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Subject: Request for the extension of the eligibility period

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Eligibility period: 15th October 2015 – 14th October 2018

Dear Ms. Inmaculada Rodriguez,

I am happy to inform you that the majority of planned project objectives of the Erasmus+ project “Enhancement of HE Research Potential Contributing to Further Growth of the WB Region” (Re@WBC) have, as it stands now, successfully been realized. This is attested to by the documented project activities on our website (http://www.rewbc.ni.ac.rs).

Each of the partners has actively contributed to this. In particular we are very satisfied with the accomplishment of the following goals:

- 4 partner’s universities have received HRS4R logo as the result of the project’s activities
- 25 dissemination events - more than was planned - were organized
- At many trainings the number of attending persons was higher than it was planned
- At all times we have had a very strong support from the management of the universities
- At some partners’ universities more has been done than had been planned, especially within these activities:
  2.6 Promotion procedures improved
  2.7 Plagiarism monitoring tools implemented
  5.5 Establishment of awards for young researchers
  5.6 Mentoring system adopted

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Due to certain unfortunate events that took place at the University of Kragujevac and the University of Montenegro that had to do with their respective governments dismissing the rectors of these institutions, there has been a delay in a number of project activities because quite a few of the project activities have as the output adoption of certain bylaws and regulations, in spite of the very active participation of all the partners.

Also, the unexpected adoption of completely new bylaws in higher education by the Serbian and Albanian governments led to a revision of many of the regulations that we had previously prepared so as to make them legally correct and compatible with the mentioned bylaws.

For these reasons, on 12th August 2018 the Steering Committee of the RE@WBC project reached the decision to request an extension of the project implementation period for 6 months, until 14th April 2019 (please find the signed Decision on requesting the project extension enclosed).

Depending on your decision, at the next meeting scheduled for September 11, 2018, the SC members will have a very detailed discussion on the activities that would be done in this extended period and which are related to the actions listed here:

- Act 2.1 University centers and HR offices reinforced
- Act 2.6 Promotion procedures improved
- Act 2.7 Plagiarism monitoring tools implemented
- Act 2.9 Cooperation with scientific diaspora established
- Act 3.3 Young researchers trained on research methodology
- Act 3.5 Training on teaching methodology
- Act 3.6 Pilot Mentoring system introduced
- Act 5.3 Project results disseminated
- Act 5.5 Establishment of awards for young researchers

For the reasons explained above, an extension of the project implementation period for 6 months would be highly beneficial for a successful completion and increased effect of all activities. The Re@WBC project partners firmly believe that this additional period would be more than enough to ensure the expected results and to moreover exceed the progress indicators, with all activities falling within the currently valid project budget.

The following table contains the activities and the proposed action plan for the extended period.

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It is our sincere hope that in what we have presented above you see sufficient justification for allowing for an extension period so that we can make this additional effort to complete the job we have started together, jointly working towards the enhancement of HE Research Potential at WB partners' universities.

On behalf of the Re@WBC project partners,
Looking forward to hearing from you soon,

[Signature]

Prof. Dr. Dragoljub Andjelic
Project coordinator


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