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ANNEX 3: CBHE CLUSTER MEETING

University of Banja Luka
27. November 2019, 11:00 – 16:00

PROJECT INFORMATION SHEET

<i>Project Title</i>	Strengthening Capacities for Higher Education of Pain Medicine in Western Balkan Countries - HEPMP	
<i>Project number^o</i>	585927-E PPI-2017-1-RS-EPPKA2-CBHE-J	
<i>Years of activity</i>	THIRD	
<i>Project website</i>	hepmperasmus.ka2@med.bg.ac.rs	
<i>Partnership</i>	University of Florence, Italy University of Ljubljana, Slovenia University of Rijeka, Croatia	(c o o r d i n a t o r)
	University of Belgrade, Serbia	(P r o g r a m m e C o u n t r y)

	University of Kragujevac, Serbia	(P r o g r a m m e C o u n t r y)
	University of Podgorica, Montenegro	(P a r t n e r c o u n t r y)
	University of Tuzla, University of Banjaluka Bosnia and Hertze govina	(P a r t n e r c o u n t r y)
<i>Project description and main objectives</i>		

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.

Tasks of the project

Tasks of the Universities of European Union countries

- Assist in the analysis of the current situation in this area in Western Balkan Countries.
- Defining the possible changes that would improve or introducing curriculum of pain medicine in the undergraduate and postgraduate education.
- Training of trainers from Western Balkan Countries in the European Union countries.

Tasks of Universities of Partner countries

- To modernize the existing curriculum of pain medicine specialization. Coordinate the existing postgraduate education curriculum in

	<p>the field of pain medicine with European Pain Federation (EFIC) curriculum.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To develop a module lectures for undergraduate studies of pain medicine. • To develop a web platform for mutual learning and communication for health care professionals who deal with pain medicine. • To organize courses of pain medicine for doctors in primary health care. • Develop written material for Life Long Learning -LLL (books, brochures, scripts, leaflets, digital material etc). • Establish an academic network of health care professionals and universities in the field of pain medicine.
<i>Targeted beneficiaries</i>	<p><i>NURSES, DOCTORS IN PRIMARY HEALTH CARE, ANAESTHESIOLOGIST, NEUROLOGIST, ONCOLOGIST, PHYSIATRICALS, SURGEON</i></p>
<i>Achievements and impact</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • <i>Establish an academic network and improve professional cooperation through opportunities provided by new technologies (Internet, telemedicine, etc.)</i>
<i>Expected follow-up and future actions</i>	<p><i>In the coming period, 4 lectures are planned in the Republika Srpska in major cities on all aspects of pain in order to bring the project to life throughout the territory.</i></p>

This document will be distributed to all the participants at the meeting!