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## STRATEGY OF INTERNATIONALIZATION

Preschool Teacher Training and Medical College in Vrsac, Serbia, actively participates in preparation and implementation of projects contributing to international cooperation, especially at European level. As a preparation for the implementation of the program Erasmus+, in the period between December 2013 and November 2016, the college was a coordinator of the Tempus Programme project titled Harmonization of Preschool Teacher Education Curricula in Serbia (Project reference number – 544141 – Tempus-1-2013-1-RS-TEMPUS-JPCR). Specific project objectives were to: a) harmonize curricula through identifying the harmonization framework and developing individual harmonization plans in Preschool Teacher Education Curricula in Serbia; b) certify harmonized curricula at all participating VET colleges through re-accreditation and enrolment of the 1<sup>st</sup> generation of students; c) improve transversal skills of teachers through training of trainers (ToT sessions) and spill-over training sessions; d) improve teaching methodology and entrepreneurial competences of teachers through identifying learning outcomes and methods of achieving them.

Striving for continuation of international networking in a unique European space of higher education, Preschool Teacher Training and Medical College in Vrsac, entered the program of academic mobilities through Key 1 Erasmus+ program, establishing interinstitutional cooperation with a number of countries (Romania, Slovenia, Bulgaria, Turkey, etc.), in accordance with institutional capacities and possibilities of member and partner countries to establish cooperation in the field of academic mobility of students, academic and non-academic staff. In other words, the target groups to be encompassed by mobilities are teaching staff, non-teaching staff and students of the first level of studies (bachelor degree) and second level of studies (master degree). Our institution strategy for the organisation and implementation of international cooperation projects in the future period anticipates several concrete steps, i.e. 1) empowerment of institutional capacities for the implementation of the program of Erasmus+ through training and professional development of staff; 2) stimulation of involvement of students, teaching and non-teaching staff in design and implementation of activities within the framework of the Erasmus+ Programme, 3) broadening of the network of active partners and monitoring of reaching of aims of the Erasmus + Programme through a variety of activities carried out at the Preschool Teacher Training and Medical College in Vrsac.

In the future, as a policy of internationalization of the institution, it is envisaged to develop cooperation programs for the member countries and countries outside the European area, within the framework of exchange programs and other activities, in accordance with the capacities of the institution and the willingness to cooperate with foreign partners.