

Extra-ordinary Meeting of the Steering Committee

March 3rd 2020

Participants:

- Giorgia Bulli (University of Florence)
- Erika Cellini (University of Florence)
- Sergio D'Antonio (Compluense University, Madrid)
- Rudina Rama, (University of Tirana);
- Visar Dizdari (University of Shkoder);
- Elisabeta Osmanaj, (University of Elbasan)

At 10:00 the meeting is opened.

Agenda:

Finalization of the book on the Albanian Social Services and book presentation in Tirana

The meeting is opened at 10:00 o'clock by an introduction statement by the project coordinator, Giorgia Bulli. Bulli recalls the importance of the publication of the Book on the situation of the Social Services in Albania. The book is the merging of the three reports produced by the Universities of Tirana, Shkoder and Elbasan and supervised by the University of Florence, the Complutense University of Madrid and by the ISCTE IUL. The nature of the book is described at page 76 of the project proposal approved by the EACEA, "3 qualitative reports on the selected Social Services summarized in a book" WP1.2.

Bulli reminds the centrality of this output. The presentation of the book on the upcoming Wednesday 5th will be the occasion to stimulate an extensive reflection and a debate among the invited project stakeholders (Rectors of the universities, representatives of the municipalities of the cities of Tirana, Shkoder and Elbasan; Social Workers, Students) about the situation of the Social Services in Albania, and therefore, of the importance of Social Work at the university level.

Given these premises, Bulli recalls the role played by UNIFI as leading partner of the WP 1.2 for the coordination of all activities linked to the research design and to the coordination of all partners' role. She presents the problem regarding the indication of the editors of the book, that arose after the explicit request by the publisher to indicate names of the editors given the indexing necessities required by online publications. At the end of her intervention, she proposes the following names for the indexing of the volume: Rudina Rama, Marinela Sota, Visar Dizdari, Elisabeta Osmanaj, Giulia Mascagni; and the following names for the cover of the book (book editors): Visar Dizdari, Giulia Mascagni, Elisabeta Osmanaj, Rudina Rama, Marinela Sota. The names of the editors should be listed in alphabetical order.

A round of comments follows: RUDINA RAMA expresses her contrariety to the solution of the names of the editors listed in alphabetical order. This solution would deny the role played by the team of UNITI in the revision and rewriting of the chapters written by the University of Elbasan colleagues and in the supervision of the texts produced by the colleagues of the University of Shkoder. She also states that in case of application of the alphabetical order, she would ask the publisher to publish all text produced by the Albanian Universities in their first draft.

VISAR DIZDARI expresses his preference for the solution proposed by the project coordinator. He declares that the texts produced by him and by his colleagues did not undergo revisions by the University of Tirana.

As such, an edition containing the names of the Albanian colleagues in alphabetical order would be more fair.

ELISABATA OSMAJ also shares Dizdari's opinion and states that the revision of the texts produced by the University of Elbasan was related to the homogenization to the other texts more than to a new production of the contents.

SERGIO D'ANTONIO proposes to respect the spirit of cooperation typical of all CAPACITY BUILDING projects, where – like in the case of the digitalization activities performed by the UCM, all partners' efforts are directed to a common goal. This might produce some differentiated levels of engagement in some occasions, but for the sake of the project.

A second round of interventions follows. At the end of the second round of interventions, GIORGIA BULLI proposes the following solution:

THE INDEXING of the authors of the book (how you find the book online) will be: R.Rama, V.Dizdari, E. Osmanaj, M. Sota, G. Mascagni.

THE BOOK will be edited by: AA. VV. (Autori vari), meaning "Various authors". AA. VV. will also appear in the front cover of the book.

The names of the colleagues of UCM and ISCTE IUL and of UNIFI who were active in the revision of the texts of the Albanian colleagues will be mentioned in the book's introduction.

Giorgia Bulli asks to express an opinion on this solution and a unanimous convergence is found for the sake of the project and as to safeguard the upcoming book presentation in Tirana . The proposal is approved by all participants.

The meeting is closed at 12:10.