

## **1. Core of the report for the period: project objectives, work progress and achievements, project management**

### **Project objectives for the period**

#### **Overview**

The final report of the project is dedicated to the overview of all the work done until the conclusion of AL-ES.Net project. Following this objective, The Agency for Research, Technology and Innovation, during the time available for the implementation of the project, aimed to create and strengthen a solid structure within Albania as a key initiative in supporting the commitment of the European Union in removing the barriers for free circulation of knowledge and strengthening cross-border mobility of researchers, students and academic staff. Therefore, ARTI made various efforts to train the Albanian researchers about the services offered by Euraxess and how to benefit from them. The Agency of Research, Technology and Innovation has achieved the aim of providing access to a complete range of information and support services for European and non – European researchers, who wish to go further on in their academic career.

Taking in consideration geographical and sectorial balance, Albanian mobility network has involved Albanian public and private Universities, research institutions and governmental bodies.

In parallel, the project would continue its efforts on the realization of the second objective by providing access to a complete range of information and support services for European and non-European researchers wishing to further their career.

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The deadline for all of the changes to happen and the agency to successfully complete its transformation for one entity to the other entity, was foreseen and set as a goal of the Ministry of Education and Sports, to happen no later than 8<sup>th</sup> of Jun, 2016.

Under such view, please consider that our agency has performed under the legal structure and entitlement up to the very end.

For example:

- 1) Second Training Session – was held on June 29, 2016 where there were present

26- participants, from various scientific research institutions and EURAXESS local points;

- 2) Second Mobility Workshop - was held on June 29, 2016, where the participants in this

workshop were the same as the participants in the training session, representing various scientific research institutions.

After that period, as per above explained, we were not entitled legally speaking to perform any task, or duty.

Since the time foreseen to resume our normal activity was presumably short, taking into account that agency was going to be fully transformed into NASRI, no latter that the 8<sup>th</sup> of July, 2016, we were planning out our agenda regarding Euraxess and the tasks to be completed.

As it is obvious now, the 8<sup>th</sup> of July, 2016 was long passed as e deadline. In the meantime our staff was part of the negotiations to create the best scenario and nearest date for NASRI to be established, so that we could compile the agenda. The date for this to happen was anticipated from the Ministry of Education and Sports, every 2- weeks, so we were not able to communicate to anyone on the postponing of the tasks and their resume and follow up on a legal base/ framework and stipulated date.

To conclude, there was not possible for us to reach out to you and inform you regarding postponement of our tasks and the performance to be.

## **Work progress and achievements during the period**

In relation with the objectives of AL-ES.Net, the following results were produced:

- 1) **Albanian Euraxess web portal** – was launched online in June 2014 with the link: [www.euraxess.al](http://www.euraxess.al) .
- 2) **60 Awareness Campaign** events were organized to promote Albanian EURAXESS Network and C&C
- 3) **First Albanian Mobility Handbook** – is available in Albanian language in the format of Frequently Asked Questions with information on administrative procedures regarding visas' issues, taxation system, education system and health system in Albania.
- 4) **First Guide for incoming researchers** – is available in English language offering lots of practical information about everyday life in Albania and guidelines for dealing with the formalities of employment and work.
- 5) **First and Second Newsletter** – with research related news has been prepared by the Agency for Research Technology and Innovation and has been made available online through Albanian Euraxess portal.
- 6) **22 Albanian Research Organizations** endorsed the principles of the C&C after it has been translated into Albanian language.
- 7) **First Training Session** – was held on May 7, 2015 where there were present more than 90 participants from various scientific research institutions and EURAXESS local points.
- 8) **First Mobility Workshop** – was held in May 7, 2015, participants in this workshop were the same that participated in the training session, representing various scientific research institutions.
- 9) **Help desk manual** – is available in Albanian language and has information about the functionality of the Help-Desk.
- 10) **Second Training Session** – was held on June 29, 2016 where there were present 26- participants, from various scientific research institutions and EURAXESS local Points

**11) Second Mobility Workshop** – was held on June 29, 2016, where the participants in this workshop were the same as the participants in the training session, representing various scientific research institutions

**12) Third Meeting of the Steering Group** – was held on April 19, 2016 with the participation of 10- representatives.

**13) Help Desk activity log** – “Help Desk” was created since the period of the first report, but up to now there was no activity concerning the matters it covers.

### ***Work packages progress***

## **WP2 Development of the Euraxess Service Network**

WP2 objectives are establishment of national researcher’s service network, setting up Euraxess Service Centre Albania and setting up communication channels between the Centre and research institutions.

The Albanian Euraxess Service Network consist on: Bridgehead Organization, Euraxess Service Centre Albania Steering Group and contact points in research institutions.

### **Task 1.6: Minutes of the Third steering group meeting**

#### 1. Summary of the objectives of task

Steering group is a high level support group and acts as a consultative body for the bridge head organization. The steering group helps to remove the barriers in the Albanian administration by increasing the efficiency of implementation of legislation.

#### 2. Preliminary results

ARTI organized the third Steering group meeting on 19 April, 2016 at HOTEL Monarch, in Tirana. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the implementation of AL- ES Net. Up to date, and to draft a “Commitment Declaration” between the members in order to insure a well- functioning of the ongoing process for the report. The meeting was attended by 11- members of the Steering group.

#### 3. Deviation from Annex I and its impact on other task (if applicable)

Not applicable.

#### 4. The reasons for failing to achieve critical objectives (if applicable)

Not applicable.

#### 5. Corrective actions (if applicable)

Not applicable.

#### 6. Recommendations for future actions (if applicable)

Not applicable.

## **Task 2.1: Bridgehead Organization**

### 1. Summary of the objectives of task

Bridgehead Organization has been established at the Agency for Research, Technology and Innovation (ARTI) Albania and it is headed by the AL-ES.Net project coordinator.

### 2. Preliminary results

ARTI has set up a well-structured Euraxess Service Network, which in the first phase of project implementation. It has developed and managed the national network and portal as well as connected this network with the European Euraxess Network.

On the other hand, ARTI has failed to meet some deadlines in successfully implementing and disseminating the following:

- Training session 3- programme of the training list of participants, minutes of the training session and the evaluation report (D4.4);
- Final version of the Albanian Euraxess Portal (D5.3);
- Mobility workshop 3 (D6.5);
- Newsletter 3 (D6.5);
- Launching event (D6.9)
- Mobility Guide for Incoming Researchers Published, year 2 (D3.4);
- Final version of Mobility Guide for Incoming Researchers, published at portal (D3.5);
- Mobility Guide for Incoming Researchers Published, year 3 (D3.7);

### 3. Deviation from Annex I and its impact on other task (if applicable)

Not applicable.

### 4. The reasons for failing to achieve critical objectives (if applicable)

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#### 5. Recommendations for future actions (if applicable)

Not applicable.

### **Task 2.2: Euraxess Service Centre Albania**

#### 1. Summary of the objectives of task

Euraxess Service Centre Albania has also been established within the Agency for Research, Technology and Innovation and it is headed by the project manager and the staff of ARTI. In regards of the Service Centre objective until now no researcher has been assisted for any mobility issue to the Albanian Euraxess Service Centre but Albanian ESC has been continuously in contact with all contact points in research institutions.

#### 2. Preliminary results

Establishment of Euraxess Service Centre within ARTI with all contact details, address details and information details published online at national Euraxess Portal and ARTI portal.

#### 3. Deviation from Annex I and its impact on other task (if applicable)

No deviations.

#### 4. The reasons for failing to achieve critical objectives (if applicable)

Until March 2015 ARTI has gone through management changes (Changes in Director General) and other internal issues were faced this period, such restructure of ARTI with the new Law on Higher Education system in Albania which has not enter in force yet.

#### 5. Corrective actions (if applicable) Not applicable.

#### 6. Recommendations for future actions (if applicable) Not applicable.

### **Task 2.3: Contact Points Database**

#### 1. Summary of the objectives of task

Following the existing database an updated contact point's database was compiled. ARTI send to all research institutions Official Letters asking for contact point nomination. 15 Contact points has been nominated as below:

No	Institution	Name	Surname	Email
1	University of Tirana	Bruna	Nicka	<a href="mailto:nickabruna@gmail.com">nickabruna@gmail.com</a>

2	Polytechnic University of Tirana	Marin	Aranitasi	<a href="mailto:m_aranitasi@hotmail.com">m_aranitasi@hotmail.com</a>
3	Agricultural University of Tirana	Ferdi	Brahushi	<a href="mailto:fbrahushi@ubt.edu.al">fbrahushi@ubt.edu.al</a>
4	Academy of Arts in Tirana	Arben	Llozi	<a href="mailto:zvrektor.proj@uart.edu.al">zvrektor.proj@uart.edu.al</a> <a href="mailto:arbenllozi@gmail.com">arbenllozi@gmail.com</a>
5	Sports University of Tirana	Juel	Jarani	<a href="mailto:jjarani@ust.edu.al">jjarani@ust.edu.al</a>
6	University of Shkodra, "Luigj Gurakuqi"	Lidia	Laca	<a href="mailto:l-laca@unishk.edu.al">l-laca@unishk.edu.al</a> <a href="mailto:lidia-laca@yahoo.com">lidia-laca@yahoo.com</a>
7	University of Elbasan "Aleksandër Xhuvani"	Jani	Dode	<a href="mailto:jani.dode@uniel.edu.al">jani.dode@uniel.edu.al</a>
8	University of Korça "Fan Noli"	Monika	Thimo	<a href="mailto:monika.shano@gmail.com">monika.shano@gmail.com</a>
9	University of Gjirokastra "Eqerem Cabej"	Eljana	Kokalari	<a href="mailto:emosko@uogj.edu.al">emosko@uogj.edu.al</a> <a href="mailto:eljanamosko@yahoo.com">eljanamosko@yahoo.com</a>
10	Center of Albanological Studies	Marsela	Meta	<a href="mailto:marselameta@yahoo.com">marselameta@yahoo.com</a>
11	University Of New York Tirana	Mareglen	Biba	<a href="mailto:mareglenbiba@unyt.edu.al">mareglenbiba@unyt.edu.al</a>
12	EPOKA University	Albana	Halili (Ndreu)	<a href="mailto:ahalili@epoka.edu.al">ahalili@epoka.edu.al</a>
13	POLIS University	Dritan	Shutina	<a href="mailto:dritan_shutina@coplan.org">dritan_shutina@coplan.org</a>
14	POLIS University	Elvana	Dajko	<a href="mailto:elvana_dajko@universiteti.polis.edu.al">elvana_dajko@universiteti.polis.edu.al</a>
15	Aldent University	Jorida	Shahinas	<a href="mailto:jorida.shahinas@ual.edu.al">jorida.shahinas@ual.edu.al</a>

## 2. Preliminary results

A database of contact points at all relevant higher education institutions, research institutions and mailing list has been established to be used for invitations to workshops and consultation purposes.

## 3. Deviation from Annex I and its impact on other task (if applicable)

Instead of two contact points mailing lists in accordance of our number of institutions and human resources one updated contact point database was established.

## 4. The reasons for failing to achieve critical objectives (if applicable) Not applicable.

## 5. Corrective actions (if applicable) Not applicable.

## 6. Recommendations for future actions (if applicable) Not applicable.

## **Task 2.4: Mobility handbook**

### 1. Summary of the objectives of task

A draft of mobility handbook was prepared in Albanian language with information on administrative procedures and important contacts and addresses concluded portals and mail addresses in format of Frequently Asked questions.

### 2. Preliminary results

Draft of Mobility Handbook published at Albanian Euraxess Portal.

### 3. Deviation from Annex I and its impact on other task (if applicable) Not applicable

### 4. The reasons for failing to achieve critical objectives (if applicable) Not applicable.

### 5. Corrective actions (if applicable) Not applicable.

### 6. Recommendations for future actions (if applicable) Not applicable.



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## MOBILITY HANDBOOK

UDHËZUES PËR LËVIZSHMËRINË E PUNONJËSVE SHKENCORË

Tiranë, 2015

### WP3 Information and assistance for researchers

#### **Task 3.1: Preparation and development of help desk activities**

##### 1. Summary of the objectives of task

Agency for Research, Technology and Innovation as the service centre in Albania has established communication channels to officials in all relevant ministries that are main actors especially in mobility.

##### 2. Preliminary results

Identifying Albanian policy makers who are related to mobility issues such as visa issues (Ministry of Foreign Affairs), health issues (Ministry of Health), education issues (Ministry of Education and Sports) etc., and established an initial communication in order better assist mobility researchers.

##### 3. Deviation from Annex I and its impact on other task (if applicable)

Not applicable.

4. The reasons for failing to achieve critical objectives (if applicable) Not applicable.

5. Corrective actions (if applicable) Not applicable.

6. Recommendations for future actions (if applicable) Not applicable.

### **Task 3.2: Help Desk**

1. Summary of the objectives of task

The aim of the task is to provide assistance and information related to researchers Mobility

2. Preliminary results

The Help-Desk it was designed to provide quality assistance but until now we have no number of inquiries to the help desk. A Help-Desk Manual was defined to be produced and published on the portal.

3. Deviation from Annex I and its impact on other task (if applicable)

For the first period of the project no Help-Desk Manual has been produced. The HelpDesk Manual was prepared in June 2015.

4. The reasons for failing to achieve critical objectives (if applicable) Management reason inside the BHO.

5. Corrective actions (if applicable)

The Help-Desk Manual was prepared in June 2015.

6. Recommendations for future actions (if applicable) Not applicable.

### **Task 3.3: Mobility Guide for incoming researchers**

1. Summary of the objectives of task

The mobility Guide for Incoming Researchers is conceived as a helping guide to incoming researchers to Albania.

2. Preliminary results

The Mobility Guide for Incoming Researchers is published online. It was produced on June 2015 in 200 copies.

3. Deviation from Annex I and its impact on other task (if applicable)

It has been planned to be printed in 500 copies but regarding to our activity log and inquiries we decided to print in 200. The Guide for Incoming Researchers is published on the portal and will be updated continuously. It was planned to be printed in Month 12 (September 2014) of the project but it is printed in June 2015.

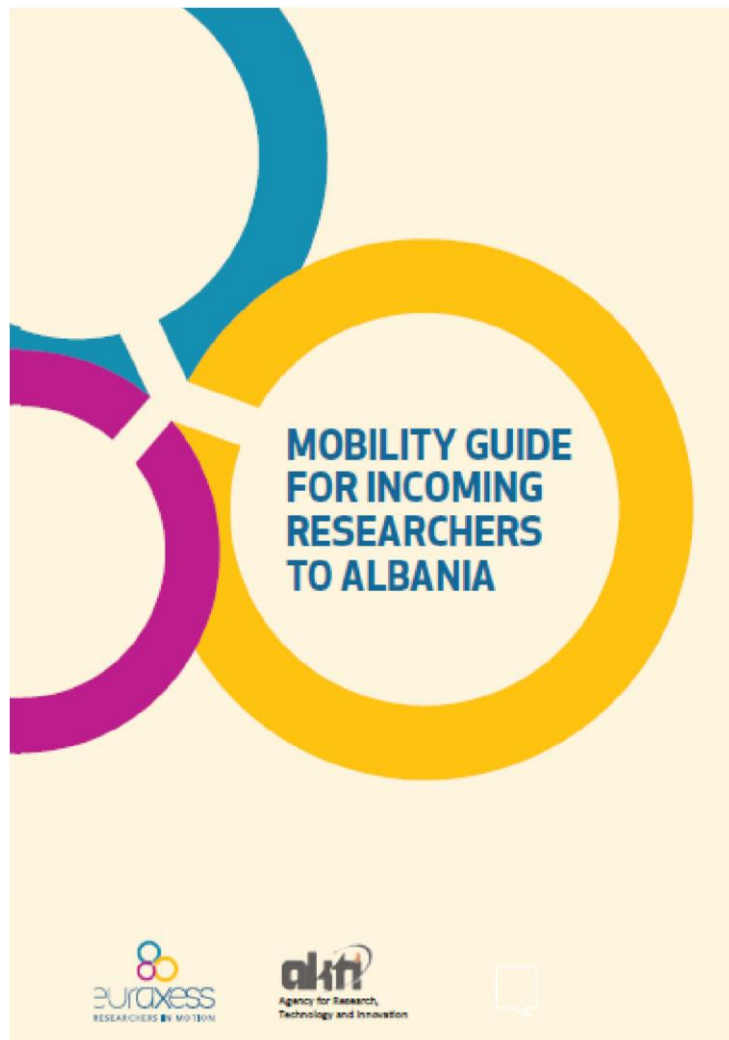
4. The reasons for failing to achieve critical objectives (if applicable)

Until March 2015 ARTI has functioned without Director General, in these conditions the project deliverables were very difficult to be implemented in the exact delivery date.

5. Corrective actions (if applicable)

We published the first edition in 200 copies in June 2015.

6. Recommendations for future actions (if applicable) Not applicable.



### Task 4.1: Series of Training session

#### 1. Summary of the objectives of task

The aim of the task was to organize training session on thematic principle. Training will be given in procedures to obtain visas, temporary stay permits, work permits, residence permits, health and social security, taxation, use of e-applications for networking with European Portal, external communication and media relations, intercultural communication ect.

#### 2. Preliminary results

Organization of three Training sessions based on the report of organization of these training sessions compiled by The Agency for Research, Technology and Innovation which gives more detailed information will help the members of the Euraxess Service network in focusing on the needs of mobile researchers coming to Albania and possibilities to provide the best assistance possible to this group and also help them with career development. (Deliverable 4.1)

#### 3. Deviation from Annex I and its impact on other task (if applicable)

During the 1st reporting period, ARTI as a BHO didn't organize any of three is training sessions. Two out of the three training sessions were organized during the second reporting period.

#### 4. The reasons for failing to achieve critical objectives (if applicable)

Based on the fact that the first payment of the Grand Agreement budgeted was received by ARTI on October 2014 and based on our administrative rules of national laws we as a public institution couldn't reimburse any financial cost for all activities on behalf of the European Projects. This main issue plus other internal issues (absence of Director General) prevented us in organizing these three training sessions on the deliverable date.

#### 5. Corrective actions (if applicable)

We have organized the first training session in **May 7, 2015** and we will report it in the final report together with other deliverables.

#### 6. Recommendations for future actions (if applicable)

We have planned to organize the second Training Session in November 2015 and the third training session on the beginning of 2016.

### Task 4.3: Training Session 2:

Programme of the Training, List of Participants, Minutes of the Training Session and the Evaluation Report.

#### 1. Summary of the objectives of task

The Second Training Session will include a presentation of a general overview of major mobility issues, opportunities and career development. The training would present the main legislation and practical issues for incoming and outgoing researchers; mobility in Albania; employment of foreigners; recognition of academic degrees; social insurance; health and medical care; taxation; social issues.

#### 2. Preliminary results

Organization of two Training sessions based on the report of organization of these

ARTI organized the second training session on 29 June, 2016 at Hotel Monarch in Tirana. There were 26 participants from public and private institutions. The training session covered all the topics required by the project.

3. Deviation from Annex I and its impact on other task (if applicable)

Not applicable.

4. The reasons for failing to achieve critical objectives (if applicable)

Not applicable.

5. Corrective actions (if applicable)

Not applicable.

6. Recommendations for future actions (if applicable)

Not applicable.

**Task 4.5: Final Report on the three training sessions.**

1. Summary of the objectives of the task.

The training sessions will be usually organized together with the workshops, but they will be on-invitation, prepared for contact points or Vice Deans. Training sessions will be organized on thematic principle. There will be three of them. The training sessions will be held in Tirana, Albanian. Training sessions will be given in procedures to obtain visas, temporary residence permits, work permits, health and social security, taxation, use of e- applications for networking with the European Portal, external communication and media relations, intercultural communication, etc.

2. Preliminary results

ARTI submitted the final report on the three training sessions. The agency succeeded in organizing two out of three training sessions. The third one was not performed due to the transitory period which did not provide sufficient grounds for the interim process ARTI TO NASRI to happen on time.

3. Deviation from Annex I and its impact on other task (if applicable)

Not applicable.

4. The reasons for failing to achieve critical objectives (if applicable)

Not applicable.

5. Corrective actions (if applicable)

Not applicable.

6. Recommendations for future actions (if applicable)

Not applicable.

**WP5 National Mobility Portal**

**Task 5.1: Hosting and technical maintenance of the web site**

1. Summary of the objectives of task

Agency for Research Technology and Innovation has obtained domain [www.euraxess.al](http://www.euraxess.al) This portal is hosted by the National Agency for Information Society (NAIS) free of charge.

This web server is online 24 hours.

ARTI in collaboration with NAIS support and obtain this web server.

2. Preliminary results

The web portal is hosted by NAIS.

3. Deviation from Annex I and its impact on other task (if applicable)

Not applicable.

4. The reasons for failing to achieve critical objectives (if applicable) Not applicable.

5. Corrective actions (if applicable) Not applicable.

6. Recommendations for future actions (if applicable) Not applicable.

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ALBANIA FOR RESEARCHERS

Welcome to Albanian EURAXESS Portal - a resource for foreign researchers who plan to come to Albania. Whether you are looking for information about work, study or everyday life in Albania, EURAXESS Albania covers all matters relating to your professional and daily life, job and funding opportunities.

**Agency for Research, Technology and Innovation** is the Bridgehead Organization in Albania and is providing the network for mobile researchers and their families with customized assistance in all matters relating to their mobility experience.

The portal is a gateway to **Albanian EURAXESS Service Center**, which provide to you free and personalized assistance for job and funding opportunities, professional and daily life in Albania.

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### SHQIPËRIA PËR KËRKUESIT

Mirëseerdhët në portalin Shqiptar të EURAXESS - një burim për kërkuesit e huaj që planifikojnë të vijnë në Shqipëri. Nëqoftesë jeni duke kërkuar informacion mbi punën, studimin, ose jetën e përditshme në Shqipëri, EURAXESS shqiptar mbulon të gjitha çështjet që lidhen me jetën personale dhe profesionale, punë dhe mundësi investimi.

**Agjencia e Kërkimit, Teknologjisë dhe Inovacionit** është Organizata Drejtuese e e: Rrjetit Euraxess në Shqipëri që siguron linjën për kërkuesit në lëvizje dhe familjet e tyre me asistencë në të gjitha çështjet që lidhen me eksperiencën e tyre në lëvizje.

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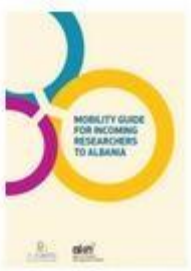
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Albanian version of the portal

## Task 5.2: Design and maintenance of the portal

### 1. Summary of the objectives of task

The national portal is designed indoors by the Agency for Research, Technology and Innovation. It is a mirror of European Portal and contains information about needs of

mobility researchers as legislation, research landscape, practical information, research job opportunities and fellowships and grants around Europe. For the first period of the project implementation this web portal is in English only.

## 2. Preliminary results

Prototype version of the Albanian Euraxess Portal is designed and functional online [www.euraxess.al](http://www.euraxess.al)

## 3. Deviation from Annex I and its impact on other task (if applicable)

Interim Version of Albanian Euraxess (all information in Albanian language) portal was planned to be launched on first period of project implementation.

## 4. The reasons for failing to achieve critical objectives (if applicable) Internal procedures.

## 5. Corrective actions (if applicable)

We are working in designing the portal in Albania language. You will find above a preview of the portal in Albanian language. The portal until September 2015 will be ready in both languages.

## 6. Recommendations for future actions (if applicable)

Not applicable

### **Task 5.3: The writing, updating and maintenance, including quality control of the information featured on the portal**

#### 1. Summary of the objectives of task

All materials is prepared, edited and controlled by the Agency for Research, Technology and Innovation. This information is updated frequently by the agency.

#### 2. Preliminary results

The national mobility portal is development and functional for this period.

#### 3. Deviation from Annex I and its impact on other task (if applicable) Not applicable

#### 4. The reasons for failing to achieve critical objectives (if applicable) Not applicable

#### 5. Corrective actions (if applicable)

#### 6. Recommendations for future actions (if applicable)

Not applicable

## **WP6 Dissemination**

### **Task 6.1: Awareness campaign directed towards researchers and contact points**

#### 1. Summary of the objectives of task

The main aim of the task is to inform researchers about possibilities offered by the national and European Networks and portal and the promotion of the national network and portal.

## 2. Preliminary results

The expected result is that the most of Albanian researchers have basic information on the existence of the Euraxess Service center. Until the end of the project, ARTI has organized 60 awareness campaigns in almost all the universities and institutions, private and public, not only in Tirana but also in other cities in Albania.

## 3. Deviation from Annex I and its impact on other task (if applicable)

Annex I describe the organization of two awareness raising campaign, ARTI has done an awareness campaign by going in 5 public and private research institution in Albania for the first period. For the final reporting period, ARTI has concluded 60 awareness rising campaigns.

## 4. The reasons for failing to achieve critical objectives (if applicable) Not applicable

## 5. Corrective actions (if applicable)

## 6. Recommendations for future actions (if applicable) Not applicable

### **Task 6.2: Organisation of workshops**

#### 1. Summary of the objectives of task

The organization of workshops with practical, learning character, disseminative character and information character.

#### 2. Preliminary results

Organization of three workshops that will help the members of the national Euraxess network in focusing on the needs of mobile researchers coming and outgoing and possibilities in order to improve the quality of the mobility assistance and provide an input to the coordination of activities of the network and help to create personal and professional contacts between network members.

#### 3. Deviation from Annex I and its impact on other task (if applicable)

Not applicable.

#### 4. The reasons for failing to achieve critical objectives (if applicable)

Based on the fact that the first payment of the Grand Agreement budgeted was received by ARTI in October 2014 and based on our administrative rules of national laws we as a public institution couldn't reimburse any financial cost for all activities on behalf of the European Projects. This main issue plus other internal issues (absence of Director General) prevented us in organizing these two workshops on the deliverable date.

#### 5. Corrective actions (if applicable)

The first one was organized in **May 7, 2015**.

#### 6. Recommendations for future actions (if applicable)

Not applicable

### **Task 6.3: Newsletter**

#### 1. Summary of the objectives of task

The main objective of the task is to be informed and engaged about career development and other research related news.

#### 2. Preliminary results

The first e-Newsletter was prepared in **March 2015**, it was also published on the web address: <http://www.euraxess.al/documents/Newsletter1.pdf>. The e-Newsletter contain information about the Agency for Research, Technology and Innovation, what is EURAXESS and EURAXESS Albania, the structure of Euraxess Albania, the Albanian Euraxess Service Network, the Contact Point and what is the Euraxess Portal for publishing and finding Job Vacancies.

#### 3. Deviation from Annex I and its impact on other task (if applicable)

The second and the third newsletter weren't prepared.

#### 4. The reasons for failing to achieve critical objectives (if applicable) The same reasons set before.

#### 5. Corrective actions (if applicable)

The second newsletter was prepared in June 2015, It was published on the web address: <http://www.euraxess.al/documents/Newsletter2.pdf> and also is sent by mail.

We are working on the third newsletters to be distributed by mail and also published online through national portal.

#### 6. Recommendations for future actions (if applicable) Not applicable



**First Newsletter**



**Second Newsletter**

## **Task 6.4: Mobility workshops 2.**

### 1. Summary of the objectives of task

The workshop was organized to discuss the mobility career development issues. The workshop targets contact point and interested researchers. It has practical and learning character, disseminative character, and informative character.

### 2. Preliminary results

The second workshop was organized on 29 June, 2016 at Hotel Monarch in Tirana. It informed the participants about Euraxess contact points and legal modalities of mobility, its challenges and proposed solutions as well as, the possibilities offered for foreign researchers in Albania.

### 3. Deviation from Annex I and its impact on other task (if applicable)

Not applicable.

### 4. The reasons for failing to achieve critical objectives (if applicable)

Not applicable.

### 5. Corrective actions (if applicable)

Not applicable.

### 6. Recommendations for future actions (if applicable)

Not applicable.

## **Project management**

### ***Management activities***

The consortium has only one organisation, The Agency for Research, Technology and Innovation who is the Bridgehead Organization.

Overall, the management of the project for the first period presented some challenges or problems since for a period of 1 year and a half within the project, The Agency for Research, Technology and Innovation was without a Director General (who was the Coordinator of the project) and the management of the project was delayed.

The grand Agreement was signed by Prof.Dr. Ylli Pango as coordinator of the project and Legal Representative who is replaced in his position by Mr. Geron Kamberi, Director General-Legal Representative of the Agency for Research, Technology and Innovation from March 2015 and on-going.

An additional reason is the error occurred on pre-financing distribution. European Commission paid the financial contribution to the Bank Account as was referred to the FP7 Grant Agreement No. 619167—AL-ES.Net but an error occurred and the payment was transferred in another bank account. In these conditions took more than 1 year (regarding internal procedures) to reallocate the pre-financing contribution to the Agency for Research, Technology and Innovation Bank Account.

Inside the Albanian Euraxess Network a Steering Group has been established and is composed by 12 members.

1.	Ministry of Education and Sports	Linda	Pusina
2.	Ministry of Economic Development Trade and Entrepreneurship	Jolta	Kaçani
3.	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Marsela	Avdullai
4.	Ministry of European Integration	Arba	Bekteshi
5.	Ministry of Health	Mariola	Pina
6.	Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Water	Kujtim	Mersini
7.	Academy of Science Albania	Salvator	Bushati
8.	Tirana University	Bruna	Nicka
9.	Institute of GeoSciences, Energy, Water and Enviroment	Klodian	Zaimi
10.	Institute of Statistics	Maldi	Dema

11.	Intercollegiate Service Center for Telematic Networks	Arjan	Xhelaj
12.	B.A.ZH NGO	Renata	Uruci

The first Albanian Euraxess Steering Group Meeting was organised in September 29, 2014. The meeting was focused mostly on presentation of Albanian Euraxess Service Network Project and establishment of communication within the network.

The second Steering Group Meeting was organised on 11 June 2015.

### ***Dissemination and use of the knowledge***

The project has developed Albanian Euraxess website ([www.euraxess.al](http://www.euraxess.al)). The website acts not only as an information point for the activities carried out during the project lifetime but it gives information as was mentioned before about mobility issues in Albania and around Europe.