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RECTOR MUSAJ HOSTED THE DIRECTORS OF ERASMUS+ IN A MEETING



The opportunities offered by the Erasmus+ program are considered very important for University "Isa Boletini"- Mitrovica (UIBM). These and other issues related to Erasmus+ projects were discussed on Friday in a joint meeting that took place at UIBM between the rector, prof. dr. Alush Musaj and the new coordinator of the Erasmus+ Office in Kosovo, Mimika Dobroshi and the representative of the office, Blerinë Zjaça.

Rector Musaj, who was accompanied at the meeting by the vice-rector for Teaching, Student Affairs and Quality Development, prof. ass. dr. Merita Shala and the vice-rector for International Cooperation and Scientific Research, prof. dr. Behxhet Shala, congratulated the Erasmus+ coordinator on the new task and appreciated the support for the intensification of cooperation. "We are very satisfied with the opportunities and your correct approach regarding cooperation", he said.

On the other hand, the coordinator of the Erasmus+ Office, Mimika Dobroshi, said that in addition to the opportunities for projects from universities, new programs will start from October that will cover innovation, youth sports, etc. "We hope that based on the new programs, we will also see an increase in interest to benefit from them".

In this context, there was a need for staff training from universities regarding the preparation of projects. In this regard, it was emphasized that there are opportunities and together the best modalities will be found to help the universities.



ALL STUDY PROGRAMS AT UIBM WHICH HAVE BEEN IN THE PROCESS ARE REACREDITED



All the programs of the University "Isa Boletini"- Mitrovica (UIBM), which have undergone the process this year, have been re-accredited in a 3-year period. This was decided by the State Quality Council (KShC) of the Kosovo Agency for Accreditation (AKA), at the 101st meeting, held on 30.06.2022, which reviewed and approved the reports of international accreditation experts for UIBM programs -'s.

There were a total of 7 programs from UIBM that went through the reaccreditation process this year: Business and Management (Bsc), Minerals (Bsc), Technology (Bsc), Mineral Resources (Msc), Minerals (Msc), Technology and Engineering (Msc) and Food Technology (Bsc). Of them, 4 programs were at the bachelor's level and 3 at the master's level.

The rector of UIBM, prof.dr. Alush Musaj expressed his satisfaction for the success achieved in terms of the reaccreditation process of the programs. "I want to congratulate the management staff, teachers, administration, students and everyone who has been part of and helped this process", he said.

For the academic year 2022/23, UMIB offers a total of 23 accredited programs in 6 faculties.



THE MONITORING TEAM FROM HERAS+ HIGHLY APPRECIATES THE PROGRESS IN THE UIBM PROJECT 'EQUALITY THROUGH EDUCATION -RAISING AWARENESS OF THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES'



Today, a meeting was held between the implementation team of the project 'Equality through education - raising awareness of the rights of persons with disabilities', a project carried out by UIBM and supported by HERAS+, with the monitoring team of HERAS+ composed of Mrs. Louise Spel, Mr. Nehat Dervishi and Mrs. Jeta Rexha and the project implementation team.

The team from HERAS+ at the project progress assessment meeting met with the members of its implementing team consisting of: Prof. ass. dr. Zahir Çerkini – project coordinator, Prof.ass.dr. Filloreta Demiri – assistant coordinator of the project, Prof. asoc.dr. Ajtene Avdullahi, member of the project and Mrs. Hiljmnijeta Apuk - as Director - as Director of the partner organization in the project. The team from UIBM has informed the officials from HERAS+ with the progress of the project so far, as well as with the next steps that will be taken.

HERAS+ highly appreciated UIBM's willingness to contribute to the community through this and similar projects. According to them, until now the progress achieved in the project is visible and that with the completion of this project the parties that will benefit exceed the size of the university.



LAW STUDENT, FLORIJANA BEKA, WINS THE ORATORY AWARD "BEST SPEAKER"



Student Florijana Beka from the Faculty of Law of University "Isa Boletini"- Mitrovica is the winner of the "Best Speaker" oratory award in the framework of the nationwide competition "University Law Competition 2022" organized in Tirana. In this competition, 16 universities participated in oral sessions, which will be broadcast on Euronews Albania. The competition is supported by the Council of Europe and the European Union, and the top 5 students will be part of a study visit to the European Court of Human Rights, while other distinguished students will participate in a study visit to Balkan countries.



MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION WITH THE ORGANIZATION "7 ARTS"



The University "Isa Boletini"- Mitrovica (UIBM) and the "7 Arts" organization will cooperate in order to coordinate various activities of mutual interest. The cooperation memorandum that was signed on Thursday by the rector, prof. dr. Alush Musaj and the director of "7 arts", Lulzim Hoti, aims to promote the joint efforts of the two institutions.

In the signed document, the areas of cooperation related to the affirmation of current issues in the field of advancing academic and professional life are defined. Among other things, it is foreseen the possibility of practical work in "7 arts" for UIBM students, then the realization of joint voluntary activities for the traditional festival "Green Fest", application in joint projects for the development of innovation/creativity as and raising awareness on environmental issues, mutual promotion, etc.

Rector Musaj said that UIBM is open for cooperation in order to increase various opportunities for students and the community in general. He appreciated the good work and activities of the "7 arts" organization, which has dynamized the cultural life in Mitrovica.

Meanwhile, the director of "7 arts", Lulzim Hoti, expressed his gratitude for the possibility of cooperation with the University. He said that activities and projects of interest to the youth and the whole city can be realized together.



A PANEL DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE PRESENT AND FUTURE OF THE MINING SECTOR IN KOSOVO



Foreign direct investments are very important for the development of the mining industry in Kosovo. This is how it was evaluated at the table: "The present and the future of the mining sector in Kosovo - analysis of foreign direct investments (FDI)", which was held on Thursday at the Faculty of Geosciences at the University "Isa Boletini"- Mitrovica (UIBM).

Among the recommendations that came out at the end, was the one for the leaders of the institutions, who were asked to create a political consensus, unlock all areas for research, tax policies and the distribution of income between different levels of government. It was also considered very necessary to gather all those who decide on mining policies in the country to guide the further development of the mining sector and the attraction of foreign direct investments.

The table was opened by the rector of UIBM - prof. dr. Alush Musaj, who congratulated the leaders of the Faculty of Geosciences for this organization. He emphasized the importance of the development of the mining sector in Kosovo, for which academic expertise should be used. Dean of the Faculty of Geosciences, prof. dr. Naser Peci said that the development strategy of the mining sector also represents an economic challenge.



A DELEGATION FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF KRAKOW VISITED THE FACULTY OF GEOSCIENCES



A delegation from AGH University of Science and Technology, Krakow, Poland (Faculty of Geology, Geophysics and Environmental Protection), led by prof. assoc. dr. Jaroslav Prsek, visited the Faculty of Geosciences (FGJ) at the University "Isa Boletini"- Mitrovica (UIBM). The visit was carried out in the framework of the cooperation of these two faculties from University "Isa Boletini"- Mitrovica and the University of Krakow.

The delegation was received at the meeting by the dean of FGJ, prof. dr. Naser Peci accompanied by prof. dr. Gani Maliqi, where the possibilities of advancing cooperation were discussed, with special emphasis on joint projects as well as the possibility of staff and student mobility. Colleagues from Poland also delivered to FGJ some samples from Polish sites that students and staff can use to get to know the sites better.

The delegation from Poland, which included 5 master's level students of the Economic Geology Program, is conducting study visits to certain geological sites and areas of Kosovo.



UIBM PLANS TO ORGANIZE A WORKSHOP ON MEDIA EDUCATION



Students of University "Isa Boletini"- Mitrovica (UIBM) will be able to attend the media education seminar that is planned to be organized by the OSCE - at the beginning of the academic year 2022/23. This was discussed on Tuesday in a meeting at UIBM, between the rector, prof. dr. Alush Musaj and Lekë Berishas from the Media Section in the Department of Democratization in the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE/OSCE).

Rector Musaj, who was accompanied at the meeting by the vice-rector for Teaching, Student Affairs and Quality Development, prof.ass.dr. Merita Shala as well as the vicerector for International Cooperation and Scientific Research, prof.dr. Behxhet Shala, assessed that the media education seminar is a very good opportunity for students, but also for the academic staff. He emphasized that UIBM will create all the conditions for this seminar to take place as well as possible so that the students' interest is as great as possible.

On the other hand, the official of the OSCE, Lekë Berisha, thanked the leaders of UIBM for their readiness in terms of cooperation and in this case also the organization of the seminar for media education.



RECTOR MUSAJ EXPRESSES HIS CONDOLENCES FOR THE DEATH OF PROF. DR. SHYQRI KELMENDI



The news about the death of the university professor, prof. dr. Shyqri Kelmendi, a prominent Mitrovica personality, grieved all of us who knew him and worked with him. On this occasion, I want to express my sincere condolences to the family, friends and colleague of the deceased, in my personal name and on behalf of the University "Isa Boletini"-Mitrovica (UIBM).

His death is not only a loss for the family, but also for our society in general, as he was a special name as a person and as an ore expert. The deceased professor, in addition to his leadership positions in the "Trepça" combine, in "Ferronikel" as well as in local and central institutions, has made an extraordinary contribution as a teacher in the Faculty of Mining and Metallurgy.

rof. dr. Shyqri Kelmendi left behind a prosperous scientific activity, as author and co-author f many university texts, over 30 published scientific and professional works and about 20 ifferent projects. He was also a member of several international professional forums and odies; Member of the Organizational Council of the World Mining Congress and member of ne Professional Group for Automation of Flotation Processes, near SEV, etc.



THE STUDENTS AND PROFESSORS WHO PRESENTED UIBM IN THE "UNIVERSITY LAW COMPETITION 2022" ARE GRATEFULLY HONORED



Rector of University "Isa Boletini"- Mitrovica (UIBM), prof.dr. Alush Musaj, has honored with gratitude a group of students and professors from the Faculty of Law, who participated in the "University Law Competition 2022" held in Tirana. He congratulated the student Florijana Beka, who won the oratory award "Best Speaker" and the entire group that presented UIBM in the nationwide competition "University Law Competition 2022", where 16 universities participated.

Rector Musaj said that this is an extraordinary achievement for students, academic staff, the Faculty of Law in particular and "Isa Boletini" University in general. "The successful presentation and the result achieved in this prestigious competition, among 16 universities from all Albanian territories, prove your dedication as students first and the support and professional work of the academic staff", he said.

The competition is supported by the Council of Europe and the European Union. The five best students will be part of a study visit to the European Court of Human Rights, while other outstanding students will participate in a study visit to the Balkan countries.



UIBM ENTRANCE EXAMS WERE HELD



Entrance exams were held on Wednesday for candidates who applied to the competition announced for the admission of students in the first year (bachelor) at "Isa Boletini" University in Mitrovica (UIBM) for the academic year 2022/23. In 11 accredited programs within 6 faculties, a total of 625 candidates applied.

As usual, the greatest interest has been in the social programs: Education, Law and Economics, but also in the programs within the Faculty of Mechanical and Computer Engineering, while less in Food Technology and Geoscience. For places that will not be filled, the second term of the admission competition will be opened.

The rector of UIBM, prof.dr. Alush Musaj visited the halls where the entrance exams were held and congratulated the candidates who passed the exams. He emphasized that UMIB



UNIVERSITY "ISA BOLETINI"- MITROVICA SIGNS COOPERATION AGREEMENT AT RECTORS' LEVEL WITH UNIVERSITY OF AGRIBUSINESS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN PLOVDIV, BULGARIA



Within the objectives of University "Isa Boletini"- Mitrovica to increase the number of collaborations with higher education institutions, UIBM Rector Prof.Dr. Alush Musaj has concluded a cooperation agreement with the Rector Prof.Dr. Mariana Ivanova of the University of Agribusiness and Rural Development from Plovdiv, Bulgaria.

UIBM and UARD through the signed agreement have agreed on the following objectives and activities:

- Exchange between the institutions of:
- Academic staff for the purposes of promoting research collaborations in relation to educational plans and programs;
- Academic staff for the purpose of exchange of teaching expertise;
- Academic staff for the purposes of short-term lectures/visits;

• Administrative staff in order to transfer knowledge of administrative practices, especially in the field of Economy, Marketing, Management, Tourism, Finance, Banks, Ecology, Environmental Protection, Information Technology, etc.

Students in the "study abroad" and/or "student exchange" programs;

• • Postgraduate students pursuing research programs who will benefit from access to expertise or resources available at the host institution;



PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH "MONTANUNIVERSITAT LEOBEN" IN AUSTRIA



University "Isa Boletini"- Mitrovica (UIBM) will cooperate with "Montanuniversitat Leoben" in Austria in order to realize the HERAS project: "Professional development of tomorrow's engineers". For this, a partnership agreement was signed between these two institutions by the rector of UIBM, prof. dr. Alush Musaj and the vice rector of "Montanuniversitat Leoben", prof.dr. Peter Moser.

In the partnership agreement, the responsibilities and obligations of each university related to the project: "Professional development of tomorrow's engineers" are defined. The procedures for the activities, the budget and other aspects related to this partnership have also been clarified.

ne rector of UIBM, prof.dr. Alush Musaj estimated that the partnership agreement with Montanuniversitat Leoben" in Austria will help UIBM as a beneficiary of the HERAS project. We are pleased that we will be able to benefit from the good experience of Montanuniversitat Leoben", in terms of the field of international cooperation and in this case f a concrete project such as this of HERAS".



PROFESSOR BAHTIR HYSENI, PART OF THE WORKSHOP FOR THE OPENING OF THE FULBRIGHT PROGRAM FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF FACULTIES



Professor Bahtir Hyseni, currently a professor in the Faculty of Food Technology at UIBM, was among the higher education staff from Kosovo who completed the inaugural Fulbright faculty development workshop. The workshop was organized in New York and in the coming months the academic staff will learn the best practical and theoretical approaches in curriculum development at the host universities in the USA.

During this program, the academic staff will research and develop lesson plans, syllabuses and specific teaching strategies that will be implemented in Kosovo.

The program in question is a joint program of the US Department of State and the Government of Kosovo and continues to be open to other participants from the academic staff interested in academic exchanges until 17.10.2022.

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THE PROFESSOR, GZIM IBISHI, CONTINUES HIS POST-DOCTORAL STUDIES AT BÜLENT ECEVIT UNIVERSITY



Professor of the Faculty of Geosciences at University "Isa Boletini"- Mitrovica (UIBM), prof. ass. dr. Gzim Ibishi has started his post-doctoral studies at Bülent Ecevit University, in Zonguldak, Turkey. Professor Ibishi, who lectures in the Department of Minerals, has chosen a specific field of "Underground Design and Exploitation". He will carry out the research within the project "Underground rock excavation support design for static and dynamic loading conditions in different rock masses" under the leadership of Professor Melih Geniş, a well-known expert in the field of applied geomechanics and underground spaces. Within the Post-doctorate project, field work, laboratory work and the application of the most advanced software of the relevant field for modeling and simulation will be carried out.

The studies are funded by the Turkiye Burslari Program, this program is designed to encourage international researchers and academics to collaborate with Turkish academics at Turkey's most prestigious universities. Also, "Isa Boletini" Mitrovica University has supported Professor Ibishi during his five-month stay in Turkey.



JOINT MEETING OF VICE-RECTORS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UIBM STUDENT PARLIAMENT



As part of the preparations for the start of the new academic year at UIBM, the vice-rector for teaching, student affairs and quality development Merita Shala, the vice-rector for international cooperation and scientific research Behxhet Shala and the vice-rector for budget and finance Ajtene Avdullahi met with the representatives of student parliament, respectively the president Ariona Rushiti and the students Festim Murati and Arber Zeqiri.

In the meeting, issues related to the finalization of the accreditation of the programs for this academic year and the joint preparations for the institutional and program reaccreditation process for the next academic year were discussed. The activities of the Student Parliament, preparations for the beginning of the new academic year, admission competitions and new students, as well as other issues related to teaching, quality, research, cooperation, etc., were the focus of discussions and joint agreements to increase the opportunities that academic life at our university to be as rich as possible and at the service of our future students and current students.



IT ESSENTIALS AND SOFT SKILLS- CERTIFICATION AWARDS CEREMONY



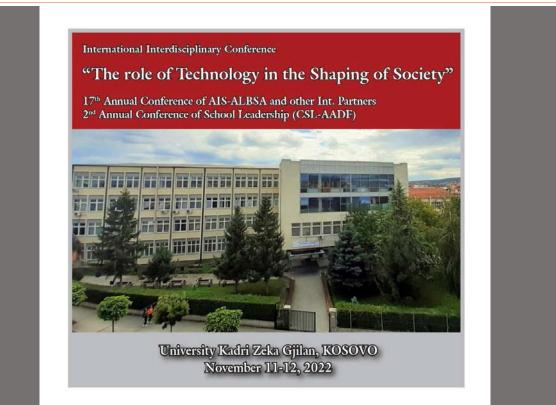
At "Isa Boletini University" in Mitrovica, the certification ceremony was organized for the 31 trainees who passed the certification test, after a five-month intensive training course. The IT Essentials and Soft Skills training project is funded by KODE/Ministry of Economy and implemented by Prishtina REA in partnership with UIBM and IEC

At the same time the new call was launched for the next batch of IT Essentials and Soft Skills Training

The event was honored by the participation of the KODE project coordinator, Mrs. Fjolla Restelica Ahmeti, vice-rector, Prof. Dr. Behxhet Shala, director of IEC prof. Besart Hajrizi and the municipal director for Culture, Youth and Sport, Mrs. Valdete Idrizi.



INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE "THE ROLE OF TECHNOLOGY IN THE FORMATION OF SOCIETY"



INVITATION to participate in the international conference "The role of technology in shaping society" which will be held at "Kadri Zeka" University in Gjilan, in November 2022. The co-organizers of the conference are dozens of local and international institutions, where equal partners are also University "Isa Boletini"- Mitrovica. The conference conducts its proceedings in 14 sessions, with presentations of the findings of researchers from the country, the region and the world. The conference also has a special guest (keynote speaker). This is the 17th annual conference organized by AIS/ALBSA and other partners and the 5th annual conference where UIBM is a co-partner. Below you can find other details;



THE POET, MIRSAD KUTELI, DONATES 300 BOOKS TO THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY



The poet, Mirsad Kuteli, has donated 300 books to the University Library at University "Isa Boletini"- Mitrovica (UIBM). Among them are six titles, which include books of poems, aphorisms and plays.

Kuteli expressed satisfaction with the opportunities created for students at UIBM, given the modern campus, the library and the general conditions that have been created. "I am happy to donate this collection of books to the university library, which will be available to students and all book lovers," he said.

Meanwhile, the Director for Information and Communication with the Public, Ahmet Jashari, who accepted this book fund, appreciated the good will of the poet, Mirsad Kuteli. "This fund of books enriches the University Library at UIBM even more, for which we are very grateful and express our most sincere thanks to their author".



THREE-DAY WORKSHOP FOR FINALIZING THE SELF-ASSESSMENT REPORT AT UIBM



The three-day workshop for the finalization of the Self-Assessment Report (SAR) at the University "Isa Boletini"- Mitrovica (UIBM) began on Tuesday. Part of this workshop are all links of UIBM, starting from the rector, vice-rectors, deans, administration and students.

During the three days, work will be done in separate chapters of the RVV so that it takes its final shape and is ready for the institutional re-accreditation process that will take place next year. Rector, prof. dr. Alush Musaj congratulated the groups that have been working for several months on this important document for the University.



A PROFESSOR FROM FINLAND OFFERS HIS EXPERIENCE FOR E-LEARNING AT UIBM

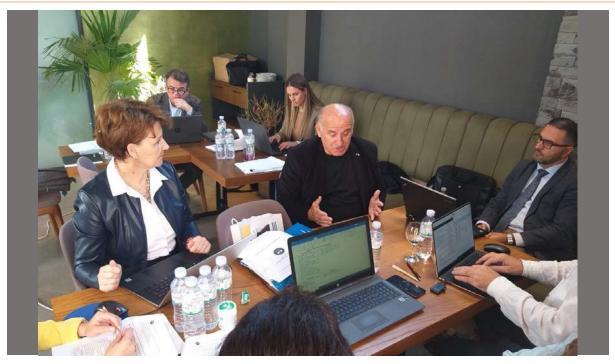


Professor, Hannu Viitala from Savonia University in Finland will hold a training program on e-learning at University "Isa Boletini"- Mitrovica (UIBM). During his stay at UIBM he will hold courses on Learning Management Systems (Moodle), Micro-courses: Online courses for life learning, E-learning tools and equipments and Game-based learning (Kahoot).

Professor Viitala was received on Wednesday in a meeting by the rector of UIBM, prof. dr. Alush Musaj, the dean of the Faculty of Food Technology, prof. dr. Milaim Sadiku and the assistant, Arbër Hyseni. They welcomed and thanked the professor from Finland for participating in this course, where I will share the best experiences regarding e-learning.



STRENGTHENING THE PARTNERSHIP WITH BUSINESSES, A PRIORITY AT UIBM



In the framework of the activities carried out by UIBM in the examination, analysis, evaluation and improvement of quality, a special space is also occupied by meetings with the representatives of our partners and collaborators. Considering as quite valuable the inputs from the joint experiences of cooperation, either at the level of opportunities that are created for our students for the development of professional practice during their studies, or ideas aimed at improving the content of the programs, meetings such as this next with Mr. Gani Durmishi, owner of the Aldi dairy and Chairman of the Kosovo dairy industry association, aims for joint development since the quality of studies and the competencies with which our students are prepared translate into quality engagements when they are hired by businesses.



WORKSHOP ON HORIZON EUROPE PROJECT



On September 22nd, the Workshop on Horizon Europe Project Proposal Writing concluded successful proceedings. A group from UIBM participated in this workshop.

Alongside the support provided to the capacity building of the Kosovo NCP structure, training of young professionals on Horizon Europe, and incentivizing applications through the Horizon Europe Proposal Application Grant, HERAS Plus is also enhancing Kosovo's participation in Horizon Europe through tailor-made training on collaborative projects under Horizon Europe.

The Workshop on Horizon Europe Project Proposal Writing attracted a wide range of professionals from public and private Higher Education Institutions and civil society organizations. The training offered an overview of the Horizon Europe collaborative project actions and practical guidance on the application process.

HERAS Plus will continue to support participants with individual consultations to upgrade the project concepts/ideas developed during the training through feedback and guidance for application to Horizon Europe calls.

HERAS Plus is funded by Austrian Development Agency and co-financed by MESTI and implemented by WUS Austria, Zentrum für Soziale Innovation – ZSI and OeAD.



'EQUALITY THROUGH EDUCATION – RAISING AWARENESS OF THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES'



On September 23 and 26, two workshops were held with UIBM students on the legal rights of persons with disabilities within the project 'Equality through education – raising awareness of the rights of persons with disabilities', a project implemented by UIBM and funded by HERAS+.

The topic of discussion for a two-day workshop with students were issues such as: the constitutional and legal rights of persons with disabilities, the challenges of the education of this category of society, UIBM and the inclusive approach to the education of persons with disabilities, and not only. The project team had fruitful discussions with the students, listening to their ideas and recommendations regarding the position of Persons with Disabilities.

In the following days, the project will continue with the planned activities until its completion.



THE GRADUATION CEREMONY WAS HELD FOR STUDENTS WHO GRADUATED IN THE 2021/22 ACADEMIC YEAR



Former students, students, leaders of University "Isa Boletini"- Mitrovica (UIBM), teachers, family members, etc., participated on Wednesday in the Graduation Ceremony for students who graduated in the academic year 2021/22. It has become a tradition at UIBM to jointly celebrate the graduation of students through these ceremonies for each academic year.

Addressing the attendees, the rector of UIBM, prof. dr. Alush Musaj congratulated the graduates and at the same time expressed his satisfaction that together with their families they are celebrating their success. "Of course, this is a special moment for the graduates, but it is also an emotional feeling and experience for the families and teachers, with whom you traveled together during the years you studied here."

Rector Musaj emphasized that this is only a stage in the life of the graduates, but still very important for the future. "You already know your way around and that makes things a lot easier. We as a University are very proud of your successes as a generation and as individuals. "Looking at your achievements, we practically see the work and dedication of the teachers and what is offered to students at the University "Isa Boletini"- Mitrovica," he said.



THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROJECT "STRENGTHENING LINKS BETWEEN ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR STUDENTS OF THE FACULTY OF ECONOMICS - UIBM" BEGINS



At University "Isa Boletini"- Mitrovica, the implementation of the "Strengthening links between academic and professional development for students of the Faculty of Economics - UIBM" project, which is financed by HERAS+, has begun. The project team is working continuously to ensure a successful implementation of the project.

This project aims to strengthen the connection between academic and professional development for the students of the Faculty of Economics. The idea of the project is based on knowledge and aims to raise awareness of the cooperation between HEIs and representatives from the labor market. Furthermore, it aims to identify labor market needs for the workforce in order to incorporate them into the curricula of our study programs.