

SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

STUDENT RUN MULTIDISCIPLINARY ALLIED HEALTH PRACTICE CENTRE (SMAHPC)¹

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Executive Summary

During the project lifetime (2018-2022), partners have had the opportunity to develop their capacities in relevant competence areas, acting as a guarantee that the respective co-funding of the ERASMUS+ programme will have a multi-dimensional and sustainable impact in Kosovo.

Successful completion of the Student-Run Multidisciplinary Allied Health Practice Centre, implies that partners have agreed to adhere to certain expected commitments aiming to ensure the latter's sustainability, following the end of the project.

At the core of the sustainability plan stands the shared openness by all partners to continue the co-working at all levels covered by this project, and beyond. In fact, partners perceived that doing so is a natural outcome, given their agreed evaluation that the needs of the Kosovan society pertinent to qualitative and accessible allied health care services, especially, which served as the primary motivation for initiating this project, continue to prevail and demand even greater investments by other stakeholders, in parallel.

Subsequently, project partners have contributed to stipulating the terms of cooperation, considered as necessary for ensuring the functionality of the SMAHPC Centres in the post-grant period as well.

Foundations of the Sustainability Plan

Given the aim of the SMAHPC Project to enhance the allied health care services in Kosovo through enhanced practice-oriented education, partners have been able to provide missing and relevant opportunities for the competence development of current and future professionals (students), necessary to successfully address the needs, prevailing when seek to introduce innovative, multidisciplinary, client centred, and evidence-based solutions.

More specifically, during this project, partners have been able to co-work in developing the following outputs that shall serve as the foundations for the sustainability of this project:

- trained staff members.
- three student run centres in three different cities in Kosovo, consisting of new physical space dedicated for practical training along with the theoretical one, shared digital platform for client/patient data management, equipment, promotional products.
- new key concept definitions.
- pedagogical approaches.
- teacher training materials.
- student modules (courses of professional development).
- printed and digital promotional products.
- international and national network of partners, consisting of stakeholders outside the project consortium, officially recognized as founding members of the project Industry Advisory Board and Joint Venture Group.

Core elements of the Sustainability Plan

“Gur mbi gur bëhet kalaja”² - Albanian proverb

In principle, all of the project partners agree to undertake all of the obligations stipulated in the Project Description, Section of Sustainability, especially. In more concrete terms, partners agree to the following terms and conditions of cooperation in the post-grant period starting from November 16th, 2022 until November 15th, 2025 (3 academic years), with the possibility of automatic renewal for another three-year period, unless a particular partner has any objections:

International level:

- Project partners act as founding members of the international network of allied health sciences, comprised of the SMAHPC Industry Advisory Board and Joint Venture Group
 - Each partner is represented by at least one representative person in both international groups.
 - They meet at least every year during the month of June/September, following the completion of the academic year, and organisation of the International innovation day/week.
 - The three SMAHPC centres established in Kosovo are treated as strategic components of the international network along with the other existing similar centres at the premises of the EU/Turkish partners.
- Partners co-create new related international project applications through ERASMUS+ and other related programmes.
- Partners continue their collaboration under the other ongoing international capacity building type of projects such as the SIAHDPC, SUSWELL, QUADIC, etc.
- Every partner is automatically invited to participate with at least one representative in all of the international events i.e., conferences such as international symposiums, conferences, training relevant to the scope of the project, etc., organised by the rest of partners.
 - Any support that is made available for international participants, is automatically applicable for at least one representative of the network partners.
- The HC IT team maintains the project website, whereas all partners contribute with relevant inputs to promote the network activities and shared experiences.
 - Partners share information about publications and further projects in related fields.
 - The event calendar, published on the Project website, is continuously updated by partners.
- The HC IT team maintains the Digital Platform of Patient/Client Data Management and ensures access to the specific staff and students of other partners, which should be jointly agreed in advance.
- Project partners organise at least:
 - 1 joint training session per academic year for the rest of staff members at the premises of each SMAHPC centres about the SMAHPC model of allied health service delivery, and pedagogical approaches, and experiences received during the project life-time:

² “Stone over stone makes a castle”

- At least 5 teachers from each Kosovo HEI participate in this training.
- At least 1 tutor from each of the EU/Turkish partners participates as co-organizer and lecturer online/in person.
- 1 joint lecture and practical session (lecture) per academic year for the students at the premises of each SMAHPC centres on the SMAHPC model of allied health service delivery, and pedagogical approaches.
 - At least 30 (5 face to face and 25 online) students from each Kosovo HEI participate in this training.
 - At least 1 tutor from each of the EU/Turkish partners participates as co-organizer and lecturer online.
- At least one SMAHPC innovation days/week per academic year.
 - Each Kosovo HEI is expected to support the organisation of this event with at least 1 staff member and 5 students.
 - Each EU/Turkish partner is expected to support the organisation of this event with at least 1 staff member.
- 1 promotion event i.e., roundtable, seminar, for increasing awareness of all stakeholders about relevant topics i.e., HC annual international scientific symposium, UGJFA interantional conference, Autism Day, etc.
- Partner HEIs apply for student and staff exchange grant mobilities of the ERASMUS+ for the purpose of teaching and training.
 - The modules and the new training spaces co-created through the SMAHPC project are at the centre of the offers made to the exchange students and staff.
 - The participating staff and student should be used and strategically utilized as instrumental for the implementation of the respective international joint activities described in this plan.

National level:

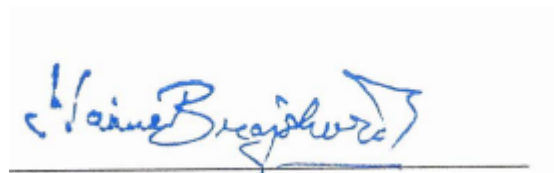
- The national networks, composed of project national partners, (virtually) support the implementation of the project outcomes during and after the life of the project.
 - Each partner will disseminate project results to their other networks/partners
 - MESTI disseminates the project results to the other HEIs in Kosovo as alternative solutions to the well-documented to mitigate the need for establishing similar student-run practice centres.
- The Kosovo partners organise at least 1 event for enhancing the dialogue between all the partners i.e., roundtable about prevailing topics.
- The Kosova network members promote and benefit from collaboration between education, work life, and local authorities.

Institutional level:

- Students participate in running every activity of the SMAHPC centers tutored by their supervisors/professor/therapists/professionals.
- Kosovo HEIs integrate their SMAHPC centres in the organisational organogram.
- Kosovo HEIs ensure the implementation of the open door policy for their communities.
- Kosovo HEIs ensure their openness for cooperation with the rest of the SMAHPC centres as well as other similar centres, existing at the Kosovo partners and their partners.
- Kosovo HEIs ensure the well-functioning of the SMAHPC centres established at their premises through:
 - Provision of all the resources needed to maintain the functioning of the SMAHPC centres, including but not limited to the physical space, equipment.
 - Recognition of the work of the staff at the SMAHPC centre as regular working hours for compensation purposes.
 - Recognition of the work of the students at the SMAHPC centres as practical training hours needed for graduation.
- Kosovo HEI partners integrate the new pedagogical approaches and CPD courses into the university programs, provide necessary support, enable students of health and rehabilitation (HC and UGJFA), along with those of computer sciences and economics/entrepreneurship (UKZ) sciences to utilise the centres for developing their relevant practice-oriented competences.
- Partners support the advancement of educational and professional services during their development and accreditation process, as needed and to their best of capacities available.
- Each institution appoints a liaison person, who shall be responsible for ensuring effective and efficient communication for the purpose of implementing this Plan.
- This Sustainability Plan is signed by the legal representatives of the respective partner organisations.

Hereby, I, Prof. Ass. Dr. Naime Brajshori, declare my consent to the content of the SMAHPC Sustainability.

Date: 11.11.2022



Prof. Ass. Dr. Naime Brajshori

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Hereby, I, Prof. Assoc. Dr. Artan Nimani, declare my consent to the content of the SMAHPC Sustainability.

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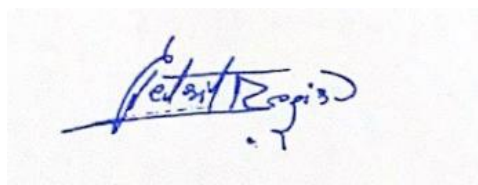
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