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List of Abbreviations

CBHE	Capacity Building in Higher Education
D&E	dissemination and exploitation
EACEA	Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency
EC	European Commission
EU	European Union
GA	Grant Agreement
HCWs	Health Care Workers
HE	Higher Education
HEI	Higher Education Institution
HEPMP	Higher Education Pain Medicine Project
LLL	Life Long Learning
NEO	National Erasmus+ Office
PA	Project Adviser
PA	Partnership Agreement
PC	Project Coordinator
PCC	Partner Country Coordinator
PCs	Partner Countries
PCT	Partner Country Team
PgCC	Programme Country Coordinator
PgCs	Program Countries
PgCT	Programme Country Team
PM	Pain Medicine
PMB	Project Management Board
QCB	Quality Control Board
TL	Task Leader
TLs	Task Leaders
UB	Faculty of Medicine University of Belgrade, Belgrade, Serbia
UBBL	Faculty of Medicine University of Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina
UF	Faculty of Medicine University of Florence, Italy
UHDM	University Clinical Hospital Centre "Dr Dragisa Misovic-Dedinje" Belgrade, Serbia
UK	Faculty of Medical Sciences University of Kragujevac, Kragujevac, Serbia
ULj	Faculty of Medicine University of Ljubljana, Slovenia
UP	Faculty of Medicine University of Podgorica, Montenegro
UR	Faculty of Medicine University of Rijeka, Croatia
UT	Faculty of Medicine University of Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina
WP	Workpackage

I About the HEPMP project

1.1 The HEPMP project summary

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The main aim of HEMP project is to increase quality of education in pain medicine in order to contribute to the improvement of public health care services and PCs in line with the Health 2020. In Serbia, Montenegro and Bosnia and Herzegovina there is a significant problem of large percentage of the population who suffers from cancer, rheumatic and neurological diseases, while education in the field of pain medicine is insufficient. In fact, one of the priorities of the strategy Health 2020 improvement of the quality of medical services and continuously adapt to changing patterns of disease. Aim of this project is developing an interdisciplinary program in Pain Medicine at the under / postgraduate studies by applying new methodologies and specific learning outcomes in partner country universities. The introduction of the modernized study program of pain medicine is important for improvement of the quality of higher education that will contribute to improve the health care of the population. Moreover, one of the aims is establishment of academic network that would allow the exchange of knowledge of HCWs in Serbia, Montenegro and Bosnia and Herzegovina. The main tool of this network would be development of educational PAIN REGION WB Network which will enhance regional cooperation and education of pain medicine of all partner country universities.

Also, one of the HEPMP aims is delivering of trainings of pain medicine in order to increase skills and competences of health care workers (HCW) in PCs . Training would be for the two target groups: the first type of courses would be for HCWs who work in primary health care centres and daily dealing with the management of pain medicine, and other types of courses would organized in the form of highly specialized training for interventional treatment of pain for doctors who work in tertiary institutions. During the project will form the learning material in the form of brochures for courses and textbooks on pain.

1.2 The HEPMP project consortium

No	Institution	City	Country
1	University of Belgrade	Belgrade	Serbia
2	University of Kragujevac	Kragujevac	Serbia
3	University of Tuzla	Tuzla	Bosnia and Herzegovina
4	University of Banja Luka	Banja Luka	Bosnia and Herzegovina
5	University of Montenegro	Podgorica	Montenegro
6	University of Florence	Florence	Italy
7	University of Ljubljana	Ljubljana	Slovenia
8	University of Rijeka	Rijeka	Croatia
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II Pain medicine activities at the University of Banja Luka in 2017

Analysing the data regarding the lecturers about pain in undergraduate study at Faculty of Medicine of Banja Luka University we found that the first knowledge about pain students can get at first studying year accepting information about nerves and receptors during Anatomy and Histology classes. First detailed lectures regarding the pain are presented at the second and third year of Faculty during Physiology and Pathophysiology (definition and transmission of pain, type of pain). Through fourth studying year students are getting information about pain at Pharmacology lecturers (drugs used in pain treatment), Internal medicine (pain as symptom, type and pain characteristics in different diseases) and Neurology (type of pain, pain receptors, pain transmission, treatment of pain, headache, cranial neuralgia, painful neck and throat syndromes). During fifth year there are Surgery (pain as symptom in different surgical diseases) and Oncology (carcinoma pain – characteristics, treatment) offering knowledge about pain. During a six-year study of medicine, pain is surrendered for 20 hours on a variety of subjects. One student said the pain was everywhere, and in particular, none of them.

During the specialization of pain, it is learned only on the specialization of Anaesthesia and Intensive Therapy for 1 month.

Analysing the data regarding the lecturers about pain during last year there were held several lecturers at region of Banja Luka University as there are listed below:

Date of lecture	Title of lecture	Venue	Number of participants
April 2017	Acute pain	Symposium of Urgent Medicine	120
Jun 2017	Pain in palliative medicine	Primary Health Care	40
Oct. 2017	Pain therapy	Primary Health Care	30

According to the supplied data there is no unique subject to which the students acquire wide knowledge about the definition, ethology, epidemiology, physiology, assessment and treatment of pain. From the other point view of, there could be more lecturers regarding pain medicine for medical practitioners. Activities should be directed to raising awareness about pain in community by organizing different courses, talking at public media, publishing of brochures with elementary information about pain. These activities should emphasis significance of knowledge of all aspects of pain and importance of introducing a unique subject on pain medicine during undergraduate studying.

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