



Vtech@WBUni Project Progress Presentation

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4th SC Meeting
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Hybrid Meeting





Overview over the Work Packages and Tasks

WP1: PREPARATION

WP2: DEVELOPMENT (2.1-2.6)

WP3: QUALITY PLAN

WP4: DISSEMINATION & EXPLOITATION

WP5: MANAGEMENT

WHERE ARE WE?
WHAT HAVE WE DONE SO FAR?
CHALLENGES?

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WP1 Activities: U_POLIS



Needs assessment analysis to observe the level of efficiency of traditional teaching methods and level of use of ICT tools

1.1. Preparation of a questionnaire to gather inputs for a detailed gap analysis at institutional level; conduct questionnaire, process data: data are analysed, evaluated and three reports have been prepared for Albania, Kosovo and Macedonia respectively;

1.3. Regional event in one Western Balkan country. Share results/ findings in one event with regional partners: **25-26 Feb 2021**





1.2. Preparation of a Comparative analysis between two methods: review paper – **Under progress: June 2021???**

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WP2.1 Activities_UT

Developing institutional capacities for Virtual Technologies supporting university processes

- 2.1.1. Training academic staff to incorporate VTech in teaching: **2 trainings planned M8@UAMD and M14@POLIS**
- 2.1.2. Training administrative staff to support VTech academic processes in HEI **1 training planned M22@EPOKA**
- 2.1.3. Trainings/workshops to students for transforming to VTech teaching/learning environment: **2 trainings planned M12@UAMD & M24@UP**
- 2.1.4. Development of teaching methodologies to boost student logic and attract them to understand better knowledge in science
- 2.1.5. Study visit to EU to learn best practices on HEI capacity building on integrating VTech: 2 visits planned M7@UT & M18@UL
- 2.1.6. VTech in universities ethics: Done!

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		Training administrative staff to support Vtech academic					
2.1.2	Development	processes in HEIs	UT&UL&WBs	Tirana/EPOKA	M22 - Oct21		
		Trainings/workshops to students for transforming to Vtech					
2.1.3	Development	teching/learning environment - Training 1	UT&LUT&UL&WBs	Durres/UAMD	M12 - Dec 20		
		Trainings/workshops to students for transforming to Vtech					
2.1.3	Development	teching/learning environment - Training 2	UT&LUT&UL&WBs	Proshtina/UBT	M24 - Dec 21		
		Trainings/workshops to students for transforming to Vtech			M32 - not in the		
2.1.3	Development	teching/learning environment - Training 3	UT&LUT&UL&WBs	Skopje/MTU	budget!		
		Study visit to EU to learn best practices on HEI capacity					
2.1.5	Development	building on integrating Vtech - Visit 1	All except UT	Tartu/UT	M12 - Dec 20		M24?
		Study visit to EU to learn best practices on HEI capacity					
2.1.5	Development	building on integrating Vtech - Visit 2	All except UL	Lubljana/UL	M18 - June 21		M28?
2.3.1	Development	Developing Vtech content and teaching methodologies	TUL comes to UP	Prishtina/UP	M10 -		
2.4.1	Development	EU study visit of acad staff and management	All	Lodz/LUT	M24-25		
2.4.2	Development	Vtech@WBUni Summer school for WB students	All	Prishtina/UBT	M21		
2.4.3	Development	Invited EU lecturer/talks in each WB university	UT/LUT/UL	AL/KO	M10-M34		
		Round table with industry on fostering collaboration					
2.5.1	Development	University - Industry	All	Skopje/MTU	M16 - April 21		
		Developing Vtech apps that will be presented to industry -					
2.5.2	Development	OPEN DAY1	All	Tetovo/SEEU	M30		M22
		Developing Vtech apps that will be presented to industry -					
2.5.2	Development	OPEN DAY2	All	Tirana/POLIS	M34		M30
		Teacher training regarding user interface design, user					
2.6.2	Development	experience and VR sickness - Training 1	WBs	Tirana/EPOKA	M14 - Feb21		M15 - March21
		Teacher training regarding user interface design, user					
2.6.2	Development	experience and VR sickness - Training 2	WBs	Ljubljana/UL	M20 - Aug21		M23?
4.6	Dissm/Exploit.	Final conference/event	All	Tirana/UET	M32-33		
	Steering Comm						
	Management	Kick off meeting	P2-P11	UAMD	M2 - Jan20	M2 - Jan20	
	Management	SC1	P1-P11 except P9	Estonia	M6		



WP2.2 Activities_UAMD/EPOKA

Establishing the Virtual Technology Hub

2.2.1. Defining the regulation and the mission and vision of Virtual Technology Hub: **OK**

2.2.2. Establishment of Virtual Technology Hubs in partners countries: **soon???**

2.2.4. Tendering procedure/Purchase: UP

2.2.5. Event on Virtual Technology Hub launching/inauguration: June 2021 UAMD, UET, POLIS, EPOKA, UBT, UP

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WP2.3 Activities_UP

Integrating Virtual Technologies in teaching and learning to foster modernization of WB universities

2.3.1. Selection of pilot courses at each HEI that will use Vtech: **OK**

- 2.3.2. Developing and delivering Vtech supported courses: Sept 2021 Feb 2022
- 2.3.3. Student performance assessment in virtual technologies courses Nov 2021 Feb 2022
- 2.3.4. Gathering student's feedback for VTech courses: Jan 2022 April 2022

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WP2.4 Activities: LUT

Networking of VTech Western Balkan Universities with VTech European Universities

2.4.1. EU study visit of academic staff and management: M25@LUT

2.4.2. Vtech@WBUni Summer School for WB students: **UBT is planning the activity for 28 June - 3 July July / 3-4 students each university**

2.4.3. Invited EU lecturer/talks in each WB university: **2 are planned form each EU, one in KO and one in AL**

2.4.4. Establish VTech@U Network for Western Balkans: ???



WP2.5 Activities: MTU

VTech University concept for boosting cooperation with industry

2.5.1. Organising Hackaton Contest in VR programming

2.5.2. Round table with industry on fostering collaboration University - Industry in VTech fields for the benefit of society/b2b

2.5.3. Developing VTech apps that will be presented to industry on VTech Open Days (2 open days planned)

2.5.4. Industry - University on joint student mentoring on making VTech environments

WP2.6 Activities: UL



User experience in VR environment

2.6.1. Design of user experience guidelines for VR content: **Deliverable 2.6.1 OK**

2.6.2. Teacher training regarding user interface design, user experience and VR sickness evaluation (2 trainings are planned) – 1st training in 1 and 8 April; Next training 26th of May

2.6.3. Evaluation of user experience and VR sickness of developed content: 3rd Project year!



WP3 Activities: SEEU



Quality Plan

- 3.1. Establish a Project quality committee: **done**;
- 3.2. Develop a quality monitoring plan: done

- 3.3. Subcontract an external quality expert
- 3.4. Mid-term monitoring reports and recommendations: forms established, reporting
- 3.5. Developing QA policies for VTech teaching and learning **finalized???**





Dissemination and exploitation of results

- 4.1. Project dissemination plan: submitted with Progress Report
- 4.2. Building visual identity of the project and creation of the website and social network pages for promotion: web site established
- 4.3. Preparing marketing materials and publications: roll up, bag, pen etc.. SUBCONTRACTING..
- 4.4. Dissemination through events such as roundtables, workshops, trainings: *press conference UET*, *Europe days etc.*.
- 4.5. Dissemination to various stakeholders: 1st ROUND TABLE tomorrow ©
- 4.6. Final conference/event



WP4 Activities: UET



Dissemination and exploitation of results

4.2. Building visual identity of the project and creation of the website and social network pages for promotion: web site established and fed with news by the coordinator and social media by

UETregularly ...

Should we publish deliverables in Vtech project website???

https://uet.edu.al/new/vtech-project/

https://www.facebook.com/vtechproject/

https://www.instagram.com/vtech.project/

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwPI07SAeCyM0-

wkMVCs61g







WP5 Activities: UAMD



Management

- 5.1. Kick off meeting: done (7-8 Jan 2020)
- 5.2. Organizing Steering committee/Management Board Meetings: 1 SC meeting online (Oct20) and 1 hybrid (26 Feb21)
- 5.3. Preparing Project Management Plan
- 5.4. Financial management of the project
- 5.5. Progress and Final Report Writing: Progress report submitted !!! 14 May21
- 5.6. Coordination of all other project activities



Discussions/Final Conclusions



- **Summer School Content**
- Hackathon/Open Day

Next SC meeting??

SC Meetings				
Management	Kick off meeting	UAMD	M2 - Jan20	M2 - Jan20
Management	SC1	Online	M6	Online - Oct20
Management	SC2	Albania	M12	Hybrid - Feb21
Management	SC3	North Macedonia	M18	
Management	SC4	Slovenia	M24	
Management	SC5	Estonia	M32/33	

- Are there any problems/risks ahead?
- Any challenges?



Thank you for your attention!