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**Subject: 561821-EPP-1-2015-1-RS-EPPKA2-CBHE-JP
Technical Implementation Report of the project
Statement of the costs incurred and Request for Payment**

Dear Madame,

We would like to inform you and your project partners that we have carried out the assessment of your Technical Implementation Report submitted on 18/04/2017 and we are pleased to inform you that it has been approved.

Our assessment looks at the partnership's performance as regards the efficient implementation of the project. It takes into account the Technical Implementation Report but also the desk monitoring conducted by the EACEA since the start of the eligibility period and, where applicable, the field monitoring visits carried out so far. The project implementation should not only respect the CBHE requirements but it should also be in line with the original proposal included under Annex I of the Grant Agreement.

In this context and in accordance with the Grant Agreement and with the Guidelines for the Use of the Grant, your project implementation has been qualified as very good. The Comments and recommendations sheet in Annex of the letter provides more detailed feedback.

In addition, we remind you that your project is now online on the [Erasmus+ Project Results Platform](#), so as to ensure transparency and visibility of EU funding. We invite you to update your project data and to upload your project results. Please note though that these results will become publicly available only after the validation of your final report by the Agency.

Finally, we would like to thank you for your "Statement of the Costs incurred and Request for Payment" received on 18/04/2017 together with the report.

We are pleased to inform you that, on the basis of the information provided in the above mentioned form, the requirements foreseen by Article I.4.1 of the Grant Agreement have been met. Therefore, you may expect payment of a further pre-financing, corresponding to 40% of the maximum grant amount (please refer to Article I.3 of your Grant Agreement).

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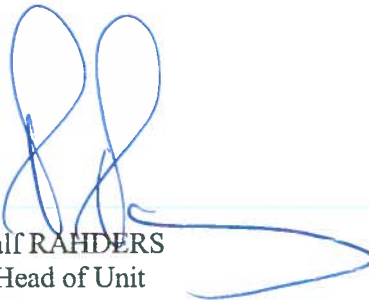
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Please note that the eligibility of the costs incurred (excel file) will only be verified at Final Report stage (art. II.24 and II.25 of the Grant Agreement). Therefore this feedback letter does not imply the approval of the costs declared in this reporting exercise.

Should you require any further information, please contact Franco Burgio (Tel: +32 2 29 95789, e-mail: franco.burgio@ec.europa.eu. We also encourage you to regularly consult our Erasmus+ website https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/beneficiaries-space_en .

We wish you a successful continuation of your activities.

Yours sincerely,



Ralf RAHDERS
Head of Unit

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Annex: Comments and recommendations

Categories of qualification:

Very good (at least 75 pts out of 100): the project is implemented in accordance with its original work programme and timetable; the report provides all the information and evidence needed and there are no particular concerns or areas of weakness.

Good (between 74 and 60 pts out of 100): the project progresses in accordance with its original work programme and timetable but some improvements could be made; the report gives clear information on all or nearly all of the evidence needed.

Fair (between 59 and 50 pts): there are weaknesses and concerns in the project implementation; although the report gives some relevant information, details are lacking and/or the information is unclear; there are several areas in the implementation that must be improved during the second half of the project.

Weak (less than 50 pts out of 100): the project is not respecting its original work plan/timetable and/or is not fulfilling the CBHE requirements; the report fails to address important aspects of the project implementation that cannot be judged due to missing or incomplete information; in accordance with article 1.10.6 of the Grant Agreement and section 3.5.2.2 of the Guidelines for the Use of the Grant, the maximum grant will be reduced at final report stage if no substantial improvements are observed during the second half of the project.



Project Implementation Report

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Project Number:	561821-EPP-1-2015-1-RS-EPPKA2-CBHE-JP
Project Title:	Waste management curricula development in partnership with public and private sector
Coordinating Institution:	College of Applied Technical Sciences

The project remains relevant and is in line with the National Strategy for Waste Management 2010-2019 and the EU accession process where waste management plays a key role within Chapter 27.

We acknowledge that the project is aligned with the Bologna process. The Bologna principles have been adhered to during the creation of the new study programmes and have been reinforced by defining all developed and updated courses according to learning outcomes..

All project partners appear to be involved in the implementation of the project activities. There are no major deviations from the work plan set out by the project consortium.

Project management structure is set and seems to function efficient and effectively as the project is running without any significant delays. All project partners have clearly defined roles.

The project has the potential to make impact on: the individual level, by developing/modernizing study programmes in the field of Waste Management, creating the new model of student internships, hence enabling better employability of students; the institutional level, by creating a wide WM network among stakeholders, and organizing campaigns dedicated to awareness raising on problems in WM and environmental protection; the national level, by educating WM professionals through new LLL courses, thus adding to better WM practices in Serbia.

The recommendations provided within the feedback of the monitoring visit that took place on 21/03/2017 remain valid namely:

- To continue their dialogue with the National Council of Higher Education regarding the new internship model in order to secure appropriate modifications in accreditation standards in this regard;
- To consider possibility of creation of joint study programmes of several HEIs;



- To develop sustainability/exploitation plan for project results;
- To consider external certification of LLL courses that are to be delivered to WM professionals;
- To develop the remaining teaching/training materials and publish them on the project's website
- To approach other CBHE projects in order to organize planned inter-project training sessions;
- To consider monetization of the ICT platform and database upon the completion of the project in order to ensure better financial sustainability of the project results;
- To include the forum section as a part of its platform, as was originally envisaged in the project application;
- To more actively use social media (Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, etc.) as means of the project dissemination strategy.