

## Erasmus+ Project: Reforming Foreign Languages in Academia in Montenegro (Re-FLAME) – CBHE 609778

### **An intensive LSP Summer School within the Erasmus+ ReFLAME project successfully conducted at the three Montenegrin universities**

As planned within the Erasmus+ project ReFLAME (*Reforming Foreign Languages in Academia in Montenegro*), coordinated by the Faculty of Philology of the University of Montenegro, an intensive LSP Summer School was successfully conducted at the three Montenegrin universities in the period from 16 June to 26 July 2021 for 10 different LSP programmes, and 13 courses in total (certain programs had multiple groups). Overall, 92 certificates were awarded to students and 19 professors of all three home universities held LSP courses. The attendees included students from the three home institutions – the University of Montenegro, Mediterranean University and University of Donja Gorica. Courses were free of charge to all students, and the priority in selection was given to socio-economically disadvantaged candidates and to the students with disabilities. The school was supervised by the EU project partner experts from the University of Zagreb, University of Warsaw and University for Foreigners of Perugia.

At the University of Montenegro the following intensive ten-day LSP courses were organised: *English for Electrical Engineering*, *English for Civil Engineering* (two groups), *English for Science*, *Legal English* (three groups), *English for Humanities*, *English for Language and Literary Studies* and the Italian LSP course *Italiano per i mediatori linguistico-culturali in Montenegro*. 69 students from the University of Montenegro were awarded certificates upon the successful completion of LSP courses. The courses were held at different faculties of the University of Montenegro where the respective LSP programmes are actually taught: the

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Faculty of Philology, the Faculty of Electrical Engineering, the Faculty of Civil Engineering, the Faculty of Law, the Faculty of Science and Mathematics, and one part of the courses was taught in the language classroom at the Rectorate building equipped for the purpose of the IESP project (*Fostering Internationalisation at Montenegrin HEIs through Efficient Strategic Planning*).

The national project partners – Mediterranean University and University of Donja Gorica organised three LSP courses. Mediterranean University offered *English for Visual Arts* and *English for Copywriting in Tourism and Hospitality* courses, while University of Donja Gorica organised the *English for Political Science and Diplomacy* course. 23 students in total successfully completed the respective courses.

Not only was the ReFLAME Summer School a platform for context-based learning, but also for testing the new teaching materials written, updated syllabi and upgraded and newly acquired methodology skills. All LSP courses were based on the use of updated syllabi and new textbooks with authentic LSP materials being the first tangible results of the Erasmus+ ReFLAME project. The summer school was, in fact, an opportunity to test 10 newly-written textbooks having already received positive EU partners' reviews. According to the assessment of students and instructors surveyed at the end of the summer school, new textbooks exceeded our expectations. They proved adequate means which enabled students to easily achieve the learning outcomes defined in the updated syllabi and closely related to the language use for professional purposes. New teaching materials, the use of modern technology and the upgraded LSP methodology (the instructors had acquired during the three teacher training sessions previously completed within the ReFLAME project) contributed to the remarkable success of the summer school. A great number of students having attended the LSP courses suggested that the summer school should be conducted in the years to come.

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