



# HEPMP project Newsletter

Erasmus+ project Capacity Building in Higher Education

## Strengthening Capacities for Higher Education of Pain Medicine in Western Balkan countries – HEPMP

### Why HEPMP project

- Pain is probably one of the oldest and most universal forms of stress and one of the earliest sufferings of humankind.
- Pain is the follower of many diseases and conditions: Rheumatoid arthritis, postherpetic neuralgia, degenerative spine conditions, osteoarthritis, AIDS, migraine, diabetic neuropathy, and phantom pain are examples of chronic pain as well as cancer.
- In the economic sphere, it is estimated that the cost to treat patients with chronic pains exceeds the total cost to treat patients with heart disease, cancer, and AIDS.
- Prolonged pain is among the major causes of absence from work, sick leaves, disability retirement, severance pay, and low productivity. It is a problem of public health for its prevalence, high cost, and negative impact on the quality of life of patients and their families.
- Despite the efforts and the fact that it is as old as humanity itself, pain neither has been completely understood nor can be totally controlled.
- Low awareness of the importance of treating pain lies amongst the public and health care professionals.
- Number of doctors trained for pain medicine is insufficient.
- We need to improve knowledge about pain and raise awareness, both professionals – healthcare workers, and society, about the significance of this problem.

### HEPMP Aims

- Capacities for Higher Education of Pain Medicine in Western Balkan Countries
- Development of Pain medicine service provision in the country by providing qualified trained staff.
- Support will be granted to operationalize the recently established educational program in the form of pain medicine specialization and the possibility of the development of undergraduate education programs.
- Establish an academic network and improve professional cooperation through opportunities provided by new technologies (Internet, telemedicine, etc.)

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# The HEPMP project kicked off

## The HEPMP Kick off meeting

The first HEPMP project meeting was held on December 8 and 9 2017, at the premises of the Medical Faculty of the University of Belgrade. The meeting was opened by the Rector of the University of Belgrade, prof. Dr Vladimir Bumbaširević, and the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, prof. Prof. Dr Nebojsa Lalic and the project coordinator prof. Dr Predrag Stevanović.

During the two working days the project partners presented their institutions, the leaders of the work packages presented activities and outcomes expected during the next three implementation years, the project management structures were formed. The first project year activities were defined.

## The project ID:

- **Project HEPMP** co-financed by the Erasmus+ Programme.
- Total Erasmus+ contribution **950019 EUR**
- Duration: 14 October 2017 – 14 October 2020
- Coordination: **University of Belgrade**
- **Partners:**
  - University of Kragujevac
  - University of Banja Luka
  - University of Tuzla
  - University of Montenegro
  - UCHC Dr Dragisa Misovic – Dedinje, Belgrade
  - University of Florence, Italy
  - University of Ljubljana, Slovenia
  - University of Rijeka, Croatia



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# Project Consortium

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