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Intermediate Report on implementation of the project (IR)**

Dear Prof Mandic,

We would like to inform you and your project partners that we have carried out the assessment of your Intermediate Report submitted on 16 April 2014 and we are pleased to inform you that it has been approved.

In particular we would like to congratulate you on the results you have produced so far and for the activities you have implemented during this first period.

We are pleased to see that all activities are advancing according to plans and that no major obstacles have been encountered in the project implementation. All partners have been actively involved in the project activities and we highly appreciate the well-organized management structure put in place to ensure a smooth and efficient coordination of the project activities. This positive feedback has also been confirmed by colleagues from the National Erasmus+ Office in Bosnia and Herzegovina who have recently performed a field monitoring visit. In this context we would like to thank all representatives for the time they devoted to the discussions and for having provided updated information on the progress that is being made in the country.

We are positively impressed by the important number of publications and documents produced so far. The development of the five "Catalogues on Research and Innovation Potential of WBC Universities" and the official setting up of the five Business Support Offices (BSOs) in the participating PC universities are only some of the main achievements. We acknowledge all the activities carried out to establish the Western Balkans Regional University Innovation Platform (UIP), such as the analysis of EU good practices through collection of questionnaires, the mapping of PC universities' innovation potentials, the staff trainings, etc. We look forward to receiving detailed information in your Final Report about the implementation of this Regional UIP, which started in March 2014 and will continue in the next project period.

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We were pleased to receive your feedback on the recommendations formulated following the field monitoring visits of our National Erasmus+ Offices in Serbia and Montenegro. Nevertheless, it is important that these recommendations communicated at that time will continue to be taken into consideration, especially in relation to the project sustainability at institutional and the national levels in all countries. The importance to further enhance the cooperation with private companies and chambers of commerce and the necessity to develop/change relevant university regulations to support knowledge transfer has also been confirmed during the monitoring visit carried out in Bosnia and Herzegovina in April 2014.

We are pleased to know that an external expert has been subcontracted for the external quality control. We would appreciate to receive the reports produced by the expert together with the Final Report.


Furthermore, we would like to extend our compliments to the project team for the high number of dissemination activities carried out, including articles, participation in various events, organisation of info days, etc. The project website is very informative and contains relevant and updated information on the development of project activities and the results already achieved.

We noted from your financial statement that your spending level of the project budget has not yet reached that 70% of the previous pre-financing. Therefore, we would ask you to submit a new *Request for Payment and Statement of the Costs incurred* once you have reached the minimum spending level.

Should you require any further information, please contact Antonella Giorgio (Tel: +32 2 29 93218, e-mail: eacea-tempus-project-management@ec.europa.eu). We also encourage you to regularly consult our Tempus website <http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/tempus>.

We wish you a successful continuation of your activities.

Yours sincerely,



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