



Faculty of Public Health, Slovak Medical University has received an EU grant ERASMUS+: Higher Education-International Capacity Building

Another international meeting of all project participants took place on 2-5 July 2019 in Cluj-Napoca, Romania. The central topic of the meeting was “Training in research skills”. The aim of this meeting was to get familiar in research skills, that are used by our Romanian partners in the teaching process as well as in the project activities.

Learning objectives:

1. Get information about the legal and administrative structure of the three PhD programs in Social Sciences and Public Health at Babes-Bolyai University and University of Medicine and Pharmacy.
2. Analyse three different social and public health issues in the community, from stakeholders working with vulnerable groups in Cluj-Napoca.
3. Identify research studies opportunities in the fields of Public Health and Social Sciences for the PhD students at the partner universities in Armenia and Georgia.
4. Identify research methods and designs that can be used for the PhD studies, by the students from the partner universities in Armenia and Georgia in the fields of Public Health and Social Sciences.
5. Exchange knowhow with PhD coordinators and students from Babes-Bolyai University and University of Medicine and Pharmacy in the fields of Public Health and Social Sciences.

The first day was focused to the structure of doctoral studies at the host university. Romanians colleagues presented the program of the European Central Region - Alcoholics Anonymous. The second training day was dedicated to the social projects of Romanian disadvantaged communities. The projects form a cluster within the Pata Cluj project. In the afternoon, we focused on identifying research opportunities for PhD. students and we had a discussion. The third day of training consisted of lectures focused on disadvantaged groups, children with disabilities. Also, university students presented their research strategies of the final theses. All lectures offered us the opportunity to comment and discuss with students the

theoretical and methodical issues they face during the work on the project. Further we had the opportunity to work in teams on interactive activities. Then we discussed the selected topics together. The lecturers were students, academics as well as professionals from practice. On the last day we had a coordination meeting where, in addition to the evaluation of lectures and additional discussion, we agreed on other meetings and project activities that had to be met to achieve the goals of the DPPHSS project.

In addition to many interesting lectures, of course we had the possibility to enjoy social evenings and events, which increasingly strengthen working and friendly ties between project participants. The next meeting was approved to Goteborg, Sweden with a focus on statistical training.

The project meeting was attended by the coordinator, managers and researchers from the University Workers Consortium. FPH SMU in Bratislava was represented by: M. Bartušová, MSc., PhD., V. Rechteriková, MSc., PhD, and project manager Prof. I. Čižnár, MSc., PhD., DrSc.



FOTO 1 SMU Team: Project manager Prof. Ivan Čížnár, Veronika Rechteríková (left), Mária Bartušová (right)



FOTO 2 International team of the project - DPPHSS



FOTO 3 and 4 Participants of the project in the lecture room