



Regional Platform for Benchmarking and Cooperation in
Higher Education and Research

Second Meeting of the Platform Task Force Group

Venue: University of Ljubljana, Kongresni trg 12, 1000 Ljubljana

Date: 13th June 2016

In attendance:

Prof. Vladimir Bumbaširević, Rector,
University of Belgrade

Prof. Ivan Svetlik, Rector,
University of Ljubljana

Prof. Aleksandra Kanjua Mrčela, Head of Doctoral School
University of Ljubljana

Prof. Živoslav Tešić, Vice Rector for Science, Innovations and Technology Transfer
University of Belgrade

Prof. Martin Čopič, Vice Rector,
University of Ljubljana (at 2. Item of the Agenda)

Prof. Igor Papič, Dean of the Faculty of Electrical Engineering,
University of Ljubljana

Prof. Brane Širok, Dean of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering,
University of Ljubljana (at 2. Item of the Agenda)

Prof. Stane Pejovnik, President of the Platform Council
Regional Platform for Benchmarking and Cooperation in Higher Education and Research

Prof. Ladislav Novak, Platform Coordinator
Regional Platform for Benchmarking and Cooperation in Higher Education and Research

Meeting Agenda:

1. Creation of the list / list of experts
2. Regional Doctoral Programme „Energy“
3. Ministerial Conference on Cooperation in the region in the field of doctoral studies and research

Ad 1

The participants reaffirmed the criteria for the formation of the list of experts, agreed at the meeting of 2. 3. 2016 in Belgrade (Belgrade Meeting on the Platform Task Force Group), namely:

1. In all fields of study excluding the arts, humanities and social sciences the minimum requirements are:

A.

-At least 6 articles in the last 10 years or at least 3 articles in the past 5 years, published in international peer-reviewed journals from SCI list.

and

- The index of citation: at least 100 (excluding auto quotes) or at least 20 works published throughout career in international journals from the SCI list.

B.

- A set of 30% of the most successful in the home university according to the criteria A.

2. The minimum requirements for the humanities and social sciences the minimum requirements are:

A.

- At least 6 articles in the last 10 years or at least 3 articles in the last 5 years, which have been published in international peer-reviewed journals in the list, which is recognized by the Ministry responsible for science and doctoral studies.

and

- Citation index (no auto citations), at least 100, or at least 20 of the works published throughout the research career, provided that at least 2 of the list SSCI.

B.

- A set of 30% of the most successful experts in the home university according to the criteria A.

It was agreed that:

1. Based on the above criteria, each university shall set up its own list of the best experts.
2. Each university shall announce a call for experts to be included in the list for cooperation in the field of doctoral studies (to act as commission members, mentors and co-mentors, visiting professors ...) and provide their written consents to for the inclusion in the list.
3. It is necessary to determine the format of the new database with the necessary basic data experts (name, institution 5 areas keywords ...), and agree how the database is to be filled up. Each university designates a person who will be the administrator of the Platform on the website.
4. The proposal was that the website of the Platform will be hosted by the University of Zagreb; the University of Zagreb's consent for that should be obtained.
5. It has to be agreed with Slovenia IZUM how it will technically assist the creation of the Experts' database.

Ad 2:

Dean of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering prof. dr. Brane Širok and Dean of the Faculty of Electrical Engineering prof. dr. Igor Papic presented the preparatory activities for the creation of the Regional Interdisciplinary doctoral program of Energy, which will include various scientific fields.

Participants agreed that the University of Ljubljana makes the selection and revision of curricula subjects, which will be sent to all participants. They also agreed that it is necessary to create a working group that will work on the creation of regional doctoral program Energy.

Ad 3:

Head of the Doctoral School UL prof. dr. Aleksandra Kanjua Mrčela pointed out that the Ministerial Conference should provide organizational, political and financial support to the important work of the Regional Platform. She reported that the letter on the planned Ministerial Conference on Cooperation in the region in the field of doctoral studies and research sent to Slovenian Ministry of Education, Science and Sport pointed out that the conference will :

- Focus on collaboration ("institutionalisation of benchmarking") in the context of research and doctoral studies with a view to the adoption of shared responsibility for progress in the quality of doctoral studies in the region;
- Jointly search for the best solutions in the direction of the improvement of research facilities in the region, including human resources and research infrastructure.
- Sought political and financial framework for the promotion of regional cooperation and support of bottom-up initiatives in accordance with the Berlin process and the joint declaration "Leopoldina".

The Ministerial Conference was planned for the 10. 10. 2016 in the Congress Centre Brdo pri Kranju. It was envisaged that the conference will be accompanied with two other events (on 11. 10. 2016 and 12. 10. 2016): a meeting of members of the Regional Platform with international guests and the 3rd Regional Conference of ENIC NARIC.

Participants agreed that it is necessary to make inform ministries in all participating countries about the work already done and the documents produced within the Regional and to envisage the signature of an agreement on cooperation in doctoral studies and support of the work of the Regional Platform in both political as well as financial terms.

Prof. dr. Ivan Svetlik pointed out that it would be important to extend the participation in the Regional Platform and to link regional platform activities and German initiatives regarding support of development of the regional scientific production.

Prof. Ladislav Novak informed participants that while he was on the study leave, professor dr. Živoslav Tešić will take care of the coordination of the Regional Platform Council activities.