

QUARTERLY STATUS REPORT Q2/M18 2020

Recommended length: KISS (keep it short & simple)

Erasmus + Sustainable Development of BLUE Economies through Higher Education and Innovation in Western Balkan Countries - BLUEWBC

TEMPLATE

Title of the project: BLUEWBC

Report date: 16.10.2020. – 15.07.2021

These reports will be used by PM to generate the periodic reporting to EACEA/EU

- 1. Work progress and results** (*per active work package please provide a short status update, results and hyperlink to results, max ½ page per WP, per Quarter.*)

WP 1 (UV):

Status update: No change since M9 report.

Delay: No

Action (If delay happened):

Results (including hyperlinks)

WP 2 (VGTU/VILNIUS TECH)

Status update: DEV 2.1, 2.2, 2.3 are finished. Working on DEV 2.4

Delay: No

Action (If delay happened)

Results (including hyperlinks):

Hyperlink for WP2 implementation: <https://bluewbc.eu/single-wp.php?id=2> with appropriate materials in activities

WP2 Curricula development has proceeded as planned and all scheduled deliverables have been completed:

DEV 2.1 Methodology for establishing and updating curricula Based on the results of WP1 and discussions, VILNIUS TECH has prepared a Methodology for establishing and updating curricula, which aims to guide partner universities through the development and local integration process of courses & teaching/training materials. Despite slight delays in the start of the activity the results were achieved as planned.

DEV 2.2 Guidelines for learning development Separate interviews with the representatives (academic, admin, students and business) from UoM, UoT and UoV were organised. Due to C-19 they were held online which did not negatively impact the final result. Based on the interview results & findings of WP1, project partners prepared the guidelines for learning development. The activity was completed with a slight (1 month).

DEV 2.3 Course catalogues after the revision of existing study programs and discussions with university staff, partners prepared the initial course catalogues. 28 course catalogues compatible with Bologna requirements were developed. All activities were implemented online according to the schedule.

WP 3 (UoM): Establishment of I&E centres at Montenegrin and Albanian HEIs

Status update: Q2: Three PC HEIs decided to organise one joint instead of three separate public procurement procedures which was taught to be more efficient and provided better price for the equipment. Procedure was organised by the UoM as a lead partner of this WP on 29th April 2021. The suppliers for equipment distributed through 11 lots (3 for UT, 2 for UV and 6 for UoM) were selected and decisions on selection of the most favorable bids were reported on 12th July 2021 (DEV 3.1).

PC HEIs started up with the implementation of DEV 3.3 earlier than proposed by the project work plan. Conclusions of the Council of the Faculty of Maritime Studies Kotor (UoM) were considered and adopted by the Board of the University of Montenegro on 16th December 2020. Center at UoM is located at the Faculty of Maritime Studies in Kotor. Person in charge of the center is prof. dr Danilo Nikolic.

Like UoM, UV has begun re-establishment procedure on 7th June 2021. Center for Research, Innovation and Entrepreneurship is established at the Faculty of Technical and Natural Sciences in Vlore. Person in charge of the centre is prof. asoc. dr Kristofor Lapa.

UT officially initiated establishment of the I&E Center on 11th June 2021. Positive reply signed by the Dean of the Faculty of Economy of the University of Tirana was issued on 17th June 2021. Person in charge of the I&E Center at UT is prof. asoc. dr Mirdaim Axhami.

Delay: Yes /No

Action: (If delay happened) The intention is to finish DEV 3.1 and DEV 3.2 until October 2021.

Results (including hyperlinks)

<https://cejn.gov.me/tenders/view-tender/3142>

<https://bluewbc.eu/blogs.php?id=21>

<https://bluewbc.eu/blogs.php?id=34>

<https://bluewbc.eu/i&ecenter-uom.html>

<https://bluewbc.eu/i&ecenter-uv.html>

<https://bluewbc.eu/i&ecenter-ut.html>

WP4 UNIST Status update:

WP 4 I&E program and training of teaching staff and students started in July 2021. Estimated start date was 15/01/2021 but due to the COVID 19 crisis it was postponed. Estimated date of training events for teachers is October 2021 and for students January 2022.

Delay: Yes /No Despite the delay in start date, it is estimated that WP 4 will be delivered on time.

4.1 Teaching	1. Training material 2. Event	P2 (Chair and review	10.2021 - 01.2022	Training material should be submitted as a report form
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staff training	3. Report	coordinator) P3, P4, and P10		Event minutes should submit along with the report.
4.2 Teaching staff certification	1. Event 2. Report 3. Service/Product	P3 (Chair and review coordinator) P4, P5, P7	10.2022 - 02.2022	Event minutes should submit along with the report. An example of teaching staff certification should be submitted.
4.3 Staff training for new and upgraded equipment	1. Training material 2. Event 3. Report	P4 (Chair and review coordinator) P5, P6, P8	10.2021 - 01.2022	Training material should be submitted as a report form Event minutes should submit along with the report.
4.4 Students training and certification	1. Training material 2. Event 3. Report 4. Service/Product	P4 (Chair and review coordinator) P5, P6, P8	01.2022 - 02.2022	Training material should be submitted as a report form Event minutes should submit along with the report. An example of student certification should be submitted.

Action: (If delay happened): **None**

Results (including hyperlinks):

WP 5 (UoM)

Status update: **Not Started yet**

Delay: Yes /No

Action: (If delay happened)

Results (including hyperlinks)

WP 6 (NTNU)

Status update: Q2:

The Covid 19 situation has caused a total stop in travelling and many of the planned activities could not go forward as originally planned. The Quality Management considered weather the project would be able to continue the progress during this lockdown situation. Our judgement was that by doing Teams/Zoom meetings online and adding more meetings we would be able to complete the scheduled tasks for the quarter. In order to prevent delays the QM increased focus and follow up of deliverables.

Delay: Yes /No

Delay of the procurement, due to the Covid-19 lockdown. The delay is not expected to influence the completion of further deliverables.

Action: (If delay happened) **Monitor closely, ensure it does not delay other deliverables.**

WP 7 (UT)

Status update:

As the UT is the leading partner of this WP, the development and updating of all the activities has been a priority. About this WP, the following activities were developed which are also in accordance with the project DEP:

- Information is constantly updated in website especially in the news area, by posting all the recent activities of the project. Our researchers have prepared the content of the articles according to project activities.
- The UT staff has worked also to improve the design and content of some of the items in the webpage (Work packages, activities, etc). All the information and comments have been communicated to the subcontracting company.
- All the articles and information related to D&E sent by our partners has been also published in website and social media.
- All the information on project activities has been posted on time also in Facebook (up to now: 341 likes, 351 followers, around 33 posts, etc). Fb page is linked with the website for a better dissemination of activities.
- At this time, we have opened some new dissemination channels: new social account (Instagram) and professional account (LinkedIn). The Instagram account is opened on May 15, 2021 (in which we have posted all the passed activity and we have updated the page by posting all the recent activities). Also, the LinkedIn account is opened on May 2021. Since these are to new channels, we are working to increase the number of followers, likes, shares, etc.
- The staff has also revised the dissemination materials designed by UoM and has send to them all the comments and suggestions related to content and design aspects.
- UT staff has participated in all the project meetings and has reported regarding the issues related to WP7.

IN addition, some other dissemination activities have been undertaken during this period by UT staff:

- An article has been published by the coordinator of UT in May 2021 in Business Magazine Albania titled "Capacity Building through Joint projects: BLUEWBC at the University of Tirana" (both in English and Albanian).
- A bilateral meeting of UT and UoV was organized at the UoV premises for the purposes of dissemination of the project. In the meeting were discussed the past activities for promoting blue economy development in the region and decided for future activities and engagement with stakeholders, also the strategy for collaboration on improving the dissemination of results of the project.

UT, as the leading partner of this WP, has continuously communicated with the partners and asked them to increase the visibility of the project in their institution websites, to share the postings, to increase the number of visitors in the webpage/the number of followers in social media, etc.

Delay: Yes /No

No delay

Action: (If delay happened)

Results (including hyperlinks)

Website <http://bluewbc.eu/>, facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/BLUE-WBC-101342178137886>, Instagram page: https://www.instagram.com/blue_wbc/ LinkedIn account: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/bluewbc/>, email communication <https://bluewbc.eu/blogs.php?id=23> <https://bluewbc.eu/blogs.php?id=22>

<https://businessmag.al/capacity-building-through-joint-projects-bluewbc-at-the-university-of-tirana/>

<https://bluewbc.eu/blogs.php?id=28>

<https://www.ucg.ac.me/objava/blog/548240/objava/113170-objavljen-clanak-o-zastiti-i-upravljanju-morskom-sredinom>

<https://bluewbc.eu/blogs.php?id=32>

WP 8 (NTNU)

Status update: Q2:

The Covid 19 situation has persisted and most of the international travel activity has been impossible. The PMB has instead met via Zoom and reviewed the progress and situation. A meeting was held on 7th of May where further planning was up for discussion. It was considered that we would be able to progress but with some reduced outcome as project partners was not able to visit the I&E centre in Vilnius but instead had an online tour. If possible we will schedule a visit for 2021 to ensure this outcome is achieved.

It was decided to initiate work on WP3 earlier than scheduled since we could foresee that the work would take longer time.

The WP7 turned out to be ambiguously described regarding budget vs activities and this caused a need for clarification and meetings were held between partners regarding this.

Delay: Yes /No

No delays yet, but the PMB is aware that delays can easily happen if project members are infected or if our partner locations experience lockdown that disrupt our planned activities. Luckily the partners Montenegro and Albania have been able to meet regionally in this stressful period.

Action: (If delay happened)

No delay in this quarter, but the PMB could see that delays would be likely if Covid-19 situation comes under control

Results (including hyperlinks)

Contracts signed. Minutes of meeting. D 1.1 ready for internal review. Grant 1st instalment distributed to partners.