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Annex H to QCM Manual – Event report template

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Author:	Dr Heather Sears
Event Title:	Enhancement of HE Research Potential: Review of HR strategies at Coventry University
Event Date:	20-24 June 2016
Event Venue:	Coventry University
Type of event: (National, international, press conference, promotional event etc.)	International event – study visit
Short description:	
Coventry University hosted a one-week programme for all partner universities, June 20-24th, 2016. The programme focused on researchers' career progression in the UK, supervisor training, research ethics and doctoral training. The training was organized for researchers from all partner universities and the goal is to enable them to share their new knowledge with colleagues back home. Participants also had the opportunity to participate in elements of the Coventry University annual conference, with a recommended pathway of relevant workshops as well as the choice of <100 additional talks, workshops and presentations.	
Organiser(s):	Dr Rebekah Smith McGloin Prof. Dobrila Petrovic Dr Kieran Fenby-Hulse Dr Heather Sears Kate Watson
Agenda:	Attached as Annex 1
Total number of participants:	24 participants from WBC. Attached as Annex 2
Links to further information:	N/A



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EVENT ORGANISATION DETAILS

Invitation was sent off to participants on:	01.06.2016
Information Material was sent off to participants on:	Welcome email sent 17 June 2016
Date of Initial Participant List Compilation:	30 April 2016
Date of Final Participant List Compilation:	2 June 2016
Total Number of Participants Invited	27
Date of Agenda Finalisation:	10 June 2016

Please attach the final event agenda and the list of participants. ✓

PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED DURING THE EVENT PREPARATION PHASE

(To be filled by organisers)

- to get in touch with participants and understand their expectations
- to finalise the programme wrt speaker availability
- to know where to upload the documents on the system

EVENT IMPLEMENTATION – COMMENTARY BY PARTNERS

WP-leader
<i>Please add your comments, if any</i>
Task leader
<i>Please add your comments, if any</i>



EVENT EVALUATION BY PARTICIPANTS *in percentage*

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree
The information I got will be of immediate use to me.	26%	63%	5%	5%	
This event covered to a very high extent the topics I have expected.	32%	68%			
I enjoyed the cooperation and interaction with the other participants.	63%	32%	5%		
The materials distributed are useful and informative.	63%	32%		5%	
The discussions were relevant for the participants.	63%	37%			
The methods of working were suitable for the topics and for the participants.	53%	42%	5%		
The overall organisation was professional.	79%	21%			
The time management was always to my fullest satisfaction.	32%	58%	11%		
The style and level of communication between organisers and participants was professional.	88%	12%			
I would recommend this kind of event to my colleagues.	71%	18%	12%		

Prior Experience of Similar Events – Overall %	79%
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Strengths and limitations of the event: please include comments received

Strengths of the event and contributions or activities enjoyed by participants:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It covered the topics expected; Handouts were very useful; organisation was excellent • It shed new light on the current state of affairs in both the UK universities and the Western Balkans Universities; all the presenters have been excellent • Lots of concrete examples, people who have experience; Introductions on a first day were marvellous! • I enjoyed all the contributions. It was very useful to learn about the research strategy they use at Coventry, the way
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	<p>they stimulate and support research capacities and resources, the way doctoral training and supervising are organised and also revisited when deemed necessary. It was quite interesting to learn about research integrity and responsible research and issues related to them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early and middle career research development - Dr Kieran Fenby-Hulse. • Collaboration among project partners and discussions taking place during the event. Exchange of opinions among the event participants. Usefulness of topics covered in a range of issues. • I enjoyed the presentation of Dr Kieran Fenby-Hulse about early and middle career researcher development and in presentations of early and middle career researchers by Emma, James and Doug • Discussions about differences between institutions and their legislation. Presentation styles and skills of presenters. • I enjoyed interactive discussion. Information was well placed and up to date. Speakers were excellent. • Excellent presenters. The latest information. • Very useful professional upgrade. The lecture can improve my further professional career. • Especially the postgraduate studies. I liked early and mid career research. It was very interesting the supporting of doctoral studies. • I appreciate the collaboration we had among all participants. The speakers were knowledgeable on the field and they provided me both the right information and hands on activities. The organisation of this visit was well organised. The dinner was great. • It was great to hear people exchange ideas, the opportunity to do group work and really interesting presentations. • Interactive work, excellent presenters • This event was well-organised and covered a wide range of useful topics. The best part of it were the discussions and also group work. Another strength of this event was the opportunity to gather more information on different topics at the conference and the opportunity to exchange ideas. • Excellent presenters. Good organisation. Wonderful facilities. Attending a conference was a bonus! • Well organised. Very friendly and professional team. Great team. I was impressed.
<p>Suggestions for the improvement:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No comment (9) • Everything was perfect • Presenters should be more informed about education systems of the WBC • No



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It should be longer so participants can adapt on new strategy of improvement. • To have the material in MS PowerPoint to send, at least one week before, in e-format • I really liked the event so nothing comes up as anything to be improved. • I don't think anything needs to be improved. • Participation in the Coventry Conference should have been guided better • Everything was very well organised. Thank you! • Was more focussed on project outcomes. Greater variety of activities.
Any further comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No comment (11) • No (2) • Everything was excellent! • Well done! • The time was too short in terms of days. Need of all presentations to send to each email address. • Thank you to the organisers for this rewarding event. • Thank you for your hospitality and open conversations/dialogues. The best EU visit so far.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS *(to be filled by the local partner)*

It was helpful to see the 'lessons learned' in the Liege event report. We included empty sessions in the afternoons to allow interactions among the visitors.

Lessons learned

- *It would have been helpful to have a briefing from the Project Leaders regarding the regional context for HR Excellence in Research at some point in the development of the programme.*
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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS CONCERNING THE PREPARATION AND ORGANISATION OF THIS EVENT:

(may be filled any of the organising partners)



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Annex 1

Monday 20 June			
13:00 - 13:30	Lunch		Jaguar Building, JA G28
13:30 - 13:50	Institutional Welcome to International Visitors	Dr Jean-Bernard Adrey, Director of the Centre for Global Engagement	
13:50 - 14:30	Effecting Change - The Coventry Journey	Mark Holton, Director Organisation Development	
14:30 - 14:50	Introductions and overview of the programme	Dr Rebekah Smith-McGloin, Research Capability Development Manager	
14:50 - 15:50	Developing Research Capability - Broader UK Context	Dr Rebekah Smith-McGloin, Research Capability Development Manager	
15:50 - 16:30	Afternoon Tea and Time for Discussion		



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Tuesday 21 June			
09:00 - 10:00	Coventry Context: Research Strategy and Overview of Support for Researchers	Prof Olivier Sparagano, Associate Pro-Vice Chancellor Research	Engineering and Computing, EC 1-02
10:00 - 11:00	Doctoral Training	Prof. Dobrila Petrovic and Prof. Anne James	
10:50 - 11:00	Coffee		
11:00-12:00	Tour - Engineering and Computing Building	Lidia Bombin Martinez, International Operations Manager, ECB	
12:00 - 12:40	Innovations in Doctoral Training	Dr Rebekah Smith-McGloin, Research Capability Development Manager	
12:40 – 13:00	Introduction to Supervisor Development	Dr Rebekah Smith-McGloin, Research Capability Development Manager	
13:00 - 13:20	Perspectives on Supervising in the UK	Prof. Gordon Crawford	
13:20 - 14:00	Lunch		
14:00 – 14:40	Supervisor Training - Taster workshop: From Supervisee to supervisor	Dr Rebekah Smith-McGloin, Research Capability Development Manager	
14:40 – 15:00	Case Study: Supervisor Development Programme from the Faculty of Engineering	Prof. Elena Gaura Associate Dean Research, Engineering	
15:00-16:30	Afternoon Tea and Time for Discussion		



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Wednesday 22 June			
09:00 - 12:00	Responsible Research and Research Integrity	Dr Kieran Fenby-Hulse, Early & Middle Career Researcher Development Programme Manager	Jaguar Building, JA G118
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch		
13:00 - 14:00	Researchers' Career Progression: Introduction to the Academic Framework	Dr Kieran Fenby-Hulse, Early & Middle Career Researcher Development Programme Manager	
14:00 - 14.40	Challenges and Opportunities for Early and Middle Career Researchers	Dr Emma Heywood Dr James Malcolm Dr Anh Tran Dr Natalie Garrett Brown Dr Doug Thake	
14.40 - 15:00	Introduction to the Coventry Conference	Dr Kieran Fenby-Hulse, Early & Middle Career Researcher Development Programme Manager	
15:00-15:15	Afternoon Tea		
15.30-16.45	Project Update	Prof. Dragana Cvetkovic-Ilic, Dr Milan Zdravkovic, Pavle Sekerus, Olivera Mijatovic, Olivera Popovic	



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Thursday 23 June			
09:00-09:45	Coventry University Conference: Registration and Coffee	TBC	Engineering and Computing, EC3-35 available for delegates
09:45-10:15	Coventry University Conference: Day 1 Opening	TBC	
10:20-11:00	Coventry University Conference: Session choices	Dependent on session choice	
11:00-11:20	Break		
11:20-12:45	Coventry University Conference: Session choices	Dependent on session choice	
12:45-14:00	Coventry University Conference: Lunch & Exhibitions		
14:00-15:00	Tour - Lanchester Library	Kirsty Kift, Assistant Director, Lanchester Library	Lanchester Library
15:15-15:35	Coventry University Conference: Session choices	Dependent on session choice	Engineering and Computing, EC3-35 available for delegates



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Friday 24 June			
09:00-09:30	Coventry University Conference: Registration and Coffee	TBC	Jaguar Building, JA G28
09:30 - 09:45	Coventry University Conference: Day 2 Opening	TBC	
09:50 - 10:30	Coventry University Conference: Session choices	Dependent on session choice	
10:30 - 12:00	Action-planning	Dr Kieran Fenby-Hulse, Early & Middle Career Researcher Development Programme Manager	
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch		
13:00	Close		



Annex 2

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