10.	I have learned something about the methodology of developing strategic goals. I liked most the presentations about writing scientific papers, methodology in teaching and practical training.
11./12.	We have positive reactions to the work of school teams which work on the project, because good teams are very important for the work to be done properly. We do not have any negative comments.
13.	It was possible to hear a lot about practical experiences at the meeting which I find useful in applying to my working environment.

5 What are your expectations to be fulfilled before or on the next meeting? What are you going to do next?

1.	When being divided in the work groups, we the students have made a plan what could be done in order to improve the quality of the Student parliament statute, what should be changed , what should be taken out, what should be added. The next thing we are going to do is to write a new student statute referring to the old one and introducing the ideas we got from Simon, Vania and Monica. We will schedule a meeting where we will put our plans into action.
2.	Searching for the common platform for important areas such as: quality management, human resources management, examples of solving real problems of schools of higher education. Our future activities: better organization of the team responsible for the project implementation, task delegation, intensifying the activities with the student parliament as

	well as with the schools of higher education which participate in the project
3.	The items of the agenda should be set on time, the work should be more effective, the presentations should be shorter. The work on the editing of the student parliament rule book at the Academy level will begin and the brochures for the students will be prepared
4.	I expect sticking to the agenda in the future. That way we would be able to learn more and the work groups would be more productive.
5.	Since we are the hosts of the next meeting there are many things that need to be done before the next meeting and during the next meeting. Anyway, we will rely on what we have learned so far, and we will try to contribute to the meeting by applying the knowledge we already have.
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7.	Prior to the next meeting, proposals or drafts concerning management, financing...and other important issues that the Academy would deal with should be given according to which we should unite and function. The next thing I am going to do is to educate myself further on and pass my knowledge to my colleagues and the service I run (student service) and start applying that knowledge I gained in Vranje so that we can enter the Academy completely ready for it.
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9.	I expect the following meeting to be successful as were all the previous ones
10.	My expectations are to set more strategic goals apart from those we have discussed and to see the real possibilities for their implementation.
11./12.	To work more on technical things like documentation- Maybe student bases where students have practical training should be presented as well in order to make adjustments between the school bases and the student bases, that is to gravitate towards applying gained theoretical knowledge in practice.
13.	I will work on the EL course.

6 Additional comments?

1.	I apologize that I could not give more specific answers to the second question, but as I have already mentioned my impressions of the meeting are quite good, we have set the future goals and we have a vision which to follow.
2.	
3.	We should surely continue with work in the same direction
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7.	
8.	I do not have any
9.	no
10.	I do not have any
11./12.	no

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