

TOWARDS INCREASED
AWARENESS,
RESPONSIBILITY AND
SHARED QUALITY IN
SOCIAL WORK



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A short overview of T@SK project 2017-2020

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T@SK PROJECT PARTNERS



- University of Florence
- University Complutense Madrid
- University Institute of Lisbon ISCTE-IUL
- University of Tirana
- University of Elbasan “Aleksandër Xhuvani”
- University of Shkodra “Luigj Gurakuqi”
- Order of Social Assistans of Toscana



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OTHER PARTNERS

- Municipality of shkodra
- The door, ngo, shkodra
- Casa pia de lisboa, regional public body, lisbon, portugal
- Santa casa da misericordia de lisboa, ngo, lisbon, portugal
- National association of education for life (shoqata kombetare edukim per jeten) ngo, tirane, albania
- Refraction association (shoqata perthyerje), ngo, tirane, albania
- Mary ward loreto foundation, ngo, tirane, albania
- Vircamp, consortium, europe
- Colegio oficial de trabajo social de madrid, professional association, madrid, spain
- Ministry of justice - department of juvenile justice and community - interdistrict department external criminal execution, regional public body, florence, italy
- Comune di firenze (florence municipality – social service direction), local public body, florence, italy
- Foro tecnico de formacion (technical forum of education), education organization, madrid , spain
- Municipality of Elbasan, local public body, elbasan, albania
- Conferencia de decanos, decanas, directores y directoras
- De trabajo social de la universidad española, academic education organization, madrid, spain
- Consejo general trabajo social, interest/pressure group of social work , spain
- European association school of social work, academic interest group, europe



Work packages for P6, University of Elbasan Regarding Preparation & Development

Preparation

- ☐ Communication of the Project Launching.
- ☐ Planning of the teaching activities, contextualization and first evaluation of the Albanian Social Services
- ☐ ICT preparatory structuring.

Development

- ☐ First theoretical and methodological training and updating
- ☐ Consolidation Training and Social Services good practises
- ☐ ICT developing and training

T@sk aims at reinforcing and modernizing the delivery of Social Services in Albania by empowering the Albanian Higher Education System

The aims of T@sk projects are essential for the **development of the Albanian Social Work system**, for its **modernization** and its **alignment to the European standards** of the Social Services delivery. T@sk project can count on the long lasting **expertise** of the University of Florence, the Complutense University of Madrid, the Instituto Universitário of Lisbon and the Ordine degli Assistenti Sociali of the Tuscany Region in the field of Social Work organization and evaluation.

The innovative aspects of T@sk Project

A changing Social Work environment: By pursuing its main aim, T@sk Project will enable the **Higher Education Staff** to **encounter the changing Social Work environment** by means of a constant dialogue with the Social Services on the territory. This synergic action will be granted by the many [Associated partners](#) that accepted to support the T@sk Project.

Highest level of integration: Our vision is to increase the **integration among the stakeholders of the Albanian Social Services** ranging from the academic staff to the social Workers on the field, from the central-level policy-makers to the local public administrations.

A self-empowering approach of the Albanian Social Services: T@sk project pays a crucial attention in the ability to evaluate the needs of the Social Services users starting from the citizens' needs and their narrative.

T@sk Methodology

A new integrated approach: T@sk activities rely on a program of **teaching the teachers and instructors at a peer to peer level**, with a program combining frontal lectures with practical workshops and seminars, including a **continuous input check** granted by the **involvement of the qualified Associated partners**.



First Kick of Meetings/ Florence

7-10 February

- First meeting of all the consortium
- Full description of the project and tasks for every partner
- Full presentation of the budget and the division for every partner
- Defining the date of the next meeting in Tirana
- Answering questions about the implementation of the required documents.



Preparation Meeting

Tirana/ Elbasan/ Shkodra

The meeting was divided into three sessions:

a general session in Tirana (5-7 March)

two parallel sessions in Shkodër and Elbasan (8-9 March).

Topic: Assessment of the University curricula in Social Work of the three Albanian Universities; estimation of the digital infrastructure needs of the University seats in Tirana, Shkodër and Elbasan; evaluation of the Social Services delivery in Albania.

The activities were carried out through: conferences, workshops and field visits to the Social Services and to T@sk associated partners in the three cities.



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08-09 March 2018 in Elbasan

1. Meeting with the Rector for the preparation and development of the project.
2. Meeting with the Mayor of Elbasan City, presentation of the project and the involvement of all the social service providers.
3. Meeting and the visit at the prohibition service , to know the legal framework of social service provider and need for improvement.
4. Study visit in the Department of Social Studies, University of Elbasan.



21 – 25 May 2018 First Training Session in Tirana

Topic: Theoretical and empirical foundations of Social Work

Participants: Albanian Academic Staff, EU University members; Professional Order of Social Work Tuscany Region.

The training session lasted 5 days. During the **morning**, participants discussed the scheduled topics; in the **afternoon**, the activities of the group will took place in the curricular classes of Social Work (Bachelor and Masters).

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The second session will be hosted by the University of **Shkodër** (15-19 **October** 2018); the third session will be held in **Elbasan** (10-14 December 2018). The overall aim of the training session will be to **stimulate a scientific debate** among European Union countries' partners and Albanian academics on the principles, techniques, best practices and ethical questions related to Social Work teaching and Social Services delivery, to **transfer the updated skills** to the **students in Social Work**, and to encourage the Albanian Social Workers to share the updating according to the needs of Social Services' users.

TEAM

1. Coordinator of the project
2. Scientific committee
3. Administrative issues
4. IT responsible
5. The Department of Social Work, University of Elbasan.



website

<http://www.taskproject.eu/universiteti-i-elbasanit/>

The Department of Social Sciences has been developing its activities within the Faculty of Education Sciences since 2004. The Department is composed of 9 full time Lectures and 12 part-time Lecturers. The Department of Social Sciences can count on a high number of structured collaborations with local, national and international stakeholders, where the students of Social Work are encouraged to develop their professional expertise through a traineeship period. The Department offers one Bachelor Degree in Social Work, one Master Degree in Social Services, and two professional Masters in “Social work with family and children” and “Test Service”.



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Answer

1. A Partnership Agreement has been signed with the Coordinator.
2. The project structure has been set up at the institution level (coordination & finance) and at the department level.
3. The objectives of the project are a priority in the institution because they directly affect the building of academic capacities and the provision of a more specialized and professional curriculum for students. The support of the leaders of the institution has been maximum.
4. The grant is managed according to the corresponding parts, in the separate accounts of each partner.
5. The work plan has been prepared and the reports on the developed activities have been realized. For administrative reasons these reports have not been executed.

On April 2019 The Middle Management Meeting in Lisbon

Goals: assessment of the activities carried out so far and planning of research, training and dissemination actions to be developed in the second part of the project. The first 18 months were lively and inspiring.

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After the successful conclusion of the first part of the training sessions held in Albania, a new phase start! In June 2019 (25th -29th) the first consolidation training take place in Florence. This training session consisted in an empirical update on the field application of the principles of Social Services. A range of selected best practices be visited in the cities of Florence (June 2019), Lisbon (December 2019) and Madrid (April 2020).

Visits to the Social Services structures and interviews with the Social Workers has been combined with a reflection on the structure of the selected organizations, on the professional profile of the Social Workers and on the replicability of the Italian, Portuguese and Spanish experiences in Albania.

Regional Cluster Meeting in Durrës (Albania)

22nd-23rd October 2019

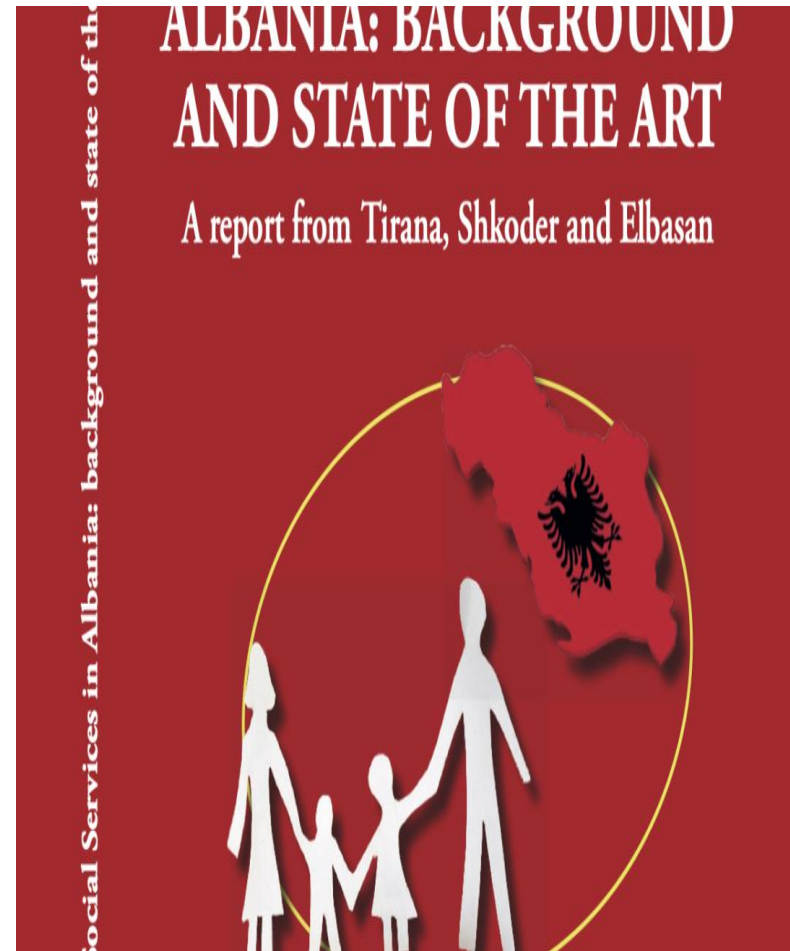
Representatives of T@sk project consortium participated in the Regional Cluster Meeting organized by the National Erasmus+ Office Albania and the European Commission, Education Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency in Durrës, Albania, October 2019, 22nd-23rd. The meeting focused on "Capacity Building in Higher Education projects' impact in the Western Balkans" and its main goals were first, to share information about the ongoing projects, problems, experiences and challenges; second, to present the future EU funded regional cooperation in education.



Social Services in Albania: Background and State of the Art. A report from Tirana, Shkodër and Elbasan ; Book Presentation (WP 4.2) Tirana, March 5th 2020

The main addressees of the present volume are foreign observers – both academics and experts in Welfare State studies – who wish to receive an accurate picture of the Social Services' delivery in Albania, on the main actors and resources of the Albanian social policies and on the challenges for the future developing of a Welfare model inspired by the European standards but respectful of the Albanian context.

The volume is divided into two parts. The first two chapters introduce the reader to the understanding of the Albanian current socio-demographic situation. The second part offers an unprecedented insight view on the organization of the Social Services in the areas of the capital city Tirana and in the districts of Shkodër and Elbasan.



In the speech taken on this occasion, the Rector of the University of Elbasan, prof. dr. Skender Topi, said that this book is an asset in the field of social services and will serve them well, not only to professors and students but also to young researchers. Without discussion, it will be a great help for social workers as well. “The Rectorate of the University of Elbasan, the entire working group of the Department of Social Work and I personally, have supported and encouraged colleagues and departments involved from the beginning in this project,” said Rector Skender Topi. He also underlined that “thanks to the T @ SK project, today the students of the Department of Social Sciences have in use an IT laboratory and in function two very important platforms such as MOODLE and LMS”.



Prof.dr. Skender Topi,
Rector of University of Elbasan.

WEBINAR The internship procedures for Social Services. A 3 days Training Session of T@sk Project July 2020, 22 and 24

Participation in the webinars organized by the T@sk Project focusing on the discussion of a model for the implementation of efficient and targeted Students' Traineeship in the field of Social Work. The 3 appointments take place in the week 20-25 July. Each webinar have a duration of one and half hours and has been an open discussion and cross-evaluation as on scientific as on professional themes.



*Internship procedures for the
Social Work university
courses*

November 25th 2020



“Prepararsi alla professione: la centralità di un tirocinio di qualità. Nuove linee guida” an online event was organized by [Ordine degli assistenti sociali della Regione Toscana](#) with the participation of Instituto Universitário de Lisboa ISCTE-IUL and DSPS Università degli Studi di Firenze.

Keynote speech: *Building a good internship to be prepared for practice* – Neil Thompson (Writer, Educator, Adviser in Social Work Education).

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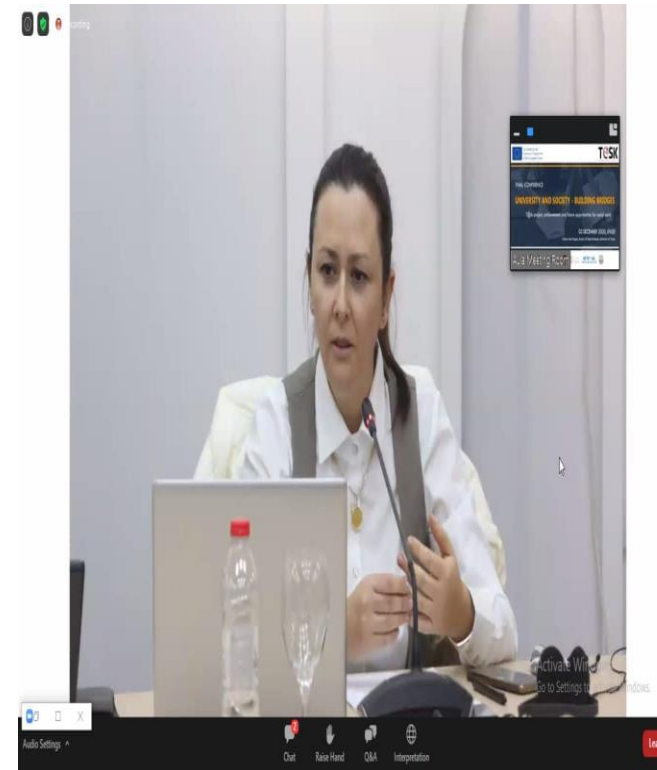
Final conference

Building Bridges between University and Society

Took place online on December 3, 2020

The conference "University and Society – Building Bridges" is the concluding activity of the T@sk Project. "Towards increased Awareness, responsibility and shared quality in Social Work," supported by the Erasmus+ Programme. The conference was organized by the Department of Social Work and Social Policy, University of Tirana, in close collaboration with project partners: University of Florence; University "Aleksandër Xhuvani," Elbasan University; "Luigj Gurakuqi," Shkodër; University ISCTE, IUL, Lisbon; University Complutense, Madrid; and the Order of Social Workers of the Region of Tuscany, Italy

This event brought together social work professors, professionals, students, local government representatives, and other important domestic and foreign actors to share and discuss the project's achievements and next steps towards the development of the social work profession and social services in Albania.



Finalization of the T @ SK Project at the University of Elbasan "Aleksandër Xhuvani"

For three years, at the University of Elbasan "Aleksandër Xhuvani" has been implemented between challenges and surprises, the project T @ SK, "Towards increased Awareness, responsibility and shared quality in Social Work". This project was the first of its format, which brought together three departments of social work in Albanian public universities in Tirana, Shkodra and Elbasan, who collaborated with the best experts in Italy, Spain and Portugal.



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