

Final Conference

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VALEU-X Final Conference

Virtual Balkans. Virtual Collaborative Learning in Higher Education

Format

Onsite with both hybrid and fully online sessions

Date

30 November 2022 from 9:30 to 16:00

Venue



EPOKA University

Conference Hall, E-Building

Rr. Tiranë-Rinas, Km.12, 1032, Tirana, Albania

Overview

The conference represents the final event of the VALEU-X project “Virtual Albanian European Universities Exchange”. It will get together representatives from the project’s target groups focused on collaborations with Albania and other EU countries to participate in a discussion, sharing experiences, and future planning of new formats of international exchange with a focus on Virtual Collaborative Learning. Contributions from original results of empirical, conceptual, or experimental research work in the broad area of virtual collaborative learning and innovative pedagogical approaches will be presented. Synergy projects will be also presented as a platform for the development of joint actions between VALEU-X and other EU-funded projects.

PROGRAMME

09:30 *Onsite registration and welcome coffee*

10:00 Welcome

Conference Hall, E-Building

Link for the online participation [here](#)

[Lisen Bashkurti](#)

Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Law, EPOKA University

[Lenka Vitkova](#)

Head of Good Governance and Rule of Law Section, Delegation of the European Union to Albania

[Ada Ramaj](#)

National Coordinator of the Erasmus+ Office in Albania

[Suzana Golemi](#)

Rector of the University of Shkodër

[Benita Strave](#)

Fan S. Noli" University

[Ketrina Cabiri Mijo](#)

European University of Tirana

10:45 Virtual Mobility as an Instrument for Internationalisation at home in Albania

[Eric Schoop](#)

Head of the Chair of Information Management, Faculty of Business and Economics, TU Dresden

11:00 VALEU-X in a nutshell

[Mattis Altmann](#)

Head of Informatic Sector, TU Dresden

11:15 *Move to the parallel sessions (change of room)*

11:25 Thematic parallel sessions

Participants can choose which session they would visit based on their thematic preferences.

Session I

Venue: Room E-211, E Building

Innovative virtual teaching and learning settings for academic staff at Albanian HEIs

Chaired by [Benita Strave](#), *"Fan S. Noli" University*

Online Collaborative Learning in Higher Education in Albania - Some Necessary Innovations

[Eriola Qafzezi](#), *"Fan S. Noli" University*

Assessing Virtual Collaborative Learning (VCL) as an Innovative Teaching and Learning Approach. A Case Application in Albania

[Griselda Alushllari](#), *EPOKA University*

Challenges of University-Industry cooperation in Albania

[Ketrina Mijo Cabiri](#), *European University of Tirana*

The implementation of the pilot local virtual collaborative learning in the module of botany in the framework of the VALEU-X project

[Arselida Mashaj](#), *University of Shkodra*

Session II

Venue: Eagle Meeting Room, E-Building

ICT-based internalisation at home and the global network for "Virtual Mobility" for the HEIs

Chaired by [Altin Idrizi](#), *University of Elbasan*

Project "entral" a new synergy towards the digital age

[Donalda Lacej](#), *University of Shkodra*

Alternative Flipped Learning Approach scaffolding student engagement and collaboration. A case study with ELT Master students in "Corpora in Applied Linguistics" Subject

[Juliana Çyfeku](#), *"Fan S. Noli" University*

The opportunities for applying the Virtual Collaborative Learning in Higher Education in North Macedonia

[Marija Vasilevska](#), *University American College Skopje*

Designing and Facilitating Cross-Border Virtual Collaborative Learning
Experiences: A Western Balkans Case Study
[Esmir Demaj](#), *EPOKA University*

Session III

Venue: Diversity Meeting Room, E-Building

Link for the online participation [here](#)

Adopting and recognising Virtual/Blended Mobility as part of the HEIs' internalisation strategy
Chaired by [Nertil Mera](#), *EPOKA University*

Student-Centered Learning Practices: A Transition from Tradition to Innovation
[Mariola Muçi](#), *EPOKA University*

The challenge of "Virtual Teaching" for sustainable learning even for students
with special needs (case study for blind students)
[Klodiana Leka](#), *Aleksandër Moisiu University*

Students' English Language Development through the International VCL module
of the VALEU-X project
[Dorela Kacauni](#), *"Fan S. Noli" University*

Implementation of Virtual Mobility and Internationalisation at Home in Albania's
Higher Education: A Catalogue of Recommendations for Action.
[Gotje Rubarth](#), [Lisa Aschenbrenner](#), [Maroua Salhi](#), (*online*) and [Mattis Altmann](#),
TU Dresden

Collaboration between teachers in a Metaverse education
[Menada Petro](#), *Aleksandër Moisiu University of Durrës (online)*

Lessons Learned from an International and Interdisciplinary Virtual Collaborative
Learning Module with 8 Institutions from the facilitator's perspective
[Mattis Altmann](#), [Nelli Ukhova](#), [Laura Hilse](#), *TU Dresden (online)*

Session IV (online)

Venue: Research and Projects Hub, Room A-027, A-Building

Link for the online participation [here](#)

Chaired by [Valerij Dermol](#), *ISSBS*

Collaboration between teachers in a Metaverse education
[Menada Petro](#), *Aleksandër Moisiu University of Durrës*

Internationalisation at Home through Virtual Collaborative Learning
[Dorsaf Ben Malek](#), *University of Tunis*

Virtual learning, a new approach for the Albanian universities. A case of linguistics learning
[Rrezarta Draçini](#) and [Mimoza Priku](#), *Shkodra University*

Investigating reflection sheets to improve Virtual Collaborative Learning in higher education
[Fabian Jetter](#), [Moritz Maurer](#) and [Sebastian Schmidt](#), *TU Dresden*

Competence equipment of modern virtual community members
[Tom Helleken](#), [Nils Hobe](#) and [Lisa-Marie Langesee](#), *TU Dresden*

Collaborative learning and teaching in Miro - design of digital education using a collaboration platform
[Jasmin Schöne](#), *Fachhochschule Dresden (FHD) - University of Applied Sciences*

Can machine learning support eTutors in an online formal collaborative learning setting?
[Arne Bohmer](#), [Musch Maximilian](#), [Schubert Hannes](#) and [Sebastian Schmidt](#), *TU Dresden*

13:00-14:30 *Lunch*

14:30 Synergy workshop
Venue: Conference Hall, E-Building
Link for the online participation [here](#)

EU projects and practices that display thematic cross topics with VALEU-X will introduce themselves, with the aim to facilitate the sharing of project outputs and research findings, and offer the participants a platform to develop new ideas and strategic plans.

Chaired by [Dardane Nuka](#), European University of Tirana

The Mediterranean countries: Towards Internationalisation at Home (**MED2IaH**)
online
[Nada Trunk Širca](#), *ISSBS and EMUNI University, Slovenia*
[Dorsaf Ben Malek](#), *Virtual University of Tunis*

Open Educational Resources for Collaborative Online & Distance Education and eXchange (**OER-CODEX**)

[Nelli Ukhova](#), *TU Dresden*

Promoting and Facilitating Collaborative Virtual International Learning in the
Western Balkans' Higher Education Institutions (**COWEB**)

[Edra Sota](#), *EPOKA University*

Accelerating Western Balkans University Modernization by Incorporating Virtual
Technologies (**VTECH**)

[Dardane Nuka](#), *European University of Tirana*

Fostering resilience through Accredited Mobility for European Sustainable Higher
Education innovation (**FRAMES**)

[Cristina Stefanelli](#), *UNIMED - Mediterranean Universities Union*

Synergy discussion

15:30 **Wrap-up and closing remarks**

[Esmir Demaj](#)

Co-Chair of the Conference, EPOKA University

16:00 End of day

Members of the Consortium

Technische Universitaet Dresden (TUD), Germany (coordinator)

International School for Social and Business Studies (ISSBS), Slovenia

Mediterranean Universities Union (UNIMED), Italy

European University of Tirana (UET), Albania

Epoka University (EPOKA), Albania

University of Shkodra (USHK), Albania

“FAN S. NOLI” University of Korca (UNIKO), Albania

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Aleksander Moisiu University of Durres (AMU), Albania