

**LEGAL REFORM AND EU ENLARGEMENT – TRANSFER OF
EXPERIENCES: THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE INTEREULAWEAST
TEMPUS PROJECT AS CONTRIBUTION TO THE EUROPEAN HIGH
EDUCATION AREA AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BEST
BOLOGNA STANDARDS**

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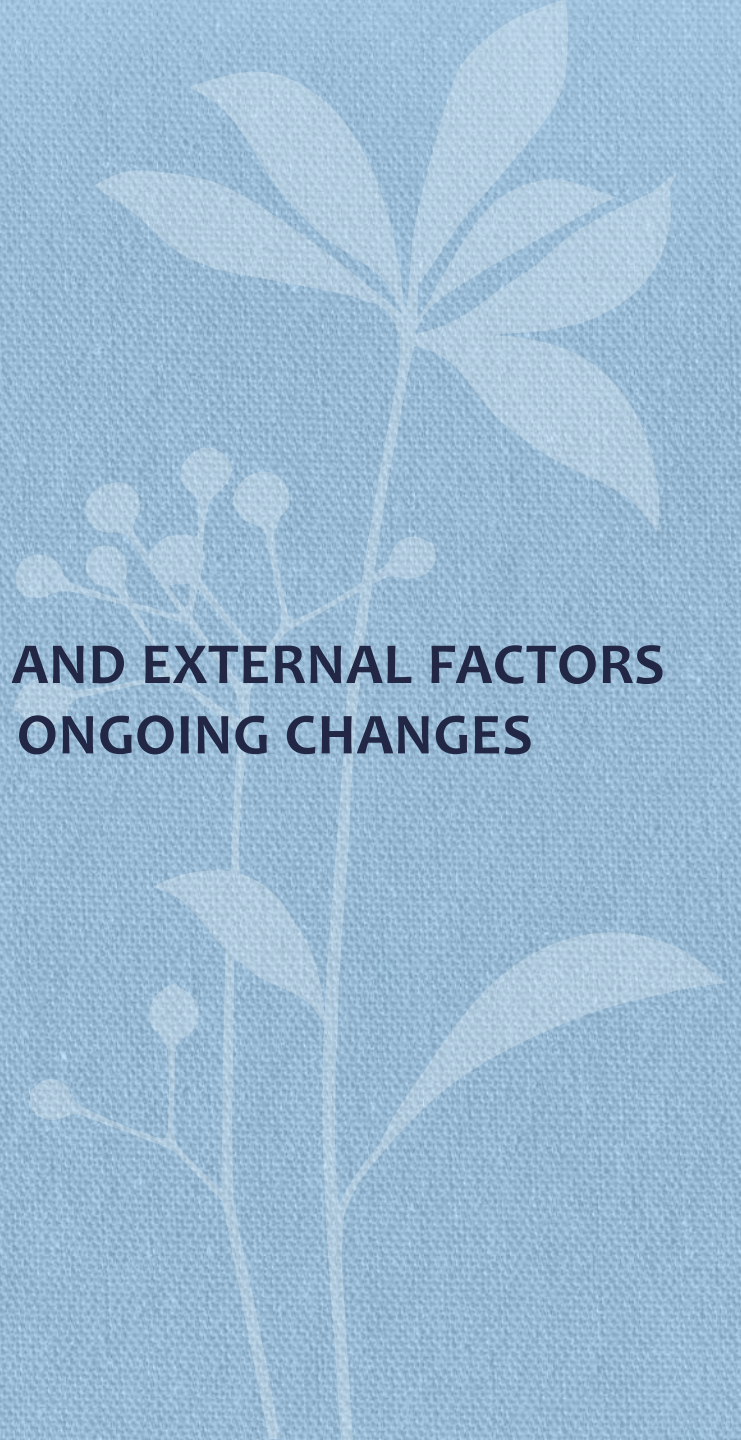
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FROM ITS BEGINNINGS TO SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION

- **October 2013** – proposal approved by EACEA
- **February 2014** – 1st International Conference in Maribor and Zagreb Meeting with Master Students
- In Maribor consortium held **first curricula analysis meeting** as starting point in further discussion on joint master programme
- Agreed: **2 master programmes due to different national legislations – course syllabuses preparation started**
- During project's lifetime: several **conferences** and **project meetings**, one **handbook** and **two textbooks**, one **academic journal**, one **scholarship mechanism**, several **workshops** and **two advance courses**, **five guest lectures** by EU experts, **two intercoachings...**

**THE PROJECT IS FLEXIBLE TO INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL FACTORS
AND CHALLENGES, ADAPTABLE TO ONGOING CHANGES**





Ivan Turgenev

(in *Fathers and Sons* in 1861)

"The drawing shows me at one glance what might be spread over ten pages in a book"

Napoleon Bonaparte

„Un bon croquis vaut mieux qu'un long discours"

WP.1. CURRICULA DEVELOPMENT IN INTERNATIONAL AND EU LAW

- First curricula meeting took place in Maribor
- Curricula analysis prepared as basis for preparation of syllabuses
- Final draft discussed and approved at Kazan Conference in November 2014
- Five guest lectures held: Voronezh, Tyumen, Kazan and Odessa
- D. Kennedy – workshop on **learning outcomes** in May 2015 in Voronezh – independent evaluation of the master programme
 - **INTRODUCTION OF BEST BOLOGNA STANDARDS INTO THE MASTER PROGRAM**



WP.2. CREATION OF CENTRES FOR EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL LAW „TEMPUS”

- Zagreb, Odessa and Voronezh Tempus centres
- Odessa TC opened in September 2014 *via* Skype – **proof of Project's flexibility even in exceptional circumstances**
- Venues for research and development of careers
- Targeted at master students
- Websites established and regularly updated
- Will ensure sustainability of project's results
- Equipment bought – improvement of study environment for young researchers



WP.3. CAPACITY BUILDING FOR MASTER TUTORS

- Advance Summer Course in European Market Law – Zagreb, June 2014
- Advance Course in European Company Law – Odessa, November 2015
- Lectures, searching databases and case studies on modern issues of EU integration and EU law
- Enhancing networking among co-beneficiaries
- **Introducing young researchers to contemporary problems of market freedoms**
- **Basis for creation and development of master programme**
- **Handbook in EU Market Law - deliverable**



WP.4. IMPLEMENTATION OF CURRICULA

- Local accreditation has successfully been put in place at all PC universities
- Spring/Summer 2015 - PC universities organised student fairs and selected primary set of students „criteria of excellence”



SCHOLARSHIP MECHANISM WAS SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTED IN PERIOD FEBRUARY - APRIL 2016 IN ZAGREB (10 BEST STUDENTS)



WP.5. DISSEMINATION



Conferences

- **February 2014** – 1st International Conference took place in Maribor – opportunity to meet, opportunity for young researchers to present their PhD thesis
- **November 2014** – 2nd International Conference took place in Kazan – EU integration, WTO, lobbying services, EU state of play, education and research area, intercultural business communication, globalization...
- **March 2016** – 3rd International Conference took place in Zagreb – Digital Single Market Strategy
- **July 2016** - Final International Conference took place in Maribor – Tempus achievements in context of Bologna standards
- **Papers are published in the Journal and all presentations are made available for on-line download**

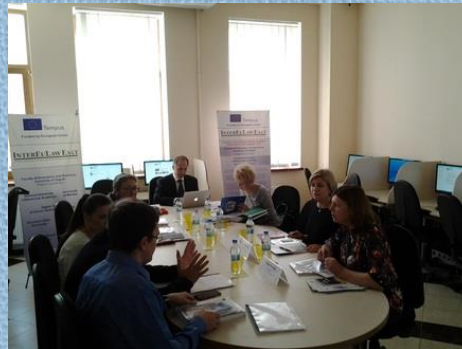
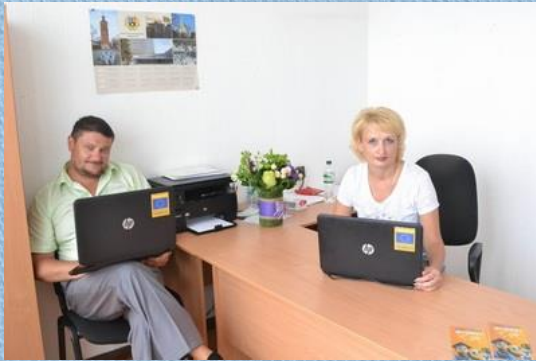
InterEULawEast Journal

- 4 issues, two per year
- **International** editorial boards
- More than **30 professional and scientific papers**
- Authors from the EU, Russia, Ukraine...
- Indexed in Business Source Corporate and Business Source Complete – **EBSCO collections**, Croatian Hrčak database
- Platform for PCs authors, in particular, young researchers and students to disseminate their research among wider, international public
- Dissemination tool for conference papers



WP.6. PROJECT MANAGEMENT

- 6 Project Coordination Meetings
- Day-to-day communication to partners *via* e-mail, Skype or phone
- InterLaw Management Group established at kick-off meeting in February 2014 (Zagreb)
- Three field monitoring visits – „financial management has been put in place”
- Equipment bought!



- Umbrella webpage and co-beneficiaries' webpages have been created and updated
- Project Book has been prepared and shall be presented **today!**
- **Regular communication to EACEA**
- In spite of challenges which Project had to face with during 2014 and 2015, no major difficulties arose



WP. 7. QUALITY CONTROL

- Internal Evaluation Committee – Prof. Dr. Rajko Knez in charge
- LFM report sample drafted in July 2014 and regular LFM reporting procedure takes place every 3 months *via* e-mail
- LFM reports have been introduced due to some shortcomings of Logical Framework Matrix
- Quality and quantity indicators have been put in place!
- **Students also included in evaluation process**
- Efficient and transparent way of control over Project's implementation
- **LFM joint reports are published at umbrella webpage**

Our external experts...



Evaluation of Project's implementation has been done by two independent experts: **Peter Van Elsuwege**, professor of European Union law at Ghent University and **Pierre Tifine**, professor of Public Law in the University of Lorraine.

2 mid-term evaluation reports have been published at umbrella webpage.

Last external evaluation report!

„In terms of project management (WP 6), **the coordinators responded flexibly** to external factors (such as the crisis in Ukraine) and internal challenges (such as accreditation requirements in Russia and Ukraine) (for further comments, see last year's implementation report). **In the year 2015, further progress was made with respect to project implementation. Of particular significance** are the steps towards **local accreditation of the master programmes in European and International Law at the National University “Odessa Law Academy”, Voronezh university and Kazan university (WP4)**. The new master programmes have been presented at student fairs which were attended by around **200 potentially interested students**. At Voronezh university, twelve students already enrolled at the new master programme. Efforts were made to improve curriculum development in line with the Bologna process (WP 1 and 3). This included, amongst others, the organisation of a methodological workshop on ‘writing and using learning outcomes: a practical guide’ in Voronezh (May 2015) and an advanced course on European company law in Odessa (November 2015). **The Tempus centra in Zagreb, Voronezh and Odessa are fully operational (WP 2). As far as dissemination is concerned (WP5), all activities of the consortium are regularly published on the project’s umbrella website.** In addition, **the webpages of all co-beneficiary institutions crossrefer to the project’s website.** A new issue of the InterEULawEast Journal for International and European Law was published in 2015 and a textbook on European law is in preparation. In terms of project management (WP 6), a project coordination meeting was organised in Riga (March 2015). **In addition, the project coordinator and the co-beneficiary institutions entertain frequent contacts to ensure the smooth implementation of the project. Mechanisms for internal and external quality control (WP 5) are established and function in accordance with the work programme.”**

PROOF OF GOOD AND FRUITFUL COOPERATION

WP. 8. SUSTAINABILITY



- InterEULawEast deliverables and good cooperation experiences are something that should be kept
- „As a flower which should be watered after it has grown up”

How are we going to achieve sustainability?



PUBLICATIONS, JOURNAL, EU
PROEJCTS, COOPERATION
AGREEMENTS!

RECENT ACTIVITIES AND FORTHCOMING ONES...

- Joint textbook **LAW OF THE EUROPEAN UNION** – result of team work of PCs authors, editors and EU reviewers
- Comprehensive overview of relevant EU law and development of EU integration
- Expected institutional and financial support to Tempus centres and The Journal
- FEB UNIZG good practice – co-financing new issues of the Journal
- Memorandums of Understanding signed by PCs institutions and FEB UNIZG – guarantee of long-term cooperation
- **FEB UNIZG and some consortium members have already applied for some EU funded projects (Erasmus+, K1...)**



INTEGRATION OF STUDENTS – THE BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENT AND TEMPUS INVESTMENT IN FUTURE?



SCHOLARSHIP MECHANISM

- SCHOLARSHIP MECHANISM WAS SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTED IN PERIOD FEBRUARY - APRIL 2016 IN ZAGREB (10 BEST STUDENTS)
- **AIM: Creation of generation of successful master degree recipients who will be able to use knowledge, experience and social contacts in their following professional activities**
- 2 months study programme in commercial and company law, EU law...
- **Visit to Croatian Parliament and Commercial Court Zagreb**



Student participation

- In February 2016 workshop on searching databases organised
- Students took active part in classes and seminars
- Preparation of essays (individual and group work)
- Visit to CRO judicial/legislative institutions
- Active participation at 3rd Conference on Digital Market
- **Great presentations!**
- **Excellent language skills**
- Tyumen, Kazan, Donetsk and Odessa students published professional and scientific articles in last issue of the Journal – excellent achievement, proof of hard work, respect for citation rules and Bologna standards of student-centered approach
- Last but not least – articles are available in EBSCO collections- excellent reference for future academic and professional careers

RESULT

- All ten students have successfully passed the course and fulfilled other obligations
- Obtained certificate of enrollment and ECTS earned!
- Fully recognized at their home institutions
- **Improved knowledge, legal writing and communication skills, oral presentation skills, international experience, social networking, Croatian culture, participation at international conference, reference in international known collection of papers**

IN THE END...



Big hello from Tempus team!





**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION (ALL THESE
YEARS)!**

**YOUR PROJECT COORDINATOR AND ZAGREB
TEAM**