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**ECONOMICS PROFESSORS LECTURED AT THE WEST POMERANIAN  
FACULTY OF ECONOMICS**

11/01/2022



The two professors of the Faculty of Economics of the University “Isa Boletini”- Mitrovica, Ajtene Avdullahi and Filloreta Kunoviku Demiri, today held the first lecture in the framework of academic staff mobility at the Faculty of Economics at the West Pomeranian University of Technology, in Szczecin, Poland. Otherwise, during this week, as a continuation of the mobility agreement of the staff and students of the Faculty of Economics, they will continue the lecture and other activities with the mobility students coming from different countries within the framework of Erasmus+.

**THE CYCLE OF TWO-DAY LECTURES ON EUROPEAN INTEGRATION  
STARTS**

13/01/2022



Organized by the Center for Career Development, the cycle of two-day lectures on "European Integration" started on Thursday at University "Isa Boletini"- Mitrovica. The lectures are held by prof. dr. Gazmend Qorraj, in the Great Amphitheater of "Isa Boletini" University, starting from 10:00.

The Senior Official of the KZHK, Alban Fazliu, said that the participants receive a certificate in the field of "European Integrations" within the "Jean Monnet" program. According to him, during these two days, 10 topics from the field of European integration are intensively addressed.

**QATEK – CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT OF ACADEMIC STAFF IN SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN TEACHER PREPARATION**

19/01/2022



Within the framework of the QATEK project, on January 17-18, the second session of the capacity building program was organized in the research module in the preparation of teachers with the topic "Data management and statistical analysis using SPSS". The main objective of the workshop was to provide the participants with the basic knowledge of the SPSS program, as well as the application of data manipulation and analysis techniques to use them in a pedagogical context.

Prof. Merita Shala, coordinator of the QATEK project for UIBM, emphasized that the professional development program of the academic staff of the Faculty of Education, for the use of statistical analysis using SPSS, increases the possibilities to directly improve the quality of the preparation of new teachers, and in at the same time, it increases the inclusion of the use of evidence from scientific works in the contents of the program that prepares new teachers.

The workshop was led by professors from the University of Ljubljana, partners in the QATEK project.

**"BALKAN CONGRESS ON MINERAL ENRICHMENT" WILL BE HELD AT  
UIBM**

19/01/2022



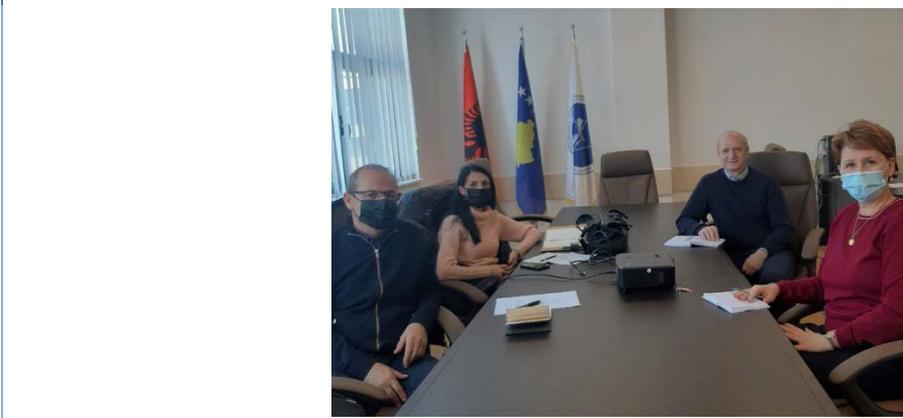
At University "Isa Boletini"- Mitrovica (UIBM), preparations have begun for the organization of the "Balkan Mineral Enrichment Congress", which is planned to be held on May 28, 29, 30 and 31, 2023. This Congress, which will be held at UIBM, is organized by "Balkan Academy of Science on Minerals" (BASM).

About the organization of this Congress, which represents an event marked not only for UIBM, but much wider, was discussed on Wednesday by the rector, prof. dr. Alush Musaj and university professor, Shyqri Kelmendi, well-known expert on mining and minerals. The meeting discussed the obligations of UIBM regarding the organization of this scientific conference.

Rector Musaj thanked Professor Kelmendi for his support regarding the organization of the Congress and for all his contribution as an expert in mining and minerals. On this occasion, professor Kelmendi presented his book "Flotation of Pb and Zn ores" to the rector.

**PROREKTORËT E UIBM-SË U TAKUAN ME PËRFAQËSUES TË INSTITUTIT  
PEDAGOGJIK TË KOSOVËS**

25/01/2022

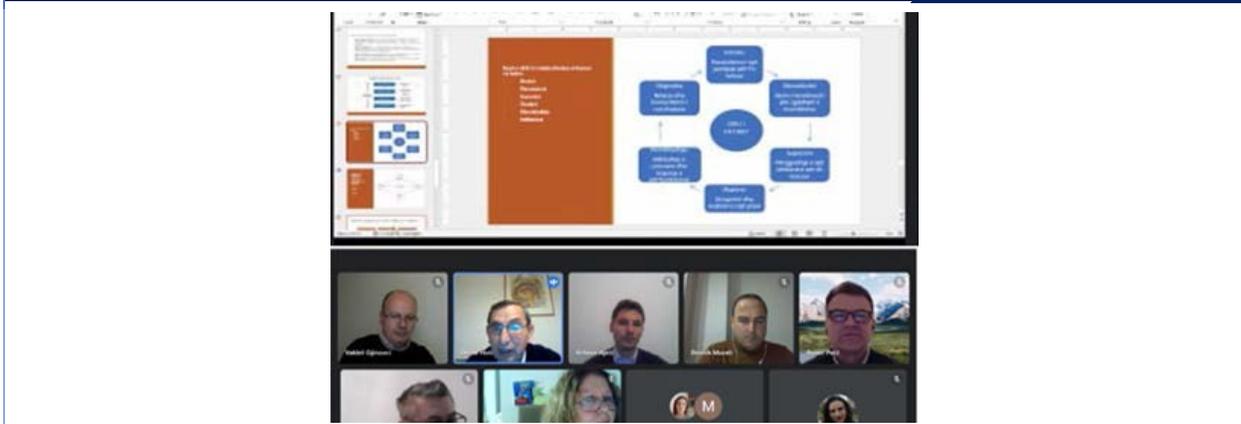


In the framework of the cooperation and joint agreement between University “Isa Boletini”- Mitrovica and the Pedagogical Institute of Kosovo, the Vice-Rector for teaching, student affairs and quality development Prof. Merita Shala and Vice Chancellor for International Cooperation and Scientific Research Prof. Behxhet Shala, met today with representatives of the Pedagogical Institute of Kosovo, researchers Luljeta Shala and Selim Mehmeti.

The meeting focused on the possibilities of joint organization of the annual conference with the axis theme in the field of education. The meeting discussed issues of common interest for this organization and the possible contribution from the academic staff of the Faculty of Education to the improvement of the pre-university education system and the preparation of teachers through the provision of evidence from the research of these issues and their presentation at this conference , which aims to serve as a professional and scientific forum that provides evidence that will help design development policies for education.

**THE NEXT TRAINING FOR THE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF  
EDUCATION IN HIGHER EDUCATION IS ORGANIZED**

28/01/2022



In the framework of the activities planned for the development of quality at UIBM, with the support of the Center for excellence in teaching of the University of Pristina "Hasan Prishtina", on January 24-27, the next training for academic staff from the academic units of UIBM is taking place. with the topic: Planning and implementation of teaching in Higher Education.

Professors and assistants from UIBM's academic units, together with trainers, developed the topics for action research, problem-based learning and active and interactive university teaching. These trainings are the continuation of the professional development of the academic staff, aimed at the development of quality.

**UIBM RANKED SECOND IN KOSOVO BY WEBOMETRICS ACCORDING TO  
GOOGLE SCHOLAR CITATIONS**

28/01/2022



University “Isa Boletini”- Mitrovica (UIBM) is ranked second among public universities in Kosovo, in terms of the criteria of citations in Google Scholar profiles in the webometrics ranking announced in January 2022. In this ranking, UIBM has emerged second after the University of Pristina, with 1044 citations.

The ranking is based on data collected during the period 10-20 January 2022, and in the version published in webometrics, only universities with over 1000 citations are ranked. Among the 4800 world universities, UP and UIBM are the only public universities in Kosovo that are in the current published version.

According to webometrics, citations from the top 210 profiles – the top profiles of each university – were collected to allow size-independent comparisons. The first twenty profiles of the list have been excluded to improve representation, while the number of citations has been added to the rest of the top profiles and the institutions are ranked in descending order according to this indicator.

Non-individual profiles that are at the top of the most cited profiles (journals, departments, groups, conferences) included in the top 210 results are penalized as non-institutional profiles and their number of citations is equal to zero.

**THE LECTURE WAS HELD: "HUMAN RIGHTS, INSTITUTIONS AND THE JUSTICE SYSTEM IN KOSOVO"**

31/01/2022



With the support of the Center for Career Development (QZHK) at the University "Isa Boletini"- Mitrovica (UIBM), the lecture: "Human rights, institutions and the justice system in Kosovo" was held. This activity was held within the framework of the "Youth for Justice" project, supported by the US Department of State and implemented by the Youth Initiative for Human Rights (YIHR KS).

The senior official of the KZHK, Alban Fazliu, said that this project aims to empower young people to seek justice and to become active participants in the justice sector in Kosovo. Such lectures will be held in the region of Pristina, Ferizaj, Gjakova, Peja, Mitrovica, Gjilan and Prizren.

## SUCCESSFUL CYBER HYGIENE PROJECT COMPLETES

31/01/2022



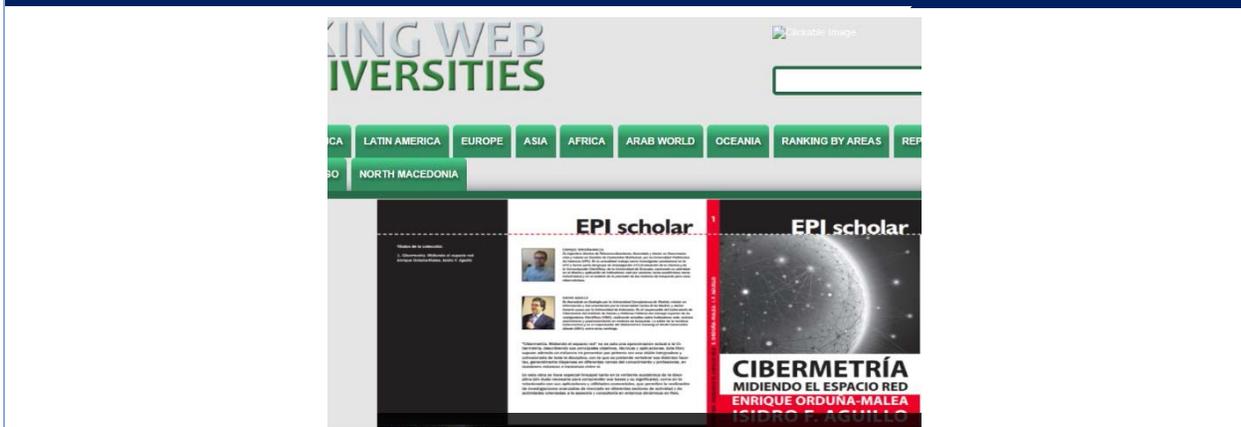
As part of the Cyber Hygiene project, carried out with the support of the US State Department, 338 students, half of them from the Faculty of Mechanical and Computer Engineering (FIMK), have successfully completed the free course for this field. This course on the basic rules of information security has been implemented on the platform provided by the CRDF Global organization, within the framework of a cooperation agreement with University "Isa Boletini"- Mitrovica.

The leader of this project at UIBM, professor Berat Ujkani, said that the course that started in July 2021 ended in December with a discussion to see the impact and the results achieved. He emphasized that the students liked the content of the course, the way it was presented and the fact that they received certificates at the end. "When asked about their overall feedback regarding the course content, its applicability and the technical aspects of working on the platform, more than 80 percent of the participants responded with excellent and very good results," he said. .

Professor Ujkani emphasized that the students showed great interest in all the modules of the course, however, considering the final evaluation report, the results show that the students considered the safe use of mobile phones as the most attractive module of the course. "In addition, the modules rated well were the safe use of e-mail and the Fake News modules."

## UIBM RANKED SECOND BY WEBOMETRICS AMONG PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES IN KOSOVO

01/02/2022



University "Isa Boletini"- Mitrovica (UIBM) is ranked second among public universities in Kosovo in the ranking published by webometrics in January 2022. Among 31 thousand universities from all over the world, UIBM in the ranking is ranked in the place of 12,909, marking an increase of 38 places compared to last year.

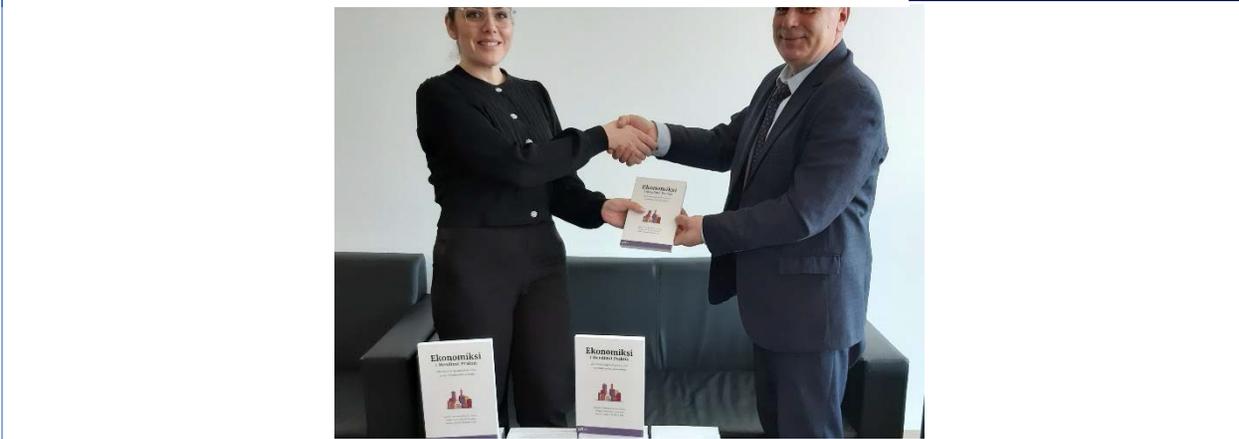
For several years, UIBM continues to rise in this international ranking that is updated twice a year. According to clarifications from webometrics, measuring indicators for the ranking of universities are taken: Visibility of the web, transparency (the most cited researchers) and excellence (the most cited papers).

The rector of UIBM, prof.dr. Alush Musaj said that the continuous rise in the webometer ranking is an indicator of the good work that is being done in this institution of higher education in Kosovo. "We are extremely encouraged by the evaluation, considering the importance of the measuring indicators used by webometris for a university", he emphasized.

UIBM came in second place at the national level in the webometrics ranking, which had as a measuring indicator the citations based on Google Scholar published a few days ago.

**THE FACULTY OF ECONOMICS RECEIVES 200 GIFT BOOKS FROM THE  
"ECONOMICS FUNDAMENTALS INITIATIVE" PROJECT**

10/02/2022



The Faculty of Economics at University "Isa Boletini"- Mitrovica (UIBM) has received a donation of 200 books from the "Economics Fundamentals Initiative" project based in America. The purpose of this project is to promote the economics book "Economics of Practical Thought", within the network of local partners in Europe and Asia.

The assistant of this project, Argjenta Plakolli, said that the book in the Albanian language was translated from English and written by American university professors. "The purpose of the book is to help economics students, young people and the general public to make sound economic decision-making, successful professional development and personal and national prosperity," she said.

Meanwhile, the dean of the Faculty of Economics, prof. assoc. dr. Qazim Tmava thanked the assistant, Plakolli, for this book fund. "We are grateful for your support with this book fund that will enrich the library of the Faculty of Economics and will increase the possibilities of expanding knowledge for our students", he said.

So far the book has been translated into 6 different languages.

**DIRECTORS OF UIBM AND HERAS+ AGREE ON FUTURE TOPICS OF COOPERATION**

10/02/2022



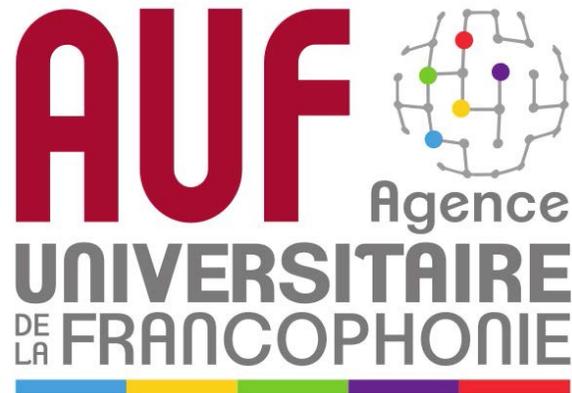
The leaders of University "Isa Boletini"- Mitrovica (UIBM) and those of Heras+, in a joint meeting held on Thursday at UIBM, have agreed on the future topics of cooperation. In this context, the support for the drafting and revision of the necessary regulations, the standard of laboratories and the revision of the strategic plan of UIBM was mentioned.

Rector prof.dr. Alush Musaj thanked the leaders of Heras+ for the continuous support they have offered to UIBM. "We are very satisfied with the cooperation and support you have provided for UIBM. We are witnessing tangible and encouraging results, that's why we are very grateful", he emphasized.

Meanwhile, the leader of Heras+, Aqim Emurli, expressed his satisfaction with the cooperative approach by the leaders of UIBM, which has facilitated the achievement of the objectives. "There are many important topics that await us for which we are ready to help with our experts and experience", he said.

UIBM FROM NOW ON MORE ADVISORY VOTES IN THE FRANCOPHONE  
UNIVERSITY AGENCY

11/02/2022



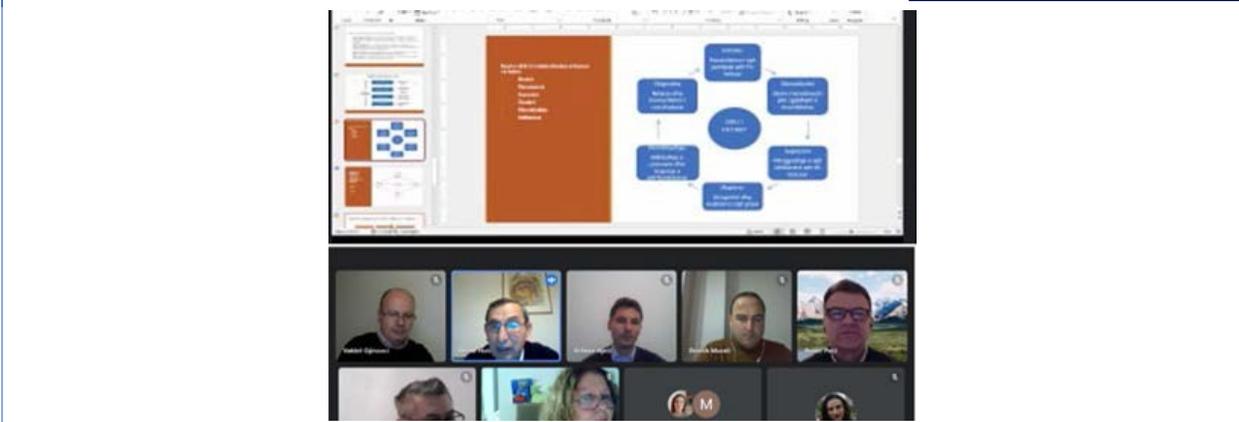
University “Isa Boletini”- Mitrovica (UIBM) has moved from an observer member to an associate member in the Francophone University Agency (AUF). As a result, from now on UIBM has the right to an advisory vote in the General Assembly of AUF.

In AUF's announcement about this advancement of UIBM's status in this organization, it also expresses confidence in strengthening further cooperation. Also, the leaders of AUF thank those of UIBM for the trust shown in terms of cooperation.

The rector of UIBM, prof.dr. Alush Musaj expressed his satisfaction for this good news from AUF. He also expressed his gratitude for the willingness and cooperative approach from AUF.

**THE NEXT TRAINING FOR THE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF  
EDUCATION IN HIGHER EDUCATION IS ORGANIZED**

14/02/2022



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## PROJECT FOR THE STANDARDIZATION OF THE "DIPLOMA SUPPLEMENT" IN PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES

16/02/2022



With the support of "Alled 2" (Harmonization of Education and Training with the Needs of the Labor Market) the implementation of a joint project by public universities in Kosovo for the standardization of the "Diploma Supplement" has started. Such a thing is already regulated by legal norms, while it is also evaluated as a criterion in the university accreditation process.

To discuss the details of this project, the rector of University "Isa Boletini"- Mitrovica, prof.dr. Alush Musaj, together with his colleagues, welcomed the Coordinator for Quality and Higher Education in "Alled 2", Anton Gojanin, as well as the engaged expert, prof. dr. Ferdije Zhushi. The project for the standardization of the "Diploma Supplement" was assessed as being of particular importance for public universities and for higher education in general in Kosovo.

The coordinator of "Alled" 2, Anton Gojani, said that during the work process for the creation of a standard for the "Diploma Supplement", three steps will be taken: 1. Analysis of practices, 2. Development of capacities and 3. Adaptation of the format for at least three programs. "The idea is to support all universities to create a standard for the 'Diploma Supplement' that is distributed alongside the diploma," he said, according to which this is planned to start from the next academic year.

Rector Musaj expressed his gratitude for the support provided regarding this project for public universities. He emphasized that at UIBM the "Diploma Supplement" is already offered electronically, while working together with other universities to create a common standard. Professor Ferdije Zhushi, as an expert, spoke about the importance of implementing the "Diploma Supplement". "The idea is to connect education with the labor market. The

**QATEK – ACCEPTANCE OF UNIVERSITY TEXTS THAT ENRICH THE LIBRARY  
OF THE FACULTY OF EDUCATION**

18/02/2022



Within the activities of the QATEK project: Towards Quality Oriented System of Initial Teacher Education to Increase Teacher Professionalism in Kosovo, on February 16, 2022, the Vice-Rector for Cooperation international and scientific research Prof.dr. Behxhet Shala and the Vice-deanship of the Faculty of Education Prof. ass. dr. Samire Bllaca Balaj, participated in the acceptance of the collection of university books for the enrichment of the library of the Faculty of Education.

This project activity aimed at purchasing modern textbooks for modeling the provision of quality education for future teaching students of the Faculty of Education. The Faculty of Education at the University of Pristina, as project coordinator, has delivered the purchased texts to the representatives of the "Isa Boletini" University of Mitrovica and other partners. In this ceremonial event, the Rector of the University of Pristina, Prof. dr. Naser Sahiti congratulated the initiative of the QATEK project by discussing the importance of literature in improving the quality of education of future teachers. The representatives of the partners showed the extraordinary support they have received from the QATEK project in their efforts to develop the professionalism of young teachers.

**VICE Rector SHALA REPRESENTED THE FACULTY OF EDUCATION IN THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION-MASHTI**

18/02/2022



On February 16, organized by MESTI, the first meeting of the Advisory Committee for Early Childhood Education, which is an advisory body of MESTI, was held.

KKEFH was created by the decision of Minister Arbërie Nagavci to provide a comprehensive and multisectoral forum of Early Childhood Education and Care. This committee consists of members delegated by the Faculties of Education of various public universities, by representatives of local and international institutions and organizations that work in the field of education, child protection, health and welfare. KKEFH is chaired by the Deputy Minister of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation, Edona Maloku Bërdyna. The purpose of this meeting was to present and coordinate the commitments of key institutions and organizations that work at this level of education. Vice Chancellor Shala presented the successes and challenges in the preparation of preschool educators at UIBM, placing emphasis on the infrastructural opportunities offered by University “Isa Boletini”- Mitrovica, as well as on the readiness and preparation of the academic staff. The vice-rector appreciated the cooperative and developmental approach that permeated this daily meeting by all members, especially by the deputy minister of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation, the head of KKEFH, Edona Maloku Bërdyna. The ongoing contribution of this Advisory Committee will be in harmony with MESTI's policy priorities for this segment of education.

**THREE FTU STUDENTS WILL STAY ONE SEMESTER AT "VAN HALL  
LARENSTEIN" UNIVERSITY**

18/02/2022



Within the Erasmus+ program, namely the cooperation with the University of Applied Sciences "Van Hall Larenstein" in Leeuwarden, the Netherlands, three students from the Faculty of Food Technology at the University "Isa Boletini" will stay for a semester in the Netherlands. Students are following the food technology course: Shqipe Gashi and Albin Aliu, while Endrit Kelmendi is taking the wastewater treatment course.

**COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN FTU AND "KONDITORIA"  
COMPANY**

18/02/2022



In order to create the best study conditions for students, namely for the realization of practical work in the food industry, the Faculty of Food Technology has signed a cooperation agreement with the company "Konditoria" in Mitrovica. On behalf of FTU, the agreement was signed by the dean, Prof. Assoc. Dr. Milaim Sadiku, while on behalf of the company MSc. Arife Gashi, food engineering engineer.

The agreement allows students not only short visits, but students can participate in the production process and take the product they cook with them. While FTU will help the company professionally with advice, recommendations and laboratory analysis.

**THE "INFORMATION DAY" FOR THE "HORIZON EUROPE" PROGRAM  
WAS HELD**

24/02/2022



In order to promote the program "Horizon Europe and the COST Association", an "Information Day" was held on Thursday at University "Isa Boletini"- Mitrovica (UIBM), where vice-rectors, teachers, assistants, students, etc. were present. The activity was opened by the vice-rector for International Cooperation and Scientific Research, prof. dr. Behxhet Shala, who expressed his satisfaction for organizing such an event for all those who are interested in learning more about the opportunities offered by the "Horizon Europe" program.

Andi Batusha, Senior Official for Development Assistance in the Office of Development Cooperation from the Office of the Prime Minister, spoke about the new cycle of cooperation with the EU, where agreements have been signed and increased activities have been carried out so that the scientific community is also a beneficiary of the programs of the EU. He said that despite the fact that Kosovo is new to the EU programs for scientific projects, the idea is to create opportunities to transfer good experiences.

Meanwhile, Qamile Sinanaj, National coordinator for the "Horizon Europe" program, focused on the policies of these programs. She emphasized that Kosovo is relatively good compared to the region. "Out of 105 applications in this program in 2020, 21 projects have benefited," she said.

**THE ACADEMIC STAFF OF THE ECONOMICS FACULTY LECTURED AT THE START OF THE SECOND INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP "DUAL CURRICULA - STUDY AND WORK PRACTICE IN AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SAFETY" 01/03/2022**



The second international workshop entitled: "Dual Curricula - Study and Work Practice in Agriculture and Food Safety", within the "DualAFS" project, started on Tuesday at the University "Isa Boletini"- Mitrovica (UIBM). Participants in this project, in addition to those from the Faculty of Food Technology at UIBM, are also representatives of partner universities in this project: "Nuertingen-Geiingen" University from Germany, which is a leading partner, "Savonia" University from Finland, Agricultural University of Tirana and "Fan S. Noli" University of Korça, from Albania, "Hasan Prishtina" University of Pristina.

The rector of UIBM, prof.dr. Alush Musaj, before the start of the workshop, accompanied by the dean of the Faculty of Food Technology, prof. dr. Milam Sadiku, has received at the meeting the professor, Ardita Jahja - Hoxha, from the University of Applied Sciences in Finland, who is also part of this project. Musaj appreciated the good work being done within the "DualAFS" project, taking into account the exchange of experiences between public universities.

At the opening of the workshop, a speech was given by the vice-rector for International Cooperation and Scientific Research, prof.dr. Behxhet Shala, who wished success to the participants of the workshop. He said that UIBM is developing policies and mechanisms for the advancement of teaching and scientific research, including fostering collaboration with various local and international partners.

THE VIRTUAL MEETINGS WERE HELD WITH INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS FOR THE  
RE-CREDITATION OF THE BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AT THE  
FACULTY OF ECONOMICS

01/03/2022



Within the process of re-accreditation of the programs, the meetings of the professional groups of the Faculty of Economics at "Isa Boletini" University with international experts began on Tuesday. For the academic year 2022 - 2023, the Faculty of Economics applies with a study program: Business and Management, with specializations: 1. Banking, Finance and Accounting and 2. Management and Entrepreneurship.

The meetings with the international experts were held online and were monitored by the officials of the Kosovo Accreditation Agency (KAA). Dean of the Faculty of Economics, prof. dr. Qazim Tmava, said that the process is going well thanks to the preparations that were made in time.

## TWO EXPERTS OF "TREPÇA" GAVE LECTURES AT FIMK

03/03/2022

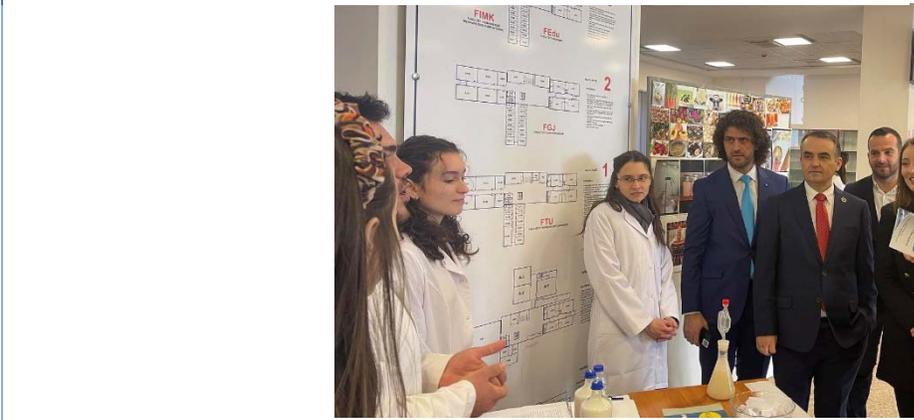


Two experts from the company "Trepça": Prof. Hamit Beqiri and Prof. Bajram Mustafa, gave a lecture to the students of the Faculty of Mechanical and Computer Engineering (FIMK) at University "Isa Boletini"- Mitrovica (UIBM) on Thursday. Prof. Beqiri spoke about "Loss of lead with dross in the reduction smelting process", while prof. Bajram Mustafa made a presentation for the company "Trepça".

In addition to students and academic staff, the leaders of FIMK were also present. Dean prof. dr. Hakif Zeqiri thanked the experts for their willingness to share their experience with FIMK students. "This is a good opportunity for students to further expand their knowledge in areas of interest," he said.

WITH THE "OPEN DAY" THE 9TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDATION  
OF UIBM WAS MARKED

04/03/2022



On the occasion of the 9th anniversary of the establishment of University "Isa Boletini"- Mitrovica (UIBM), the Center for Career Development and the Student Parliament organized an "Open Day" on Friday, where, in addition to the UIBM team, school students also participated secondary school from the Municipality of Mitrovica. On this occasion, the Student Councils from the academic units presented to the attendees the work done at UIBM as well as the opportunities offered to young people who want to study at this university.

In advance, a solemn ceremony was held, where, in addition to UIBM management, students and high school students, the deputy mayor of Mitrovica Municipality, Arian Tahiri, and the chairperson of the Municipal Assembly, Vesa Broja, were also present. The rector of UIBM, prof.dr. Alush Musaj welcomed the attendees and expressed his congratulations on the 9th anniversary of the establishment of UIBM.

He said that through this activity, the anniversaries of the establishment are simultaneously marked and the work and opportunities offered by "Isa Boletini" University for young people who want to become part of this academic institution are revealed. "The university campus that we have now in Mitrovica, 9 years ago seemed just a good dream. It is now a reality and for

## RECTORS' CONFERENCE WAS HELD: "PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES AND THE PROFILING OF HIGHER STUDIES"

04/03/2022



On the occasion of the 9th anniversary of the founding of three public universities: University "Isa Boletini"- Mitrovica (UIBM), "Kadri Zeka" University in Gjilan (UKZ) and "Fehmi Agani" University in Gjakova (UFAGJ), was held on Friday at UIBM Rectors' Conference "Public universities and profiling of higher studies". In addition to the rectors, vice-rectors, members of the Governing Councils, etc., the Deputy Minister of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation, Dukagjin Pupovci, and the director of the Kosovo Accreditation Agency (AKA), Naim Gashi, were also present.

Those present as the host and chairman of the Rectors' Conference were first addressed by the rector of UIBM, prof.dr. Alush Musaj. He congratulated on the 9th anniversary of the establishment of these three universities and expressed his satisfaction for the organization of the Rectors' Conference at UIBM, as a significant event.

Musaj thanked the rectors, who with their work and commitment within the Rectors' Conference, have contributed to the consolidation of universities, as a prerequisite for raising the quality of higher education. "Cooperation and constructive approach in relation to institutions related to higher education has produced tangible results", he said.

In this context, he mentioned the approval by the Assembly of Kosovo of the statutes of some of the universities, which until recently have operated with temporary statutes. Another major goal, according to him, remains the separation of universities as independent budget units, which would greatly facilitate the procedures in these institutions.

**THE SECOND INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP "DUAL CURRICULA - STUDY AND WORK PRACTICE IN AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SAFETY" ENDED**

04/03/2022



On the third and last day of the "2nd International Workshop" within the DualAFS project, which was held at the University "Isa Boletini"- Mitrovica, the participants visited the "Stone Castle" winery in Rahovec. In this study visit, the laboratory, the filtration process and the wine filling and packaging technological line were visited. The engineer, Fejzullah Berisha, informed the participants about the history, production process, export and investments made in the company.

Another activity was the workshop for the development and advancement of practice-oriented curricula in partner universities from Albania and Kosovo. Dual curricula have been drawn up at the Agricultural University of Tirana and the "Fan Noli" Korçë University, while the "Isa Boletini" Mitrovica University and the "Hasan Prishtina" University of Pristina have advanced the practical part of the current curricula.

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**STUDENTS SHARE EXPERIENCES WITH COLLEAGUES ABOUT THEIR  
MOBILITY**

07/03/2022



On the occasion of marking the 9th anniversary of the establishment of University “Isa Boletini”- Mitrovica (UIBM), the Student Parliament has organized a meeting with students to share the experiences of those who have been part of mobility in different countries. In addition to students, UMIB management and deans of academic units were also present.

Rector, prof. dr. Alush Musaj, who was accompanied by the vice-rectors, thanked the Student Parliament for this organization. He encouraged students to make the most of the opportunities offered for mobility in different universities.

According to him, these experiences are extraordinary and help students to expand their knowledge not only in the field they study. "There are many opportunities that are offered, you should be as insistent as possible and become part of these projects", he said. Meanwhile, three students of the Faculty of Economics, Ariona Rushiti, who is also the president of the Student Parliament, then Arlinda Sherifi and Rrezon Haziri, shared with the audience their experiences for the semester they spent at the "West Pomeranian University of Technology" in Poland. They explained that this opportunity came as a result of inter-university cooperation within the Erasmus+ project.

**THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL MULTIDISCIPLINARY GEOSCIENCE CONFERENCE (IMGC2022) WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 13 AND 14, 2022** 07/03/2022



The Organizing Council for the International Multidisciplinary Geoscience Conference (IMGC2022) at University "Isa Boletini"- Mitrovica (UIBM), in the meeting held on March 7, 2022 at UIBM, decided that the fourth edition of this conference will be held on October 13 and 14, 2022. The Organizational Council, in addition to representatives from the Faculty of Geosciences at UIBM, chaired by Professor Sabri Avdullahi, is composed of: Gani Kastrati and Gani Maliq from the Independent Commission for Mines and Minerals (KPM), Luan Morinen from the Geological Survey of Kosovo and Skender Sallahun from the Department of Mining in the Ministry of Economy.

Also present at the first meeting of the KO were the rector of UIBM, prof. dr. Alush Musaj and vice-rectors. Musaj appreciated the good work that has been done within this conference in the three previous editions and expressed confidence in its success in the fourth edition as well.

He offered the full support of UIBM in terms of organization and other aspects related to this conference. "I am very grateful to all those who have been part of the organization and participants in the first three editions, and also to you who today are part of this scientific project, which exceeds the limits of our university", he said.

Those present have expressed their willingness to contribute to the organization of the fourth edition going as smoothly as possible.

**THE VIRTUAL MEETING WAS HELD WITH THE INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS  
FOR THE RECREDITATION OF THE "XEHETARI" PROGRAM**

14/03/2022



As part of the re-accreditation process of the programs at the University "Isa Boletini"-Mitrovica (UIBM), a virtual meeting was held on Monday with international experts for the bachelor's level "Mineral" program at the Faculty of Geosciences. The meeting was followed by the officials of the Kosovo Accreditation Agency in the capacity of observer. Two programs will also be subject to the reaccreditation process by this faculty: "Mineral resources (bachelor) on April 5 and the "Mineral" program (master), on April 27.

## COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH UNIVERSITY OF SAPIENZA IN ROME

14/03/2022



Students of University “Isa Boletini”- Mitrovica (UIBM) will have the opportunity to benefit from a Cooperation Agreement for student exchanges with Sapienza University in Rome. The agreement where the conditions of student exchanges are defined was signed by the rector of UIBM, prof. dr. Alush Musaj and the rector of the University of Sapienza, prof. dr. Antonella Polimeni.

In the framework of this agreement, it is determined that within an academic year the maximum number of students who can become part of the exchange cannot be more than 5. As for the length of stay, it is determined that it cannot be less than three months. The rector of UIBM, prof.dr. Alush Musaj said that this agreement is one more opportunity for students to benefit from the exchange with an outstanding university, such as Sapienza University in Rome. He expressed his gratitude to the rector, prof. Dr. Antonella Polimeni, for the willingness to cooperate with UIBM.

**IT ESSENTIALS AND SOFT SKILLS TRAINING INFORMATION SESSION  
WAS HELD**

17/03/2022



As part of the preparations for the start of IT Essentials and Soft Skills training, Prishtina REA in cooperation with the Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship at University “Isa Boletini”- Mitrovica, held an information session with UIBM students on Thursday. During the session, detailed information was given on the organization, application and content of the trainings.

The trainings will be held in person, are free and will last 5 months. The deadline for application is 25.03.2022. These trainings within the Youth Online and Upward Program (YOU) - KODE Project, are implemented by the Ministry of Economy and supported by the World Bank.

## IMPROVING CAPACITIES OF ACADEMIC STAFF IN SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

18/03/2022



On March 16-17, the QATEK project organized the third session of the capacity building program in the research module in the preparation of academic staff with the topic "Statistical tests and statistical associations using SPSS".

The main objective of the workshop was to involve the participants in practical engagement with data analysis through SPSS. The seminar covered topics on how to calculate descriptive statistics (and what they mean) as well as basic statistical tests such as T-test, ANOVA, non-parametric test, correlation and chi-square. In addition, participants learned how to choose an appropriate statistical test and received instructions on how to interpret and write up the results. Academic personnel from the Faculty of Education participated in this workshop. The workshop was led by the professors of the University of Ljubljana, Prof. Dr. Janez Vogrinc and Ass. Miha Matjašič.

**COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION FOR  
MINES AND MINERALS**

24/03/2022



In order to promote and develop both institutions, University “Isa Boletini”- Mitrovica (UIBM) will cooperate with the Independent Commission for Mines and Minerals (KPMM). In order to determine the areas and specifics of cooperation, a Cooperation Agreement was signed on Thursday by the rector of UIBM, prof. dr. Alush Musaj and Selvete Grajqevci Pllana, chairperson of the KPMM Board.

The cooperation agreement between these two institutions was evaluated as an opportunity for mutual benefit. Rector Musaj emphasized that the teachers and students of UIBM can also benefit from this agreement.

In its framework, it is envisaged that the two institutions will organize joint activities of a scientific nature, such as conferences, seminars, trainings, etc. UIBM and KPMM will also exchange academic materials, scientific research, etc.

## THE DIPLOMA SUPPLEMENT REVIEW PROCESS BEGIN

28/03/2022



The vice-rector for teaching, student affairs and quality development Prof. ass. dr. Merita Shala and the Director of the Office for Student Services Kastriot Xhema, participated in the workshop on the topic: Analysis of the current implementation of the Diploma Supplement in public universities in Kosovo. In the workshop, the diploma supplement models offered by various higher education institutions were discussed, as well as the contents offered were examined, highlighting the need to revise and unify this important document for students and not only.

Representatives of all public institutions of higher education in Kosovo participated in this workshop, as well as representatives from the Ministry of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation and the Kosovo Accreditation Agency.

The workshop was organized by ALLED2 in the context of improving the content of the diploma supplement.

**UIBM PART OF THE WORKSHOP "ADVANCEMENT OF RESEARCH  
CULTURE IN IAL OF KOSOVO"**

28/03/2022



Rector of University "Isa Boletini"- Mitrovica, prof. dr. Alush Musaj, vice-rector for International Cooperation and Scientific Research, prof. dr. Behxhet Shala and the dean of the Faculty of Education, prof. dr. Besim Gollopeni, are participating in the workshop "Advancement of research culture in HEIs of Kosovo", which started on Monday at the University of National and World Economy in Sofia. Part of this several-day workshop are all the public universities of Kosovo, the University of Sapienza from Italy, etc.

Within the workshop, various aspects related to scientific research will be discussed. According to the agenda, it is planned to discuss the development of research ethics and integrity standards, the role of university scientific institutes in the financial support of research work, scientific journals and the support of publications indexed in Scopus and WoS.

**UIBM WINNER OF THE HERAS PLUS PROJECT IN THE "SOCIAL DIMENSION SMALL GRANT" CALL**

29/03/2022



University "Isa Boletini"- Mitrovica has managed to win a project related to the call of HERAS Plus for Social Dimension Small Grant. The project aims to offer the university as close as possible to community service, through legal education for the rights of persons with disabilities.

Community service remains one of the main components of UIBM, and it has proven this with a series of activities, including this project.

The whole project will be implemented by the working group of the project, that all members of the academic staff and students of UIBM".

**Rector MUSAJ IS PARTICIPATING IN THE WORKSHOP ON "BUILDING REGIONAL COOPERATION IN HIGHER EDUCATION", HELD IN SOFIA**

29/03/2022



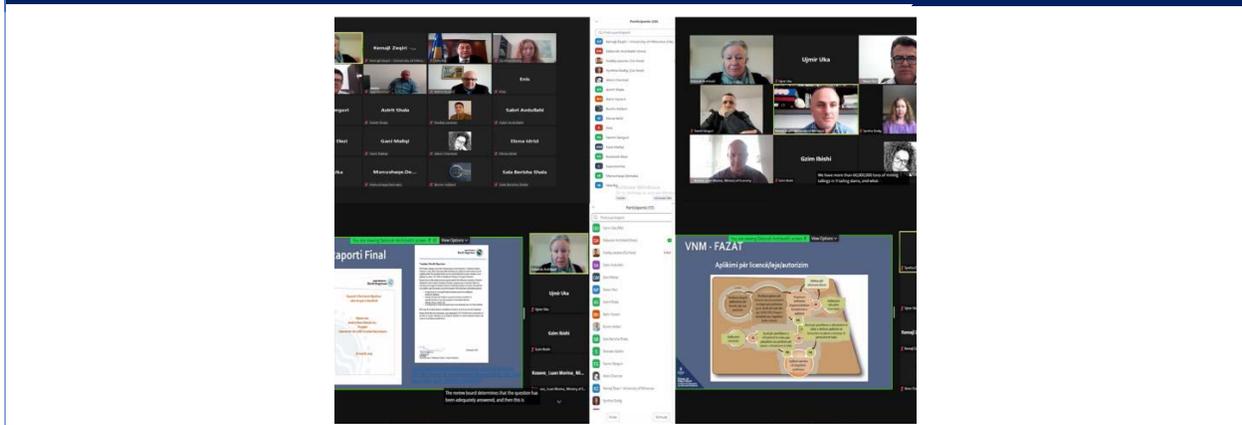
Rector of University "Isa Boletini"- Mitrovica, prof. dr. Alush Musaj is participating in the workshop on "Building regional cooperation in higher education", which is being held at the Technical University of Sofia, within the framework of the QUADIC project. Part of this workshop are the public universities of Kosovo, the Technical University of Sofia. Sapienza University etc.

During the three days that this workshop will last, a draft for a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the creation of a regional cooperation network will be presented, then visits will be made to university premises and a common software platform will be discussed.

Rector Musaj emphasized that within this project opportunities are being offered for exchange of experiences and the increase of university cooperation in the region.

## THE WEBINAR WAS HELD: "ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FROM THE MINING SECTOR IN CANADA"

29/03/2022



In the framework of the cooperation of the Faculty of Geosciences, namely the Department of Mining with the University of Calgary - Canada and the Canadian embassy, a Webinar was held regarding the assessment of the environmental impact of mining activities.

In addition to the professors and students of the FGJ, other representatives from mining institutions also participated in this meeting: the Ministry of Economy, the Independent Commission for Mines and Minerals, the Geological Service, Trepca, KEK, as well as representatives of private mining companies.

This meeting was moderated by Mrs. Syntia Dodig (Commissioner for Trade, Canadian Embassy in Croatia and Kosovo), who emphasized the importance of this meeting and mutual cooperation for the development of the mining sector in Kosovo. And, prof. Kemajl Zeqiri (FGJ), during his speech, emphasized the importance of the exchange of experiences between the University of Calgary and the Faculty of Geosciences, not only in the academic aspect but also in the sustainable development of the mining industry.

Deputy Minister of Economy Mr. Mentor Arifaj, in his welcoming speech, thanked the organizers of this meeting, appreciating the meeting's special importance for the development of the mining industry in accordance with environmentally friendly principles.

At the end of the meeting, the Dean of the FGJ thanked the organizers and all the participants, stressing that the FGJ will work on deepening cooperation with the relevant institutions, in function of joint development.

## Rector MUSAJ MET THE AMBASSADOR OF KOSOVO IN BULGARIA

31/03/2022



Rector of University "Isa Boletini"- Mitrovica, prof. dr. Alush Musaj, during his stay in Sofia where two workshops for higher education are being held: "Building regional cooperation in higher education" and "Advancement of research culture in HEIs of Kosovo", together with other leaders of public universities, has met the ambassador of Kosovo in Bulgaria, Delfin Pllana. The meeting discussed the possibilities of cooperation with Bulgarian universities.

In this context, the rectors received the support of Ambassador Pllana, who expressed his readiness to help Kosovar universities to increase cooperation with universities in Bulgaria. The exchange of good practices between universities was enhanced.

On the other hand, two workshops for higher education were completed on Thursday, where, in addition to Kosovar universities and colleges, the Technical University of Sofia and the University of Sapienza in Italy were also participants.