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**IMPLEMENTATION AND SUSTAINABILITY OF EHEA REFORMS IN TURKISH
HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM (TURQUAS) PROJECT**

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KICK-OFF MEETING REPORT



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Date and Time:

06 February 2017, 10.00 – 16.30

Venue:

White Hall, Council of Higher Education, Bilkent/ANKARA

Aim of the Meeting:

Planning of the activities and agenda related to the project and determining the roles and work packages of the experts that will take part in the project

Participants:

Prof. Dr. Hasan MANDAL, Deputy President of CoHE
Prof. Dr. Orhan UZUN, President of HEQB
Prof. Dr. Tuncay DÖĞEROĞLU, Vice President of HEQB
Prof. Dr. Fahri YAVUZ, Atatürk University
Prof. Dr. Mehmet DURMAN, Beykoz University
Prof. Dr. Aslıhan NASIR, Boğaziçi University
Prof. Dr. Nebahat SARI, Çukurova University
Prof. Dr. Süheyda ATALAY, Ege University
Prof. Dr. Sibel AKSU YILDIRIM, Hacettepe University
Prof. Dr. Funda SİVRİKAYA ŞERİFOĞLU, Istanbul Bilgi University
Prof. Dr. Ömer CEBECİ, Marmara University
Prof. Dr. Tuğba YELKEN, Mersin University
Prof. Dr. Sina ERCAN, Yeditepe University
Ayhan KOÇER, Higher Education Quality Board
Ayşegül KUTAY GÜNDOĞAN, Academic Exchange and Support Program Unit, CoHE
Dr. Canan Ünvan, International Relations Unit, CoHE
Deniz KOLAT, International Relations Unit, CoHE
Fırat GÜZELDAĞ, Academic Exchange and Support Program Unit, CoHE
Mehmet ŞENGÜL, International Relations Unit, CoHE
Metehan ÖZCAN, Equivalence Unit, CoHE
Müsemme MERT, International Relations Unit, CoHE
Zeynep SELVİ, International Relations Unit, CoHE

Meeting Agenda:

- 10.00-10.30** Opening Speech (*Prof. Dr. Hasan MANDAL- Project Coordinator*)
- 10.30-11.00** Project Introduction (*Prof. Dr. Hasan MANDAL*)
- 11.00-12.00** Informative presentations on Working Packages of TURQUAS Project:
- WP 1: Implementation of Higher Education Qualifications Framework
(*Deniz KOLAT*)
- WP 2: Increasing Awareness of Quality Culture and Expanding Quality Assurance Implementation in Higher Education (*Ayhan KOÇER*)
- WP 3: Recognition (*Metehan ÖZCAN*)
- WP 4: ECTS Implementation (*Mehmet ŞENGÜL*)
- WP 5: Quality Assurance of the Project (*Müsemme MERT*)
- WP 6: Dissemination and Exploitation (*Fırat GÜZELDAĞ*)
- 12.00-12.30** Question & Answer Session
- 12:30-12:45** Participation of Project Consultant Alba PRIETO GONZALEZ through teleconference
- 13:00-13.45** *Lunch Break*
- 14.00-15.30** Planning of Activities Related to Working Packages of TURQUAS Project and Designation of Method (WP1, WP2)
- 15:30-15:45** *Break*
- 15.45-16.30** Planning of Activities Related to Working Packages of TURQUAS Project and Designation of Method (WP3, WP4, WP5 and WP6)

Meeting Report:

The Kick-off Meeting of the TURQUAS Project started with the opening speech of Project Coordinator Prof. Dr. Hasan MANDAL. Following the opening speech, participants introduced themselves. Prof. Dr. Hasan MANDAL made an introductory presentation on the project. It lasted for about 35 minutes. Then, administrative experts made informative presentations on the work packages in which they are taking part by explaining these work packages within the framework of the goals of the work packages, target groups, expected impacts, quantitative and qualitative indicators and activities that will be realized within the scope of the work packages. Questions, answers and comments were received after the presentation of each work package and detailed evaluation regarding each package was left for the next session that will take place in the afternoon.

Project Consultant Alba PRIETO GONZALEZ, who is also working for the Council of Europe, connected to the meeting hall through teleconference at 12.00 p.m. (Turkey Time), greeted the participants and expressed her good wishes.

After they had lunch with the participation of all of the administrative and national experts had lunch, the second session of the meeting took place and participants worked on the planning of the agendas with the activities presented in the first session in mind. In addition, they determined the roles of the national experts and the work packages they will take part in within the scope of the project.

At the end of the meeting, the “Project Agreement” was signed with the experts and the meeting was concluded after the closing speech of Prof. Dr. Hasan MANDAL.

The sections where the national and administrative experts take part in according to the work packages are as follows:

1. Work Package, Implementation of Higher Education Qualifications Framework

- Prof. Dr. Mehmet DURMAN (Coordinator)
- Prof. Dr. Nebahat SARI
- Prof. Dr. Lerzan ÖZKALE
- Prof. Dr. Süheyda ATALAY
- Prof. Dr. Fahri YAVUZ
- Prof. Dr. Tuncay DÖĞEROĞLU
- Deniz KOLAT (Expert)

2. Work Package, Increasing Awareness of Quality Culture and Expanding Quality Assurance Implementation in Higher Education

- Prof. Dr. Sibel AKSU YILDIRIM (Coordinator)
- Prof. Dr. Orhan UZUN
- Prof. Dr. Tuğba YELKEN
- Prof. Dr. Aslıhan NASIR
- Prof. Dr. Sina ERCAN
- Prof. Dr. Funda SİVRİKAYA ŞERİFOĞLU
- Prof. Dr. Ömer CEBECİ
- Ayhan Koçer (Expert)

3. Work Package, Recognition

- Prof. Dr. Lerzan ÖZKALE (Coordinator)
- Prof. Dr. Süheyda ATALAY
- Prof. Dr. Nebahat SARI
- Prof. Dr. Fahri YAVUZ
- Prof. Dr. Mehmet DURMAN
- Doç. Dr. Zeliha KOÇAK TUDAN
- Metehan Özcan, Dr. Canan Ünvan, Zeynep Selvi (Experts)

4. Work Package, ECTS Implementation

- Prof. Dr. Süheyda ATALAY (Coordinator)
- Prof. Dr. Fahri YAVUZ
- Prof. Dr. Nebahat SARI
- Prof. Dr. Tuğba YELKEN
- Prof. Dr. Lerzan ÖZKALE
- Prof. Dr. Sibel AKSU YILDIRIM
- Mehmet Şengül (Expert)

5. Work Package, Quality Assurance of the Project

- Prof. Dr. Tuncay DÖĞEROĞLU
- Prof. Dr. Sibel AKSU YILDIRIM
- Müsemme Mert (Expert)

6. Work Package, Dissemination and Exploitation

- Prof. Dr. Aslıhan NASIR
- Ayşegül Kutay Gündoğan, Fırat Güzeldağ (Experts)