

# NEWSLETTER #2

## “DEVELOPING RESEARCH AND INNOVATION CAPACITIES IN ALBANIA AND KOSOVO / DRIVE”

### DRIVE IS AN ERASMUS + CAPACITY BUILDING IN HIGHER EDUCATION PROJECT THAT INTENDS TO:

- Enhance the teachers' capacities and their methodologies so that they effectively equip the students (graduate level and beyond) with the skills to conduct independent research.
- Enhance the mentors' capacities to effectively guide the students in their research activity.
- Enhance the research capacities of the academic and managerial staff through study visits and tailored trainings.
- Strengthen the managerial capacities for research activities and innovation in institutional level by setting or strengthening dedicated research and innovation support structures (RISS).
- Promote research excellence and innovation by developing a network that eases the interdisciplinarity and cooperation among local and international actors.

## PROJECT PARTNERS



**Polis University**



**Polytechnic University of Tirana**



**European University of Tirana**



**University of Prishtina "Hasan Prishtina"**



**University of Gjakova "Fehmi Agani"**



**Universum College**



**Hamburg University of Technology**

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**AALBORG UNIVERSITY  
DENMARK**

**Aalborg University**

## WHAT IS THE AIM OF DRIVE PROJECT?

The general objective of this project is to contribute in the development of the research and innovation capacities of HEIs in Albania and Kosovo by enhancing their institutional capabilities, staff skills and networking.

## PROJECT ACTIVITIES

### **1. Presentation of The Gender Equality Plan and Code of Conduct and Ethics in Research**

The Gender Equality Plan and Code of Conduct and Ethics in Research, as part of the results of the DRIVE project, were presented to a wide audience of researchers and academics from the Western Balkans and the EU, in the event held at University of Banja Luka in the framework of WBC\_RRI.NET (Responsible Research and Innovation in the Western Balkans) on September 23, 2022. DRIVE project and the above results prepared by all the partners of the Consortium, were presented by the Coordinator Polis University, respectively the Vice Rector Dr. Elona Karafili, Project Manager Dr. Flora Krasniqi and General Director of NASRI Mrs. Mirela Muca, in the role of associate partner in the project.



## 2. “Hints and Tips on Research Project Funding” training, organized by the Office for Project Development and Internationalization of UET

On June 16, 2022, the Office for Project Development and Internationalization organized a training on research projects funding for the academic staff of the European University of Tirana, entitled “Hints and Tips on Research Project Funding”. This training is organized within the framework of Erasmus+ KA2 projects, such as DRIVE, co-financed by the EU. During this event the academic staff had the chance to learn more about the international and European projects and opportunities that they have to apply for funding to develop further their research ideas.

## 3. Study visits and workshop in Hamburg, hosted by Technische Universität Hamburg

On 4-5 April 2022, Technische Universität Hamburg organized study visits and workshop in Hamburg. During this time, the participants had the possibility to hear from excellent speakers from TUTECH Innovation Academy about the Competence Development and how they stand at the interface between business and research, to visit the Institute of Business Logistics and General Management and to learn more about institutional research supporting structure and implementation of RISS.

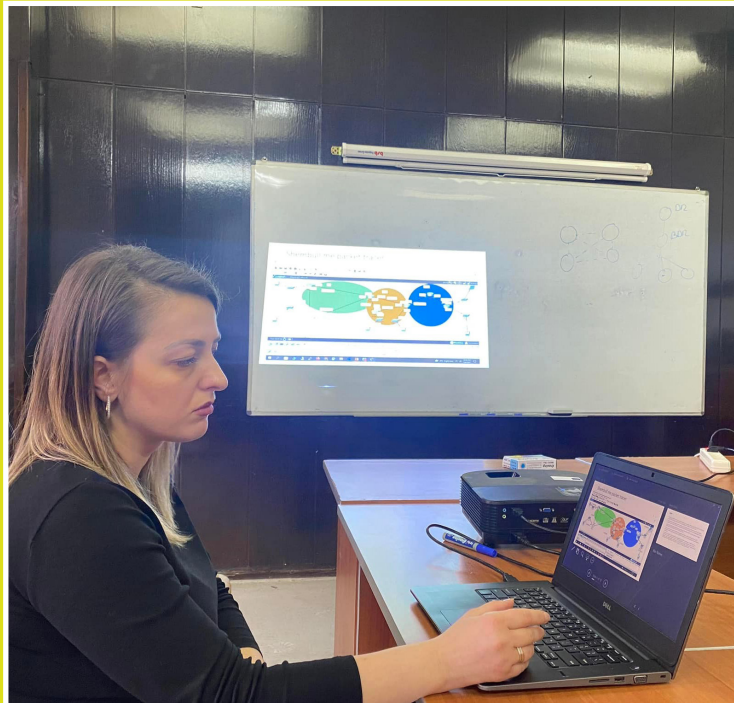


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#### **4. New teaching and learning methodologies implemented at Faculty of Electrical and Computer Engineering – University of Prishtina**

On February 1, 2022 University of Prishtina, presented some samples of how new teaching methodologies, such as Project and Problem-based-learning (PBL) introduced through DRIVE Erasmus+ Project are being implemented at BSc and MSc level courses at the Faculty of Electrical and Computer Engineering. During this training, students worked in groups or individually to solve particular problems or present projects within the scope of the course.

#### **5. Presentation of Drive project by Universum College**

On December 2021, Universum College representatives from Kosovo presented Drive projects and its goals, objectives and activities at the Cluster meeting on Challenges in the financial management of Erasmus+ CBHE projects.



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## 6. Workshop organized by European University of Tirana on behalf of research resources

On December 2-3, 2021 EUT organized a 2 days Training workshop on research management, hybrid model. Main themes of this workshop were:

- Managing an EU Project: tricks and tips
- Code of research conduct: Presentation of EU universities and practical approach to implementation. Presenting code of conduct and ethics in academic HEIs in Albania and Kosovo.
- Presentation of the benchmarking system & research indicators at Polimi, AAU, TUHH. Adoption and implementation of research indicators in partner HEIs.

## 7. Presentation of Drive Project at Klik Ekspo fair by Polis University

On December 1, 2021 Polis University participated at the Klik Ekspo fair to promote technology, innovation projects and opportunities for specializations and trainings. A specific attention was dedicated to Drive projects presenting the progress and activities realized so far.



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## 8. Visit study and workshop held by Aalborg University in Denmark

On November 11-12, 2021 Aalborg University in Denmark organized a two days workshop and study visits at its premises and its partners premises. Main topics and activities of this workshop were:

- Action plan for research.
- How we do research with external partners?
- Smart Production/ Reconfigurable production system,
- A study visit at Laser Lab Research.



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## 9. "Training on RISS staff" study visits and workshop organized by Polytechnic University of Milano, Italy

The Polytechnic University of Milano organized a two days activity including workshop and study visits. Main topics and activities during this event were:

- A great presentation from MADE Competence Center lider in innovation projects,
- a visit to PoliMi library Campus Bovisa,
- introduction of Fondazione Politecnico di Milano at Leonardo Campus, Politecnico di Milano focusing in development of multidisciplinary innovation projects in partnership with companies, public authorities and research centers, in Italy and across Europe.

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