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Task Description including targets

In spring 2016 Dr. Kaufmann was ordered by the project coordinator, prof. Oksana Turchanina, to prepare and to conduct monitoring visits at the European project partners Lisbon University, Faculty of Architecture and Polytechnic Institute of Leiria. Both visits had been scheduled for mid-July 2016. Purpose of these visits was checking the progress of the implementation of the RETHINK project at those institutions in detail with a special focus on the implementation of double degree programs.

The faculty of Architecture of Lisbon University is going to implement the following double degree programs: PhDouble-Degrees in Architecture, Urbanism, Design with the following Partner universities:

- Georgian Technical University
- Tbilisi State University
- Azerbaijan University of Architecture and Construction
- Technical University of Moldova,
- Donbas National Academy of Civil Engineering and Architecture

Checking the current state of implementation of these double degree programs was the objective of the monitoring visit at the faculty of Architecture of Lisbon University (FAUL). According to this objective there is one very crucial aspect. The faculty of Architecture of Lisbon University is the coordinating institution of the RETHINK project and thus its project actions are seen as model actions by all further project partners. Therefore the faculty of Architecture should provide “best practice” examples in its project work.

Methodical Approach

In order to prepare the monitoring visits properly, Dr. Kaufmann had developed an Interview-guideline, that had been distributed to all project partners in advance of monitoring visits. This guideline is structured in six sections:

- section 1: questions about the interviewer, the date of the interview, the partners and persons involved in the interview and the double degree program that is objective of the interview.
- section 2: questions on the project’s progress according to the original work plan and according to the indicators of progress listed in the logical framework matrix.

- section 3: investigating the development process of the double degree program. In this process usually all basics were laid that are determining the realization/implementation. This is the main and most important part of the guideline.
- section 4: is investigating the completeness of the double degree agreement and the proof/evidence of the realization of the subjects of agreement
- section 5: recommendations for additional measures on the improvement of the implementation of the double degree program provided by RETHINK (here is already asked for results of the monitoring => compare chapters Results, Findings and Recommendations for future project work).
- section 6: short summary of the results (compare: chapters Results, Findings and Recommendations for future project work).

Sections 3 and 4 are the most intensive sections because the implementation of double degree programs is the most important target of the RETHINK project. All sections consist of a part, that has to be completed by the interviewees (representatives of the project partner, whose double degree programs are objective of the monitoring) in advance of the monitoring visit and another part to be completed by the interviewer (person in charge of the monitoring). The interview-guideline had been sent to FAUL in the beginning of June 2016. The project team at FAUL has completed its part of the questionnaire (guideline) until the beginning of July 2016 and sent a copy of its answers to Dr. Kaufmann in advance of his monitoring visit in Lisbon on July 12th, 13th, 2016. In Lisbon Dr. Kaufmann listened detailed reports of the members of FAUL's management team and made some notes on these reports afterwards in the evenings. Due to an illness of Dr. Kaufmann the final conclusions and results have been worked out in December 2016 and in the beginning of January 2017.

- Georgian Technical University
- Tbilisi State University
- Azerbaijan University of Architecture and Construction
- Technical University of Moldova,
- Donbas National Academy of Civil Engineering and Architecture

Information on the implementation

Date of the monitoring visit at the Faculty of Architecture of Lisbon University: **July 12th and 13th, 2016**

pöarticipants: **Dr. Guido Kaufmann/Dr. Guido Kaufmann e.K. (Interviewer)**

acromatic reports by (Interviewees):

Prof. Dr. Oksana Turchanina/Faculty of Architecture of Lisbon University

Prof. Dr. Antonio Castelbranco/Faculty of Architecture of Lisbon University

Ass. Prof. Dr. Antonio Morais/Faculty of Architecture of Lisbon University

Prof. João Cottinelli Pardal Monteiro/Faculty of Architecture of Lisbon University

Results, Findings

The general progress of workpackages according to the workplan is at FAUL right in line with the general progress of the project work but according to time approximately one year behind the original schedule. Especially the preliminaries of the introduction of PhD-double-degrees in Architecture have been made properly. Double degree agreements have been prepared jointly with

- Georgian Technical University
- Tbilisi State University
- Azerbaijan University of Architecture and Construction
- Technical University of Moldova,
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and have been approved in March 2016 by a special committee that had been introduced especially for this purpose at the faculty. At the date of the monitoring visit the double degree agreements have been under approval of the Academic Council of the University of Lisbon. According to the statutes of Lisbon University the introduction of new PhD-programs has to be formally recognized by the university's rector Prof. Antonio da Cruz Serra additionally. Unfortunately the above mentioned double degree agreements are waiting for the rector's signature since nearly one year. As FAUL is the coordinating institution of the RETHINK project it plays a model role for all project partners. Thus the non-approval of the double degree programs is not only a large disappointment for the above mentioned partner universities but a bad example for all further project partners. Any further delay of the approval will prevent the achievement of the most important project targets.

Recommendations for future project work

The above mentioned PhD-double degree agreements should be approved by the rector of Lisbon university as soon as possible and immediately after signature of the agreements the programs should be implemented according to the proper preliminaries in order to collect first experiences within the prolongation time of the RETHINK project.

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