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Erasmus+ Consortium «Uniadrión Italy»

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WHAT? → The Consortium Erasmus+ was accredited to implement student and staff mobilities in the Adriatic-Ionian area

WHY? → To strengthen/structure student and staff mobility in the Adriatic-Ionian area with the final aim of facing the existing problems/challenges and supporting the development of the area

WHO? → The Partnership is composed of the 13 Italian universities members of UniAdrion
(at the time of first accreditation)



The Erasmus+ Consortium «Uniadrion Italy» is an Erasmus+ project - Key Action 1: **Learning mobility for individuals**

Erasmus+ Call 2020

KA108 → submitted request
for the Consortium
ACCREDITATION



KA107 → submitted
request for student and staff
MOBILITY SCHOLARSHIPS
Partner Countries

KA103 → submitted request for student
and staff MOBILITY SCHOLARSHIPS
Programme Countries



Croatia, Greece, Serbia, Slovenia



**Albania, Bosnia-
Herzegovina, Montenegro**



Geo-political changes in the Adriatic-Ionian area



2000 → «Ancona Declaration»

strengthening regional cooperation helps to promote political and economic stability, thus creating a solid base for the process of European integration



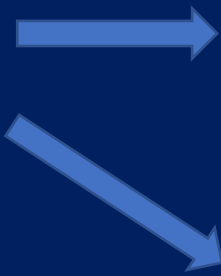
1999/2000 → the 3 Fora of civil society started to operate in the area



2014 → The European Council officially recognized the third European macro-region: *work together on the areas of common interest for the benefit of each country and the whole region*



2015



The Erasmus+ Programme extended the mobilities to extra EU countries (Partner Countries)

Italian universities started to implement student and staff mobilities with extra EU countries from the Western Balkans and to submit projects to acquire funds, which are granted on a competitive basis

Main critical issues:

- **NO structured mobility** (Patchy mobilities)
- **NO continuity** (Funds not granted every year to the same universities over the period 2015-2020)
- **NO awareness** (Why mobilities to Albania and not to the USA? Why could mobilities in the Adriatic-Ionian area be important?)



CHALLENGES

of international mobility in the Adriatic-Ionian area

- Italian students → **scarce attractiveness** of universities from the Western Balkans
- Students/staff from the Western Balkans → low level of **regional cooperation**
- Students from the Western Balkans → **brain drain**
- Students/staff from Italy and from the Western Balkans → **scarce awareness** about the EUSAIR

Why was an Erasmus+ Consortium necessary?



To face challenges that could not be approached through bilateral relationships



SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES RELATED TO CHALLENGES:

- Increase the level of **attractiveness** of universities from the Western Balkans by mapping the didactic offer and services offered to international students
- Stimulate **regional cooperation** between universities of the Adriatic-Ionian region
- Stimulate **mobility within the region** as an opportunity for personal and professional growth, usable after studies, to counter the **brain drain** phenomenon and promote the growth of the region
- Promote the acceptance of current geo-political changes of the area and increase the **awareness** about the EUSAIR topics

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1. Marche Polytechnic University (Coordinator)
2. University of Bologna
3. University of Camerino
4. University of Ferrara
5. University of Macerata
6. University of Messina
7. University of Milan – Bicocca
8. University of Padua
9. University of Teramo
10. University of Trieste
11. University of Udine
12. University of Urbino
13. University of Venice Ca' Foscari



Genesis of the Consortium



- **Network of relationships**, built and structured **in 20 years**
- **Institutional involvement** of partner universities
- Recognition of UniAdrion as a **key implementer** of the EUSAIR Action Plan, approved in 2014
- UniAdrion and its members have broad **experience** in the implementation of mobility and international cooperation projects in the Adriatic-Ionian area



UniAdrion Members (53)

ALBANIA (7)

Agriculture University of Tirana
Catholic University of Tirana
University of Elbasan
Luarasi University
University of Medicine
Shkodra University "Luigj Gurakuqi"
University of Tirana
University of Gjirokaster

CROATIA (3)

University of Split
University of Zadar
University of Rijeka

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA (6)

University of Banja Luka
Džemal Bijedić University
University of East Sarajevo
University of Mostar
University of Sarajevo
University of Zenica

GREECE (4)

University of Ioannina
Agriculture University of Athens
Ionian University
University of Patras

MONTENEGRO (3)

University of Montenegro
Mediterranean University of Montenegro
University of Donja Gorica

NORTH MACEDONIA (2)

University of St. Kliment Ohridski
University of Goce Delcev, Stip

SAN MARINO (1)

University of San Marino

SERBIA (4)

University of Belgrade
University of Niš
University of Novi Sad
University of Arts in Belgrade

SLOVENIA (3)

University of Ljubljana
University of Maribor
University of Primorska

ITALY (19)

Marche Polytechnic University
University of Bari
University of Basilicata
University of Chieti - Pescara
University of Urbino
University of Bologna
University of Camerino
University of Macerata
University of Messina
University of Molise
University of Perugia
University of Padua
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University of Teramo
University of Trieste
University of Udine
University of Cà Foscari

...new members are joining the Association in each
General Assembly (one per year)

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ACTIVITIES

to be implemented in order to reach the goals of the Consortium

- Targeted **students'** mobility in the Adriatic-Ionian area → scholarships used only for mobilities within the countries of the Adriatic-Ionian region + contextualized calls, presented with informative materials on the project goals
- Structured academic and administrative **staff mobility** → link to the UniAdrion Platform, a database that gathers the *expertise* of universities of the Adriatic-Ionian area
- **Promotion** of the Consortium in other Programme Countries of the Adriatic-Ionian area

«Uniadrion Italy» = just a pilot project!



Uniadrion **Slovenia**

Uniadrion **Serbia**

Uniadrion **Croatia**

Uniadrion **Greece**

Uniadrion **North Macedonia**



EXPECTED RESULTS

short/medium term

long term

- **Increase in the number of mobilities** in the Adriatic-Ionian area
- **Improvement of the quality of mobilities**
- Increase of the **university cooperation at regional level** (more joint projects, more joint study programmes, etc.)
- Development of a **sense of belonging** to the region
- Increase of the **awareness and consciousness about EU policies** in the Adriatic-Ionian area
- Support to the **integration process in the EU**

IMPACT

- **Students** → usability, in the labour market, of an experience in an area that is characterized by strong changes and oriented towards a general growth
- **Staff** → development of an academic-scientific community functional to the planning and implementation of political initiatives in the area
- **Institutions** → growth of regional cooperation and higher involvement in EU programmes
- **Countries** → peace keeping, shared growth, integration in the EU





OPERATIONAL DETAILS

MOBILITY PROJECTS SUBMITTED BY THE CONSORTIUM

KA 103

Student and Staff mobility
to Programme Countries



Croatia, Greece, Serbia,
Slovenia

KA 107

Student and Staff mobility
from and to Partner Countries



Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina,
Montenegro

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KA107 - Involved universities

ALBANIA:

- University of Tirana
- European University of Tirana
- Agricultural University of Tirana



BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA

- "Dzemal Bijedić" University of Mostar
- University of Sarajevo
- University of Banja Luka



MONTENEGRO

- University of Montenegro





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After 2020...



New Erasmus+ Programme 2021-2027



New accreditation

KA130 → Accreditation of the Consortium «Uniadrion Italy»
for the period 2021-2027



Erasmus+ Call 2021

Erasmus+ Call 2022

Erasmus+ Call 2023

KA131 + KA171

Mobilities:

- SMS
- SMP
- STA
- STT
- Blended Intensive Programmes

Focus on STT

KA131 – KA171 Outgoing/Incoming



STAFF WEEKS

- Bologna (Italy), June 2022
- Podgorica (Montenegro), March 2023
- Tirana (Albania), June 2023
- Sarajevo (Bosnia-Herzegovina), July 2023
- Marche (Ancona, Urbino, Macerata, Camerino), July 2023
- Koper (Slovenia), February 2024
- Split (Croatia), April 2024
- Ioannina (Greece), June 2024



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NETWORKING



BIP – Blended Intensive Programme

«The Social Space of the Sea. Development, Environment and Culture
in the Adriatic-Ionian Region»

26-31 October 2023

Partners:

- **University of Teramo, Italy (organizer)**
- **University of Zadar, Croatia**
- **University of the Litoral, Slovenia**
- **University of Rijeka, Croatia**
- **University of Applied Science – Sibenik, Croatia**

Achievements 2020-2023

- More **visibility** of the Consortium partners in the area
- Establishment of **new collaborations**
- Establishment of **new Inter-Institutional Agreements**
- More **mobility opportunities** for students and staff
- More **awareness** of the activities in the Adriatic-Ionian area
- Recognition of the **potential** of the Consortium
- Development of **new projects**



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ESN-AIR

Engaging Students for eNhancing internationalization practices in the Adriatic-Ionian Region

Erasmus+ - Capacity Building in Higher Education



Objective → to favour the involvement of students, especially Erasmus Student Networks, in the institutional life of Universities in the Adriatic-Ionian region to enhance internationalization practices in higher education

Partnership composition:

Italy - Marche Polytechnic University, **ESN Ancona**

Croatia - University of Split

Serbia - University of Novi Sad

Albania - University of Tirana, Shkodra University, **ESN Albania**

Bosnia-Herzegovina - Dzemal Bijedic University of Mostar, University of Zenica, **ESN Mostar**

Montenegro - University of Montenegro, University of Donja Gorica

Associated Partner: **UniAdrion**



ESN-AIR SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

1. To support the internationalization practices by organising **formal and unconventional training for students and staff** so as to improve the appeal of the Western Balkans region and reduce the brain drain phenomenon;
2. to create **2 ESN sections** in Countries not associated to the Programme (Podgorica, Montenegro and Shkodra, Albania);
3. to **promote Erasmus+ and international programmes** among students from remote areas/with fewer opportunities and to **promote STEM subjects** as a possible university career among female students;
4. to **raise interest and awareness** among primary and secondary schools' students from remote areas about higher education and internationalization.

ESN-AIR MAIN ACTIVITIES

1. **18 Erasmus+ Days** organized in the 6 Universities of the 3 Countries not associated to the Programme (Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Montenegro) for students and staff with the support of ESN sections and University partners
2. **1 ESN section** to be created at the University of Shkodra and **1 ESN section** to be created at the University of Montenegro
3. **24 workshops/seminars on STEM subjects** conducted in secondary schools for female students
4. **24 awareness campaigns** conducted in primary schools of the 3 Countries not associated to the Programme (Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Montenegro)
5. **24 awareness campaigns** conducted in secondary schools of the 3 Countries not associated to the Programme (Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Montenegro)

Not only a project acronym... but a dream!

ESN-AIR



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**THANK
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