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GENERAL PRESENTATION

-  The ReSTART Project aims to ensure the modernization of curricula of 5 HEIs from Moldova through developing, testing, and adapting an improved and upgraded Entrepreneurial Curriculum (master level) that would stimulate students' and teachers' innovation skills.
-  The aim of the project is to enhance the local business capacity, as well as to harness the potential of innovative and updated education based on the institutionalization of the entrepreneurial curriculum in all partner universities from Moldova. With this purpose in mind, the learning requirements in the field of entrepreneurship were defined and measured, all while taking into account the expectations of the local employment market. Currently, entrepreneurial education is being modernized according to European good practices by organizing trainings for professors and by exchanging experience with partner institutions.

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INFORMATION SESSIONS:

Opportunities offered by the Erasmus+ ReSTART project in the field of entrepreneurial education

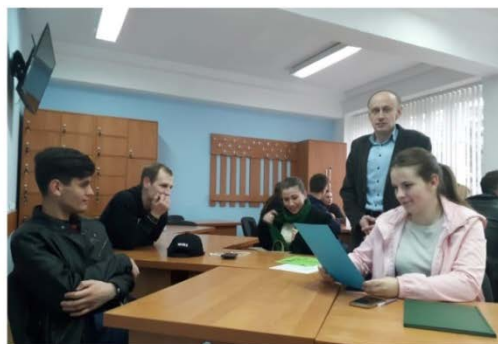
 On May 7th 2019, the fourth information session was organized by the ReSTART project team of the Moldova State University (P5_USM) within the framework of the Erasmus + ReSTART (Strengthening entrepreneurial and digital skills of students and teachers to improve the process Modernization of Higher Education in MOLDOVA, no.585353 - PPE-1-2017-1-RO-EPPKA2-CBHE-JP). 

The event was intended to inform students and teachers about the possibilities offered by the ReSTART project on the implementation and use of modern teaching and learning methods in the modernization of master's programs in general and the Master's program in Business Administration in particular.

 During the event, the participants – students and professors from the Faculty of Economic Sciences of the Moldova State University were familiarized

with the opportunities offered by the modernized Master's program "Business Administration".

In addition, participants were informed of other events and activities that they could participate in the ReSTART project: career guidance sessions, business plan competitions and digital competency development sessions for both students and teachers.



Training Session within the Erasmus+ project ReSTART – an important step towards achieving the project objectives

Between October 21-26 2019, members of the Erasmus + ReSTART project team (Reinforce entrepreneurial and digital skills of students and teachers to enhance the modernization of higher education in Moldova) of the Moldova State University participated in a training session on the implementation of modern methods and technologies in the teaching process. The training session was hosted and organized by the European partner within the project ReSTART – the Technical University of Kosice, Slovakia.



The training session is the second organized within the ReSTART project, with the title *Transforming teachers' mindsets through the development of digital and entrepreneurial skills*. On the part of MSU, didactic and administrative staff, members of the ReSTART project group participated in this training.

During the four days of training (22-25 October 2019), subjects of real importance and usefulness for teachers from the universities of the Republic of Moldova were proposed and studied. The topics discussed pertained to the innovative approach to entrepreneurial training in the context of the digitization of the study process for the master program *Business Administration*. Participants were offered modules related to the methods of developing entrepreneurial skills; use of good ICT performance/practices in teaching; organizing research-innovation and technology transfer, innovative incubators and technology parks, etc.



Finally, we would like to mention the active participation of the members of the ReSTART USM project team at this event, how such training sessions offer the opportunity to reach the project objectives – digitalisation and innovative approach to the teaching process.

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ReSTART: orientation sessions

The 2nd Career Guidance Session in the context of the RESTART Project „*Reinforce entrepreneurial and digital skills of students and teachers to modernize higher education in MOLDOVA*” (No. 585353-EPP-1-2017-1-EN-EPPKA2-CBHE-JP) was organized on February 6th 2019 at the Moldova State University, involving 31 participants: 10 students, 8 teachers and 13 employers from different type of organisations.

Aim of the orientation session was to support the students enrolled in the modernized courses of the master “Business Administration”, in their transition to professional life.

As speakers in the second orientation session participated experts from the European universities – Dr. Beatrice Leustean of the University Politehnica of Bucharest (UPB) and Dr. Radovan Drab, Technical University of Kosice (TUKE). Dr. Beartice Leustean mentioned the importance of personal development and self-knowledge for career development. Good practices in the field of career guidance of students at the Slovak university were presented by Dr. Radovan DRAB. Within this event, the Master of “Human resources management” together with business representatives discussed issues related to the competitiveness of young specialists in the labor market, successful employment, development and professional growth.

Conclusions and proposals made during the discussions will materialize in 10 career guidance plans developed by master students.



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RESTART: career guidance opportunities

The third Career Guidance Session in the context of the RESTART Project „*Reinforce entrepreneurial and digital skills of students and teachers to modernize higher education in MOLDOVA*” (No. 585353-EPP-1-2017-1-EN-EPPKA2-CBHE-JP) was organized on June 13th 2019 at the Moldova State University, involving 31 participants: 10 master students, 9 teachers and 12 employers from different type of organisations.

Aim of the orientation session was to identify the methodology for career orientation based on SWOT analysis applied on master students involved:

- reflection on needs, aspirations, and wants in the short, medium, and long term;
- identification and assessment of strength and weakness at individual level;
- analysis of opportunities and threats from the local business, the labour market, and society;
- choosing criteria for professional development opportunities;
- drawing up a career strategy to overcome weaknesses and develop individual strengths in anticipating future needs;
- devising strategies for overcoming adverse circumstances and for regulating individual behavior.

As speaker in the third orientation session have been participated Dr. Irina Konstandinova form University of Ruse „Angel Kanchev”. She mentioned the importance of identification and assessment of strength and weakness at individual level.

Within this event, the Master of “Human resources management” together with business representatives discussed issues related to the drawing up a career strategy in order to overcome weaknesses and develop individual strengths in anticipating future needs.

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First event of ReSTART project results' multiplication

On March 20 2019, at the Moldova State University was held the First Multiplier Event within the RESTART Project (No. 585353-EPP-1-2017-1-RO-EPPKA2-CBHE-JP, Reinforce entrepreneurial and digital skills of students and teachers to improve the modernization of higher education in MOLDOVA). The generic of the event was *Good Practices in Entrepreneurial Education*.

Aim of the event was to multiply the flow of good practices in entrepreneurship Education brought by RESTART project to a wider audience.

This event gathered students from the first and second study levels of Faculty of Economic Sciences, teachers, partners from the National Agency for Research and Development, Moldova Technology Transfer Network and The Career Guidance and Labour Market Centre.

The event consisted of two modules: *Opportunities for developing entrepreneurial skills for young people in the Republic of Moldova* and *European practices in entrepreneurship education*. Both of them were very useful and applicable in term of increasing the level of employability of the future experts in the national economy.



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Teaching and learning activities to educate students to experience entrepreneurship

In the period December 2-6 2019 Moldova State University hosted the traditional academic mobilities within the Erasmus + ReSTART project, aiming to exchange best practices in teaching activities for master students. Their objectives were the experimentation and exchange of good practices in the field of entrepreneurial education.

The teaching activities were supported by expert – professors from the Polytechnic University of Bucharest (Romania) – Mrs. Elena Fleacă, the University of Ruse "Angel Kanchev" (Bulgaria) – Mrs. Milena Todorova, the Technical University from Kosice (Slovakia) – Mr. Tomáš Štofa and Mr. Emil Exenberger, AUF – Mrs. Mihaela Codreanu.

The topics of the lessons were different: Project management for entrepreneurs, Business management for sustainable development, Family business in Europe – specific issues, Influencers as digital entrepreneurs, Financing for startup.

The topic was of high interest among those present at the event, and among the strengths mentioned by them in the evaluation questionnaire of teaching activities are: novelty elements in the topics, practical examples, comparative aspects between Moldova and the EU, the use of presentations and video materials, vast experience of teachers.

