

NEWSLETTER #3

“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



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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. "Training workshop on publishing, IPR and ethics" organized by "Hasan Prishtina" University

In the framework of the DRIVE project supported by ERASMUS+, at the Faculty of Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of Pristina "Hasan Prishtina", on October 14-15, 2021 was organized the training named "Training workshop on publishing, IPR and ethics" with participants from various partner Universities from Kosovo and Albania and trainers from European Universities: Aalborg University, Hamburg University of Technology and Polytechnic University of Milano. The training is organized in a hybrid form with physical and online participation.



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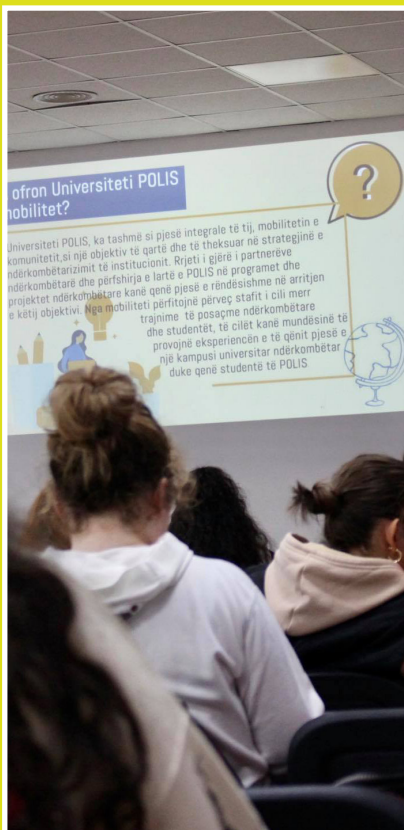
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2. Erasmus Days 2021 at EUT

The DRIVE project was promoted in the Projects' Fair, organized at UET during the Erasmus Days. Prof. Dr. Drita Kruja Nikshiqi - Vice Rector at the European University of Tirana- also congratulated the successful implementation of DRIVE. This event was organized in cooperation with project partners, stakeholders and relevant national and international institutions. The impact added values and connection to labor market is stressed during this event.

3. Erasmus Days 2021 at Polis University

In the framework of Erasmus Days 2021, DRIVE team presented the project in a series of activities organized in these 3 days, sharing the project to different audiences and stakeholders. Another event was organized by Polis University to present its possibilities, projects, and students mobilities. A specific attention in this activity was dedicated also to the DRIVE project.



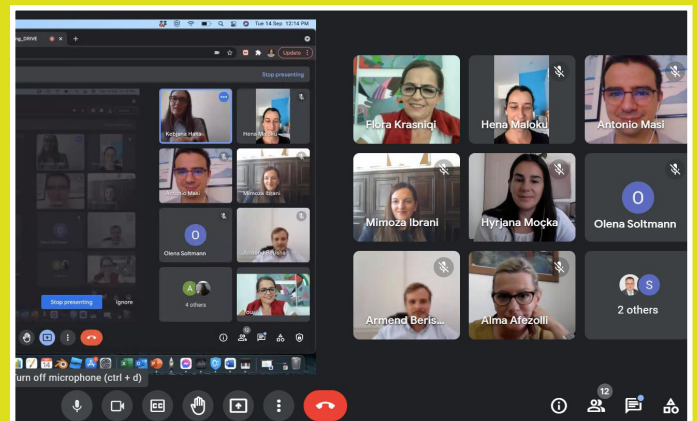
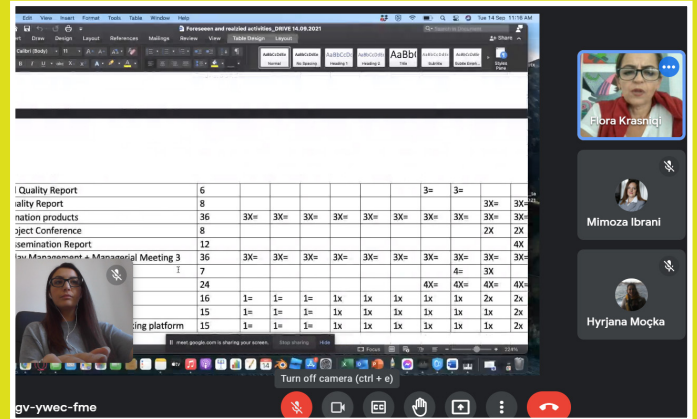
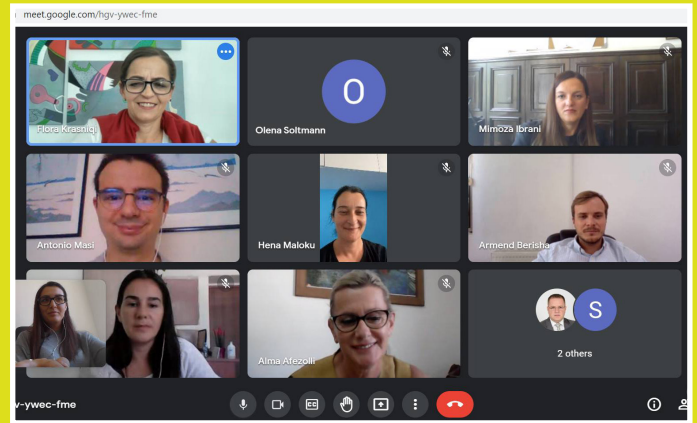
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4. "Sustainability and Networking Workshop" organized by Polytechnic University of Milano

The Polytechnic University of Milano organized a two days Sustainability and Networking Workshop in mid-October 2022. Among the main topics discussed today were: Sustainability plan for online networking platform and Sustainability of International Partnerships. The meeting was finalized with concluding remarks and next steps of the Drive Project and possibility for further collaborations.



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5. Managerial meeting of Drive project

On September 14, 2021 took place the partner managerial meeting of the DRIVE project "Developing Research and Innovation Capacities in Albania and Kosovo". During this meeting were presented the challenges we face due to Covid-19 situation, follow up information related to the Mid-Term reporting, preparation for the next activities such as:

- Enhance staff capacity for research
- Training workshop on publishing, IPR, and ethics
- Training workshop on research management

DRIVE Project

Info Day

Tuesday, 29
UNIVERSUM College



6. DRIVE INFO DAY at Universum College in Prishtina

Universum College in Prishtina organized the DRIVE Info Day on June 29, 2021 with key actors and stakeholders for the presentation of the Project and its objectives. Participants from various organizations were informed about the objectives, activities, findings and achievements that are expected to be achieved through this project. Universum College has also established a center for research and innovation which will help academic staff as well as students to produce research in various fields.



7. DRIVE managerial and quality meeting at the University of Prishtina

DRIVE team members met during June 2021 at the Prishtina University "Hasan Prishtina" and had a two days fruitful management meeting, where they discussed the upcoming activities of the project, the project supporting documents and project financial report for the first period of the project.



8. Publish or Perish Event

The European University of Tirana organized on June 9, 2021 a seminar at the level of PhD / Dr lecturers in a framework of scientific research methods and their publication. In this seminar DRIVE trainings and workshops held a significant and important part and helped easing the different activities organized.



HOW TO LEAD A RESEARCH UNIT/ UET 2021

Universiteti European i Tiranës zhvillon një workshop në nivel profesorësh për ngritjen dhe drejtimin e grupeve kërkimore



PUBLISH OR PERISH

Universiteti European i Tiranës zhvillon një workshop në nivel lektorësh PhD/ Dr në kuadër të mënyrave të kërkimit shkencor dhe publikimit të tyre



INNOVATIVE RESEARCH AND TEACHING

Universiteti European i Tiranës zhvillon një workshop në nivel asistent lektorësh mbi rishtet e kërkimit dhe mësimdhënies



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9. Managerial meeting of Drive project

On October 31, 2022 project meeting took place in the Faculty of Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of Prishtina "Hasan Prishtina". Each project partner presented its Roadmap of the Network and Calendar of Activities. We had discussion on How to enhance and improve the collaboration among stakeholders. During the second session the project partners visited DRIVE Research Laboratory at the premises of FEIK. Project partners had fruitful discussion with the invited guests from the industry, governance, national and local business at the premises of the Universum College, in Prishtina.

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