

DHIP - Plenary Virtual Meeting-29 June 2020

Due to the COVID2019 emergency and subsequent lockdown, all in –presence activities of project DHIP had to stop. In order to keep the project alive and kicking and to update on the state of the art, the consortium resolved to have a remote plenary meeting on 29 June 2020 at 15.00 CET.

Attended the event

Name and Surname	Institution
Ivan Dyukarev	University of Deusto
Paula Sanchez	University of Deusto
Juan Luis Mérega	Universidad Nacional de Quilmes
María de los Ángeles Duarte	Universidad del Cono Sur de las Américas (UCSA)
Cecilia Coria Esteves	Universidad Nacional de Cuyo
Nora Dari	Universidad Nacional de Quilmes
Guillermo Tangelson	Universidad Nacional de Lanús
Jose B. Villalba	Universidad del Cono Sur de las Américas (UCSA)
Julian Farina	Universidad Nacional de Lanús
Guillermo Tangelson	Universidad Nacional de Lanús
Norte, Liliana	University of Porto
Capitão, Luisa	University of Porto
Viviana Anache	Universidad Nacional de Quilmes
Angela Rocio Valderrama Diaz	Universidad Pedagógica Nacional
Adriana Ariza Ardila	Universidad Pedagógica Nacional
Barbara Silveri	University of Sassari
José Francisco Flores Alatorre	Universidad Autónoma de Asunción
Sonia Arciniegas Betancourt	Uniempresarial
Jorge Mario Hurtado	Uniempresarial
Lucia Toro	Uniempresarial
Vanessa Ibañez Delgado	Universidad de Santander
Omar Camilo Mejia Ardila	Universidad de Santander
Oscar Sosa	Universidad Iberoamericana
Maria Isabel Gonzalez Terreros	Universidad Pedagógica Nacional
Annachiara Zardini	Fundacion Eurosur
Tommaso Salamone	University of Pisa
Anna Maria Pulina	University of Pisa
Sabina Manca	University of Pisa
Tarita Biver	University of Pisa
Francesco Marcelloni	University of Pisa
Eduardo Velasquez	Universidad Iberoamericana

Report of the activities

Professor Francesco Marcelloni, Vice Rector Vice-Rector for International Cooperation and Relations of the University of Pisa, opened the meeting, thanking all the participants to be part of the event and wishing to meet all of them in person in a next future. He hoped that this pandemic wouldn't stop the full achievement the project objectives. He pointed out that the project gave all the partner a great opportunity to create a fruitful network.



The first part of the meeting was devoted to presentations of the Latin American Partners on their Institutions reaction to the COVID-19 emergency: measures, initiatives and management.

The Latin American Universities partners, took several actions in order to secure the well-being of their students and staff, as well as members of their communities. In the majority of cases there was no contingency plan other than to attempt to continue classes remotely. As a matter of fact, all of them have suspended classes and have moved them all online as a prevention to the spread of COVID-19. They faced a lot of difficulties because most of the students have low access to technology or poor connectivity conditions.

Most of the partner Universities gave a psychological and socio-emotional support for students to help them to better cope with anguish and anxiety caused by the situations of isolation.

The Universities Research and Development sector supports government efforts in epidemiological surveillance, clinical drug testing, rapid virus detection tests, and also in the production of biomedical equipment such as respirators.

A notable initiative from UNCU (Universidad Nacional de Cuyo) is the so called "Passaporte Globale". It is part of a project of "internationalization at home" that seeks the development of global awareness and intercultural skills without geographic displacement. It consists of a series of workshops, talks and audiovisual content, which will aim to spread the culture of different countries. The first edition, will run from the 22nd to the 26th of June.

The Fundación Universitaria Empresarial di Bogotá to guarantee the right to higher education during the pandemic crisis and the economic recession, decided to reduce the tuition fees of about the 25% for new students, the 30% for former students and the 50% for specialised or MBA students.

During the second part of the event representatives of the University of Pisa presented the state of the art of the project and future developments.

In particular, the following topics related to project and its implementation were discussed:

- Implementation of the WP4 - QUALITY PLAN;
- Implementation of the WP5 -DHIP DISSEMINATION & EXPLOITATION;
- Project reporting;
- Amendment Request to the European Commission and new workflow of activities
- Discussion on schedule of project deliverables

The Eurosur Foundation, coordinator of WP 4 Quality Plan, presented the evaluation criteria of the Multicultural Events that each of the Latin American partners has to organize. Eurosur pointed out that each event has to be congruent and consistent to the objectives of the project.

In the last part of the meeting European partners gave an overview on their tutoring activities and on the actions their tutored country will undertake to improve their IROs. In addition, the country coordinators of the Latin American partners updated on the process of purchasing the equipment for the IROs.

There is still a great deal of work to do, but all partners are using all their efforts on the project implementation and shown great commitment, notwithstanding this critical situation.

Photos of the event



