



**Vol. II**


**Prof.Dr. Skender TOPI**  
**Rector**  
**University of Elbasan**  
**“Aleksandër Xhuvani”**



**Dear readers,**

**As the Rector of one of the most important higher education institutions in Albania, it is a pleasure for me to declare that together we successfully managed to conclude an academic year which drastically changed in an instant.**

**I would like to thank the students of University of Elbasan for being brave and collaborative to adapt successfully to the transition to virtual teaching. I am aware that the exceptional situation was not easy for all but I am committed to work for an environment where everyone of you is treated equally and have respect and dignity**



**This academic year, we managed to organize mobilities, both incoming and outgoing, having the possibility to exchange experiences, curricula and knowledge. This year mobilities were different, due to the fact that both incoming and outgoing students had their lessons online. On the other hand, we missed the organization of important events like Erasmus+ Fair, or the International Students Conference. Today we are getting used to methodology on participating in events online and taking the best from each of the experiences.**

**I am happy to share with you the news and results regarding the Erasmus+ CBHE, where University of Elbasan is going to implement a new project, founded by the European Union, Entrepreneurial skills for a modern education in Albania. Moreover, for the very first time, at the University of Elbasan, is going to be implemented, a Jean Monnet Chair Programme, entitled EU Enlargement and Acquis Adoption Burden: Albanian Challenges.**

***Prof.dr. Skender TOPI***



# STUDENT'S STORY



**Adrijana Çehu**  
UE: Finance and Accounting  
Finance and Accounting  
@Ludwigshafen  
Hochschule

For me Erasmus +, is one of the best decisions that I have made till now. It completely changed my life, my thoughts and a part of my point of view for the future. I am grateful that I had such an opportunity.

I found really helpful that all the members of International Office at home and host university were always available to help us for everything that we needed. They were punctual and polite.

I would apply again for Erasmus+ Credit mobility, for all the things that I experienced, for all the new things that I learned, for all the new friends that I met, for meeting other cultures, for improving my communication and personal skills. I highly recommend to everyone Erasmus+.

Don't hesitate, I was afraid at first too, but now I am more grateful that ever that I made such a decision. It's one time in the lifetime opportunity, everything is worth it for this experience. We are young and we have to give ourselves this opportunity. If this experience helped me to solve a lot of uncertainties that I had for my personal and professional life, it certainly can help you too. So just do it and prove yourself!



**Albi Meta**  
UE: Business Informatics  
Business Informatics  
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For me Erasmus +, is one of the best decisions the European parliament ever approved and one of the best decisions I have ever made to be part of it (twice). To me it is one of the best experiences in life, I had the chance to meet and make new friends from all over the world.

The teaching methods were different and helped me to improve and develop more as a person. The teaching methods were a little different, and usually the German students do the test during lectures just for fun. The teachers expect more interaction with the students during the lecture and they make the course look like a conversation. If I had the opportunity to make another Erasmus+ mobility I would definitely apply again.

It is an unforgettable experience and it gives you another perspective about life, not to mention the different cultures and people you would have the possibility to meet or different places you could visit. It is also very good experience in your professional career "Erasmus lasts a few months but you will miss it forever". I would say to all the students, just do it, you would not regret it and the feedback and the memories you would get are priceless. Don't worry about the grades or the learning agreement and courses because what you're getting from these experiences it is worth it.

**Algert Bitroshi**  
UE: Business Informatics  
International Business Administration  
with focus on management  
@ University of applied sciences  
Ludwigshafen



For me Erasmus +, is more about cultural exchange rather than just studies. The chance to live in a different country

and meet students from such diverse backgrounds is the most attractive part of the program. I would describe my Erasmus+ experience in Germany as quite interesting and adventures. I made a lot of friends from different origins.

I travelled a lot in Germany and other countries did a lot of things that I wouldn't do if I was in my home University. I am grateful to our University, to the host University but also to the European Union for funding my studies. I can say that something in us changes during this experience. After Erasmus+ when we different and better people.

I will never forget this experience and the friends I made during this time. The host University is very welcoming to all nationalities and prepared for a diverse group of students. If I was still a student I would definitely apply again, It made me a better person in every way. Erasmus+ mobility, is a program designed for all types of students and I say don't hesitate to apply. It is going to make you more courageous.

### **Viki Metani**

**UE: Finance and Accounting  
@ Ludwigshafen University of Business and Society**



For me Erasmus+, is one of the best experience in my life. I lived, studied and interested about people of different cultures, race and background who became quickly my friends. I am very thankful to my home university for giving me the chance to be part of Erasmus+ program and the University of Ludwigshafen for making my stay there easier than I thought. Studying in Germany was my dream for quite a long time and I can truly say that it has been an unforgettable experience. The professors, members of International Office and Asta organization were so kind and assisted me in everything. Going on exchange is a real chance for personal grows. It made more independent and self-reflective. Is a great opportunity to improve a language you already know and also learning a new one.

Living abroad made me more interested in other culture and I definitely will apply again. Studying and living abroad can be challenging still interesting because of the differences in culture and new things to deal with. I strongly recommend to other student to take the chance given to experience new things in life.

### **Gerard Luli**

**UE: Bachelor of Informatics Economy  
@ South-West University "Neofit Rilski"**

For me Erasmus+ is an experience that I will remember for all of my life. Even studies, Erasmus+ programs are cultural exchange.



The chance to live in different country and people from such diverse backgrounds is the most attractive part of the program. Everyone that was part of South-West University "Neofit Rilski" was very social and made me feel very comfortable there. Of course I would like to apply again and again.

I certainly feel more open, more tolerant, and more international after being part of Erasmus+ family. I lived with them, learned their tradition, their culture and it made me to be more suitable. I am very glad and thankful for this opportunity. For everyone who hesitate I have only one suggestion: Don't think twice, APPLY!

### **Amarildo Korra**

**UE: Logistics Comercio @ IES Ribiera do Louro**



For me Erasmus +, is a great opportunity to live abroad, experience a foreign culture, meet new people and also improved my communication skills. I thoroughly enjoyed my experience with Erasmus+ credit mobility and also I learned a lot. The university environment and hosts were very welcoming

and it has left a positive and lasting memory. I would highly recommend this course to other students. It would be my great pleasure if I had the opportunity to do a similar programme again in the future. The knowledge and learning I took was extremely valuable and memorable.

### **Alba ZAJAKU**

**UE: Business Administration  
Business Administration  
@Sofia University St.  
Kliment Ohridski**



For me Erasmus +, is one dream come true. I have thought about Erasmus+ since 9<sup>th</sup> grade and now I am writing about my experience in Sofia, Bulgaria. The words are useless compared with the adventure I enjoyed there. I grew up and became more mature. If I could choose this experience again, I would choose it over and over again. First, I thought it would be an awesome experience, full of trips, with a lot of new friends, with more and more new things to learn, but unfortunately even though it was an awesome experience it was a challenge. I did meet new friends, Bulgaria has a lot of locations that you must absolutely visit while being there, I enjoyed as much I could. The diversity, it was the perfect class for every single student. You could learn, share, give ideas, receive ones, collaborate etc. Another thing that I appreciated was the academic staff. Professors were very prepared and they had wonderful connections with the students. Absolutely I would apply again for Erasmus+ Credit mobility. Because it gives you the freedom that you need to test yourself if you can handle responsibilities, if you are able to choose the perfect line and it gives you the best opportunity to grow and to be more mature. Do not hesitate to APPLY because you will never regret it. Erasmus + is the golden opportunity that you will always dream about it.

### **Anxhela Mersinllari**

**UE: Master in "Informatics-Economics"  
FEBA @ Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski**



For me Erasmus+ is... "A dream". I can say that my stay in Sofia under the Erasmus+ programme was very satisfying. It was surely exceptional and worth recommending experience that I would like to repeat. At first I had

many doubts connected with my trip to Sofia, due to the language barrier and numerous cultural differences between Bulgaria and Albania, but when I went there I felt like home. I would describe Erasmus + as the best experience in my life. It gave me the opportunity to study abroad, have fun, visiting new places, have international friends and be independent. There are many particular things that I would define from Sofia University but the one who impressed me the most was readiness and the hospitality of all university staff to help and welcome us. I would apply many times for Erasmus+ credit mobility if it was possible.

Visiting a new country, get in touch with its culture and *knowing new people who introduce you their traditions*, and to study in a different environment far away from your home and will be the best experience. I would suggest every student to *take part of Erasmus+ because it is the best thing that can happen to a student*; you can study, travel, have fun and be independent in same time.

### **Andia Lila**

**UE: English Bachelor  
English Bachelor  
@ Catholic University of  
Lublin**



For me Erasmus+, is an experience of a life time, which is impossible to forget. Erasmus+ can be called as "the best teacher" because it transforms you into a mature person. You are faced with a different environment, culture, people. This program makes you to be open to new experiences and you are ready to be independent which is something that everyone desires.

This Erasmus+ is a new chapter of your life, which prepares you for your career. I didn't

except that all the teachers would be so friendly with us; they never hesitated to help us in case of any problem. Mostly I liked the way how they organized the class, so all the students could be comfortable and everyone could express their opinion without worrying about what the others would think of. I am really grateful that I had the chance to be an Erasmus+ student.

I would apply again for Erasmus+ Credit mobility without thinking twice because I experienced it once and I know that it would be the best choice of my life and this time for my future career as the first time enriched me as a person. Students who decide to be part of this mobility there are no losers but just winners and sometimes it is good to take some risks because risking means one step away from success.

### **Elda Sinani**

**UE: Bachelor in  
Mathematics-Physics  
Faculty of Arts and Science  
/ Department of  
Mathematics @ Kırklareli  
University**



For me Erasmus +, is one of the most beautiful experiences. There, I meet new people and now I have new friends in Kırklareli. I am speechless for their hospitality. In Kırklareli University I learned new method of teaching and learning. It was a powerful experience. Living in Kırklareli and studying there is something that I will never ever forget.

Erasmus+ staff's, teaching staff and students, were very friendly and helpful. I want to apply again for Erasmus + in another country. Erasmus+ programme is an excellent opportunity to meet people, to share experience, to learn, to teach and to make friends.

You should apply to be part of Erasmus+ because it will be a nice experience. Firstly, you can travel abroad and you can visit different place. Secondly, you can study for one semester in those universities and you can exchange, compare and share this experience in hoe university.



### **Kristjana Braka**

**UE: Bachelor in Mathematics-  
Physics  
Faculty of Arts and Science /  
Department of Mathematics  
@ Kırklareli University**

For me Erasmus +, was a challenging experience and very dynamic one. It was the first time I went through this experience and everything for me was very different and special. You can meet a lot of new friends which they were very polite and ready to help for everything. During this period, in addition to learning a lot about the country, school, people, culture, etc., it also reveals some qualities of your character and how much you can achieve your goals.

Erasmus+ is a very good experience as you can travel to many places. The most particular at the host university it was their hospitality and well organized. Teaching was very interesting, the professors were ready at any time to help if you did not understand something or something needed.

Of course I would apply again for Erasmus+ Credit mobility because it is a beautiful experience and you can learn a lot of things. The only suggestion I would give to other students who hesitate to be part of the Erasmus+ Credit mobility it is to travel as much as you can as it is a very good chance to discover a lot of things at the place you are going.

### **Rahime Kolonjari**

**UE: Banking  
Finance @ University of  
National and World  
Economy**



For me Erasmus+, is the best thing I have ever done in my life and the best choice I have ever made!

My Erasmus + experience it was one of the most beautiful experiences. During the 5 months of mobility I learned many new things, both personally and professionally, I met new people and got to know more closely the traditions and way of life in Bulgaria. The



culture of this capital, the old historical monuments and the behaviour of the people of this country, amazed me.

The University of National and World Economy was one of the top ranked universities in Bulgaria. Cannot leave without mentioning the preparation and availability of teaching staff, the professors managed to develop every hour of the curriculum. I would definitely apply again, as it is an experience that grows you both professionally and personally; you learn new things about your profession and meet new people, who became your friends.

You feel more independent and learn to face life's challenges alone. I would suggest to any student to face their fears and prejudices (especially girls) and apply because it is an experience that is really worthwhile and that you never regret.

### **Imelda Hyka**

**UE: Mathematics  
Mathematics @ Universita  
Politecnica delle Marche**

For me Erasmus+, is an opportunity that changes students' lives. I would say that Erasmus+ experience is

a great opportunity for every student, even though I had to have this exchange program during COVID-19.

But, even in this period of time I agree that this exchange program taught me many new things about life, culture and the mindset of the host country and made me aware of being cautious about other people differences. The hospitality and discipline of the host university is what I found very special. The professors and the staff were well prepared and very willing to help me in everything I needed.

COVID-19 made the situation worse for the whole world, and through their help I managed to finish my exchange program successfully. I would definitely apply again for Erasmus +, because it's an opportunity that teaches you a lot, brings you novice life perspectives and changes your point of view. I would suggest them to take this awesome opportunity and in



order to judge something, first you need to experience it.

### **Ervin Gjeka**

**UE: Mathematics  
Mathematics @  
Universita Politecnica  
delle Marche**



For me Erasmus +, is a chance to be taken and an experience to be lived. I confirm that Erasmus + is a program that changes students' life. It did with mine too. I learn many new things regarding the culture, education and the society of a whole new country.

Even though it was a lockdown period I had the chance to experience and live many things. I liked the professionalism and the kindness that characterised every person in the staff of the university and every professor working there. It helped me a lot get through the situation there.

I certainly would apply again for Erasmus +. It is a chance that comes with many benefits. I learned new things, became aware of other people differences, and more open minded. I would suggest to the other students to take this amazing opportunity as great things do not come twice in your life.



### **Aleksandër Qosja**

**UE: Master's degree in  
Teaching Mathematics and  
Physics  
International economics  
and commerce @ University Politecnica delle  
Marche**

For me Erasmus +, is a chance to be taken. I am really glad that I was able to be part of it. It helped me a lot for my studies and also my internalisation. I was able to make a lot of new friends with whom I will be in touch for a long time and I got to have professors, whose advices are going to follow me always.

I think everyone should have the chance to experience this at least once. For me, this experience was one of the most interesting experiences of my life so far. The university was great, the professors and the staff were very helpful and friendly, but the most





particular thing in my opinion was the fast possible because in the end they will see transition from classical learning to online themselves grown professionally and learning, which happened almost within a few culturally. days and we didn't miss any of the lectures of the courses.

If I could, absolutely I would apply again for Erasmus+ Credit mobility. I would love to experience that again. My advice to everyone who is hesitating about being part of the Erasmus + Credit Mobility is that if you have a chance to be part of it, don't hesitate, or you will come to regret that, but what I can say, I was a little bit hesitant at first but now I know what I would have missed, and I am glad I made the right choice. I hope you take my advice and experience things for yourself, and you will see that I was right.

### **Eldi Bajrami**

**UE: Accounting and Auditing  
Accounting and Auditing @  
Universidad de Jaén**



For me Erasmus +, is one of the best experiences of my life. It is something that grows and improves you in every aspect. I changed my view on very different aspects of life, broadening my horizon. Most important of all, I discovered myself, partly thanks to the people I met, whom I'll never forget. I enjoyed so much my experience there. My Erasmus+ mobility was a wonderful experience that I will never forget. I had to be in contact with so many kind people from all over the world, get in touch with so many different cultures, visit beautiful places and develop my knowledge about accounting and many other things that need a day to talk about.

Everything went beyond all expectations that I planned. The most particular thing I found was online lessons. I did not expect this to happen. Online lessons were so simply to follow and were also a good method to learn better. If I have the opportunity to apply, I wouldn't hesitate to do it. Erasmus+ is such a wide program that can offer you many things that need more than a mobility to discover. It is hard for me to stay home. I want to say to all students My Erasmus+ experience was a really good and to apply for this great opportunity as soon as

### **Megi Zane**

**UE: Business Administration  
Business Administration  
@ Sofia University St.  
Kliment Ohridski**



For me Erasmus +, is one of the most beneficial experience a student can have and most certainly, one of a kind opportunity which should be take advantage. Erasmus+ is much more than just studying abroad and discovering new people. I am very grateful for this opportunity. I learned new things, improved my English skills, adapted to the culture of another country, met new people and explored the streets of a new city.

The architecture of the university was the thing that impressed me most. It was a very old building with a very interesting history behind it but I am a little disappointed that my classes were online because of the pandemic and I wasn't able to fully explore and enjoy the school. I would apply again because it was an amazing opportunity worth repeating.

An opportunity to learn, grow as a person and professionally, open your horizons, discover many things about yourself, became independent and responsible. It is an experience that should be taken advantage of and is a risk worth taking. The other students should not hesitate but rather take that risk because it is the most beneficial experience they will have in their lives. All it takes it is a bit of determination, hard work and bravery.

### **Klea Trokoliçi**

**UE: Biology-Chemistry  
Biology-Chemistry@  
PolitechnicaWroclawska  
(University of Science  
and Technology of  
Wroclaw)**



valuable one. Being in a country as Poland

gave me a lot of opportunities to strengthen my skills in laboratories and working as a team. Also, this experience taught me about a new culture different from mine. The most particular thing at the host university is the way how professors interacted with the students, which was a really strong connection, where both sides would give and take opinions and way how the professors would help you at any time.

If there would be another chance to apply for Erasmus+ Credit mobility, I would apply, because it is an unique experience, which should not be missed. The knowledge and skills, that I would get, would be different for different mobilities. My advice for the other students would have been the same one that I gave to myself. Do not hesitate, because it will be a good reason to try something new.



**Anxhela Ruçi**  
**UE: Msc Accounting and auditing**  
**Msc Accounting and Finance @ Staffordshire University**

Erasmus+ has been a great experience for me. Through this program I have learned many new things in terms of teaching in a foreign country, as well as the culture and tradition of that host country. I think this experience has made me look at things from a different perspective, so Erasmus+ has made me better person. Staffordshire University had a very welcoming environment.

What impressed me the most was the fact that all the staff of that university welcomed me in the best way possible. They make me feel like home. Another important part that impressed me was teaching. Every technique was modern, which facilitated my learning process. If I am given the opportunity, I will apply again for Erasmus+ Credit mobility because it is a worthwhile experience.

I would suggest to all those students who are given the opportunity to be part of this wonderful program, to use it in the best possible way, because it is a golden opportunity. For me Erasmus+, it is a golden

opportunity which develops us as an individual. This program creates many new opportunities, offers the opportunity to get to know different countries, different cultures and above all it is an opportunity for success.



**Kleo Agolli**  
**UE: Nursing**  
**General Nursing @ Nicolaus Copernicus University**

Erasmus+, It's an experience that sometimes you just can't find words to describe, you get to know new friends and create new friendships. University life is another thing, it will last forever in your memories as the most amazing months of university life. I had chance to see different places and cultures that really made me understand that we live in big world where is a lot more to discover. The University looks like a city within the city. The campus offers everything you will need for your studies. There are multiple libraries, a bookstore, classrooms are fairly new with good tech equipment. Erasmus in one of the greatest things that can happen in your life. I would like to participate again in a Erasmus program in the future for sure. Cause in Erasmus you know yourself better, you build a personality, you built friendship a strong friendship I can say.

Knowing local people and country culture is another reason. You will gain valuable life-skills and international experience to help you develop personally, professionally and academically and to succeed in today's world. As well as boosting skills and employability for participants, the programme will also modernise education, training, and youth work across Europe. For me Erasmus+, is one of those adventures which can't be forgotten.





### **Klementina Xhaferri**

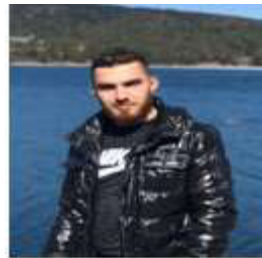
**UE: Master of Science in  
General Nursing  
Master of Science in  
General Nursing @  
Università degli studi  
dell'Aquila**



It was the most beautiful experience of my life. I am thankful to my home University which gave me the opportunity to be part of the Erasmus+ program. I have learned a lot of things that raised me not only professionally but also as an individual. Something in me changed during the exchange, and it feels like the person who returns isn't the same person who left on the journey in the first place. I came back differently, I grew up during the exchange. I felt like in my university. Everyone was very friendly and ready to help me with anything. Although in times of pandemics the professors were very available to help me with any ambiguities and difficulties. It changes your life. You can't miss an opportunity like this because by spending time abroad, you increase your curiosity about other cultures. You want to know more about foreigners and you're not afraid of moving from one country to another. You're more flexible culturally because of this interest in other cultures. For me Erasmus +, is one of those adventures which can't be forgotten. It changes your life. Is an opportunity that gives you the chance to grow.

### **Median Hoxha**

**UE: Bachelor in Physiotherapy  
Physiotherapy @ Bolu Abantlizzet Baysal  
University**



For me Erasmus +, it was a very valuable experience for my future. It was a difficult period given the global pandemic but I can say that we had a

great time. I am very pleased with this part and that I was part of the Erasmus + program which my home University gave me this opportunity. At the host university I found many important and valuable things. I met many new friends, I also met Albanian students who studied there, also the pedagogues were very skilled and very kind. I would apply again for my Erasmus+ credit mobility because everything was correct and in the right time. The students that hesitated to be part of Erasmus+ credit mobility, I would say that they have lost a very good experience for them and for their future. I would give this advice for the students that has hesitated to be part of Erasmus + credit mobility, JUST TRY IT, it will be a very nice and good memory to remember for your life.



# OUR PROJECTS

## **VALEU-X project “ Virtual Albanian European Universities Exchange”**

VALEU-X is a project implemented according to **Erasmus+, KA2 – Capacity Building in the Field of Higher Education**. The project offers Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in Albania a chance to explore, implement, and disseminate Internationalization at Home practices to increase their students’ and staff exposure to a European and international academic, economic, and societal context. A comprehensive capacity building programme will be developed and implemented to facilitate intensive know-how transfer between the consortium members to address the problems of: limited physical academic mobility, limited international perspective in university teaching modules, gap between learning outcomes and job market needs, and ineffective use of ICT in formal higher education in Albanian HEIs.

VALEU-X aims at:

Introducing and promoting learner-centered teaching and learning methodologies

Modernizing teaching practices in Albanian HEIs with innovative technologies

Augmenting internationalization at home with “Virtual Mobility

### **Lead partner**

**Technische Universität Dresden (TUD), Germany**

### **Other Partners**

International School for Social and Business Studies (ISSBS), Slovenia

Mediterranean Universities Union (UNIMED), Italy

European University of Tirana (EUT)

Epoka University (EPOKA)

University of Shkodra (USHK)

University of Korca (UNK)

University of Elbasan (UEL)

University of Durrës (AMD)



For more information, please follow the web site: Project website: <https://valeu-x.eu/>



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For the first time, University of Elbasan “Aleksandër Xhuvani” is a winning institution under Erasmus+ programme Jean Monnet Chair, with the project entitled: *EU Enlargement and Acquis Adoption Burden: Albanian Challenges.*

This project aims to raise the impact of EU studies within University of Elbasan, to create a forum for stakeholders and policymakers for an open debate and to assess the achievements of Albanian in acquis adoption, through planned activities, reaching some specific objectives in compliance with the Action. Furthermore, it is intended to create basis for future developments in reaching larger objectives like i.e. the activation of Master degrees in EU studies also as becoming a research nucleon for EU studies in Albania. The activities proposed, as teaching, research, events and deliverables, are interlinked to each other and help the correct performance vice versa.

The project has a duration of 3 years and it is mainly focused in

- teaching European Union studies embodied in an official curriculum of a higher education institution
- teaching European Union matters for future professionals in fields which are in increasing demand on the labor market
- organizing activities (conferences, seminars/webinars, workshops etc.)
- targeting policy makers at local, regional and national level as well as civil society

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## Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree

University of Elbasan “Aleksandër Xhuvani” is participating as an associated partner in Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree Programme on the Engineering of Data-intensive Intelligent Software Systems, *EDISS*.

*EDISS* will offer a unique Master Programme focussing on the engineering of data-intensive driven intelligent software systems. At the end of the course, a double degree is issued, by 4 universities: Abo Academy, Mälardalen University, University of L’Aquila, and University of the Balearic Islands.

As an international institution, we see this partnership as an opportunity to develop further our previous and ongoing collaborations with ÅboAkademi University, Mälardalen University, University of L’Aquila and the University of the Balearic Islands.

Also, University of Elbasan is supporting EDISS by:

- advertising EDISS programme and provide information to our students
- promoting the programme in local and national educational fairs and exhibitions
- promoting the participation of our teaching staff in EDISS lectures and winter schools
- strengthening our collaboration via other funding schemes (for example the Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility KA107 scheme)



# OTHER ACTIVITIES

The University of Elbasan, "Aleksandër Xhuvani", organized the event to promote the book "SOCIAL SERVICES IN ALBANIA: BACKGROUND AND STATE OF THE ART" within the T@sk Project "Towards increased Awareness, responsibility and shared quality in Social Work".

The T@sk project, is a capacity building project founded by European Union, aiming to strengthen and modernize the provision of Social Services in Albania by strengthening the Albanian higher education system. The main addressees of the current volume are foreign observers - both academics and welfare state experts - who want to get an accurate picture of the provision of Social Services in Albania, on the main actors and sources of Albanian social policies and in challenges for the future development of a welfare model inspired by European standards, but respectful of the Albanian context.

***Prof.dr. SkenderTopi, Rector of University of Elbasan***



In the speech given on this occasion, the Rector of the University of Elbasan, Prof. dr. SkenderTopi, said that this book is an asset in the field of social services and will serve them well, not only professors but also young researchers. There is no question about it being a great help for social workers in the future. "The Rectorate of the University of Elbasan, and two very important such as 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 Prof. dr. SkenderTopi. In his speech also underlined this great initiative "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. Edmond Rapti, Dean of Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Tirana.***

On behalf of the University of Tirana, greeted prof. dr. Edmond Rapti who underlined in his speech the importance of this publication in the Albanian reality.



***Ms. MeritaXhafaj, General Director of Social Protection, Ministry of Health and Social Protection.***

In the word, Ms. Xhafaj presented this book as a great scientific research that it is also going to assist the ministry, for the initiative focused on the "Social Worker's Order."



***Mr. Olti Rrumbullaku, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education, Sports and Youth.***

Mr. Rrumbullaku in his word for the occasion, emphasized the great collaboration of the Ministry with Higher Education Institutions in Albania and also congratulated the academic staff for this great initiatives.







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