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ODLEP: Meeting / Getting to Know the Partners

Partner Presentation: University of Macedonia

The University of Macedonia was established in its current form in 1990 and is located in Thessaloniki, in Northern Greece. It is a State University under the responsibility of the Ministry of Education. It is a dynamic institution with four faculties consisting of eight undergraduate academic departments covering thirty graduate programs (Master Degrees) in disciplines with a high demand in the labour market. About 16.000 undergraduate and 2.000 graduate students attend courses in the University of Macedonia. The key areas of interest are related to the fields of economics, administration, applied informatics and social and political sciences. The decision-making bodies are the senate, the rector and the council. The University of Macedonia employs 241 people as teaching and research staff of various academic levels. Also, the Research Committee employs an additional number of research and scientific staff during the implementation of research projects.

The scientific team of the project belongs the department of Business Administration which is conducting research and educating students on issues of decision making, business administration analysis and provide sophisticated and critical theories and techniques to help students achieve the highest quality necessary for managerial and professional careers in the public and private sector.

The University of Macedonia has implemented projects under most of the former Erasmus programmes (Tempus, Lifelong Learning and Jean Monnet chairs), former framework (FP7) and Industrial Relations and Social Dialogue programmes as well as many European Territorial Cooperation Programmes. In the present it participates as a coordinator or a beneficiary in projects under the Erasmus+ programme, as well as the Horizon 2020 programme.

Involvement and participation within ODLEP research project

ODLEP includes four work packages. The University of Macedonia is participating throughout all the tasks of the ODLEP project. Regarding the first work package which is the "Project Management", University of Macedonia among other responsibilities has undertaken the role of the Communication Manager.

As far as the second work package is concerned, University of Macedonia has to lead the task of the literature review in collaboration with the other partners who will search the situation in their countries. Furthermore, **UOM** in collaboration with **AUTH** and **LBUS** will perform the analysis of the results.



















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Within the third work package UOM is leading activity 3.1. focusing on A literature review of MCDA methods and matching groups and furthermore, UOM is leading activities 3.2 and 3.3 focusing on the mathematical model and platform development correspondingly.

Work package four requires from UOM to assign at least one course to be conducted through the ODLEP platform/approach and gather feedback from students and instructors. Along with the other partners UOM will be identifying and recording best practices.















