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**E5.3 FINAL DISSEMINATION CONFERENCE**  
**E1.3 CONSORTIUM MEETING**  
Faculty of Medicine Foča University of East Sarajevo  
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**THE MEETING MINUTES**

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➤ Agenda of the Final dissemination conference

DAY 1		
Tuesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2025.		
12:00 – 19:00	Arrival to the city of Foča	All participants
19:00 – 21:00	Welcoming and working dinner <b>Motel Brioni Foča</b>	All participants
DAY 2		
Wednesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2025.		
09:30 – 10:00	Registration	All participants

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10:00 – 10:20	Welcoming words	Dean <b>prof. dr Dejan Bokonjic</b> Vice-dean <b>doc. dr Ognjenka Janjic Pavlovic</b> Int'l coordinator <b>prof. dr Nenad Markovic</b> <b>International Choir of the Faculty of Medicine Foča</b>
10:20 – 10:50	BIOSINT final project presentation	Project coordinator <b>prof. dr Vladimir Jakovljevic, UNIKG</b> Deputy project coordinator <b>prof. dr Aleksandra Stojanovic, UNIKG</b>
10:50 – 11:00	Introducing International students of the Faculty of Medicine Foča. Traditional performance.	Indian international students
11:00 – 11:20	Internationalization at home from the aspect of the Faculty of Medicine in Foča	Vice-dean <b>doc. dr Ognjenka Janjic Pavlovic</b> International affairs manager <b>prof. Minja Cosovic</b>
11:20 – 11:50	Coffee break	All participants
11:50 – 12:00	Introducing International students of the Faculty of Medicine Foča. Traditional performance.	African international students
12:00 – 13:00	Panel discussion: <i>Internationalization at home systems and protocols at biomedical faculties</i>	Moderator: prof. dr Nenad Markovic  Panelists: Prof. dr Dejan Bokonjic <b>University of East Sarajevo</b> prof. dr Neada Hysenaj <b>University of Medicine Tirana</b> prof. dr Aleksandra Vuksanović Božarić <b>University of Montenegro</b> Elma Mujakovic, MD <b>University of Tuzla</b> Geert De Lepeleer <b>KU Leuven</b>
13:00 – 13:15	Buddy system at the Faculty of Medicine Foča	<b>Francesco Torchia</b> , international Italian student
13:15 – 14:30	Lunch break/ catering	All participants

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14:30 – 14:45	Introducing International students of the Faculty of Medicine Foča. Traditional performance.	Greek, German and Italian international students
14:45 – 15:30	Panel discussion: <i>Internationalization of curriculum</i>	Moderator: prof. dr Nenad Markovic  Panelists: prof. dr Danijel Pravdic <b>University of Mostar</b> doc. dr Ognjenka Janjic Pavlovic <b>University of East Sarajevo</b> Erard Curcija <b>University of Shkodra Luigj Gurakuqi</b> prof. dr Vladimir Jakovljevic <b>University of Kragujevac</b> prof. dr Adrian Sturza <b>University of Medicine and Pharmacy Timisoara</b>
15:30 – 16:00	Student experiences in mobility	Students of the Faculty of Medicine
16:00 – 17:00	Visit tour of the Faculty of Medicine and the Specialist Dental Center	All participants
17:00 – 19:30	Free time	
19:30	Working dinner <b>Konoba “Zlatna Dunja”</b>	All participants
<b>DAY 3</b>		
<b>Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> December 2025.</b>		
10:00 – 12:00	Consortium meeting - Realization of activities and deliverables - Budget categories - Final report preparation	University of Kragujevac All project partners
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch break/ catering	All partners
13:00 – 15:00	Continuation of the Consortium meeting	University of Kragujevac All project partners

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➤ **Minutes**

During the first day of the working meeting, project results were presented, two panels were held with representatives of project partners, and a special focus was on internationalization at home by the Faculty of Medicine in Foča.

The first day began with a media presentation of the project coordinator Prof. Jakovljević, Dean Prof. Bokonjić, representative of KU Leuven Geert De Lepeleer, representative of the University of Evora Prof. Isaura Serra and coordinator for international cooperation Prof. Marković, who highlighted the results achieved within the project and highlighted the key challenges in the coming period in the field of internationalization.

The working program began with the presentation of the international choir of students of the Faculty of Medicine in Foča, followed by welcoming remarks by Dean Prof. Bokonjić, Vice-Dean Prof. Ognjenka Janjić Pavlović, coordinator for international cooperation Prof. Marković and project coordinator Prof. Jakovljević.

Deputy project coordinator Prof. Stojanović presented the results achieved by the BIOSINT project during the three-year duration of the project. Then, Indian international students performed a traditional performance from India.

Internationalization at home from the perspective of the Faculty of Medicine in Foča was presented by Prof. Ognjenka Janjić Pavlović and the Head of the International Student Relations Office Minja Cosović.

After a short break, a performance by students from Africa followed, who presented their traditional performance.

The first panel brought a discussion regarding the systems and protocols of internationalization at home. The panel was moderated by Prof. Marković (MEF UES), and the speakers were prof. Bokonjić (MEF UES), prof. Hysenaj (UMT), prof. Abramović (UOM), prof. Mujaković (UNTZ) and Geert De Lepeleer (KU Leuven-). They discussed the Institutional framework of IaH and strategy, Digital infrastructure and online internationalization, Partnerships and international collaborations, Foreign languages and language policies, Students and the study experience, Support for international students (without mobility), Teachers and staff, Quality, evaluation and monitoring, Administrative processes and protocols, Risk management and ethical aspects. In the end, the conclusion was reached that the biggest challenge to internationalization at home is not the lack of international partners, but the absence of a clearly defined system and protocol that integrates IaH into core academic processes. Faculties that manage to institutionalize IaH through strategies, regulations, training and measurable learning outcomes achieve sustainable and inclusive internationalization. The main challenges of this panel topic were highlighted, namely: Lack of a systemic approach, Limited institutional support and resources, Language barriers, Insufficient readiness of teachers for internationalization of the curriculum, Overloaded and rigid curricula, Insufficiently developed evaluation mechanisms, Digital divide and technical limitations, Weak integration of international students, Regulatory and administrative obstacles, Insufficient recognition of IaH in quality and promotion systems.



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After the first panel, the representative of international students at the Faculty of Medicine in Foča, Francesco Torchia, presented and explained how the Buddy system at the Faculty of Medicine works.

After lunch, a performance by Greek, German and Italian students followed.

The second panel dealt with the internationalization of the curriculum. The moderator was prof. Marković (MEF UES), and the speakers were prof. Pravdic (SUM), prof. Janjic Pavlovic (MEF UES), Erard Curcija (UNISHK), prof. Jakovljevic (UniKg). It was pointed out that Internationalization of medical school curricula has become crucial due to the global mobility of healthcare professionals, international healthcare standards, and the increasing need for intercultural competence in patient care. It was also discussed that Internationalization of medical school curricula is not just adding "international content". It is a transformation of the way students are prepared to work in the global health system. Key challenges are defined, namely: impact on international standards, getting intercultural and communication competencies, clinical practice and global context, academic staff and readiness for change, digital internationalization and COIL models, regulation and quality assessment, and main barriers in the form of language barriers (faculty and students), rigid and overcrowded medical curricula, lack of funding, limited international partners in the medical field, legal framework for clinical internships with international students.

At the end it was said that for medical schools, IaH is not an option but a necessity — because medicine is by definition a global profession.

This was followed by presentations by students who had spent part of their studies at international universities and health institutions. The students Jelena Despotović (Brazil), Nemanja Košarac (Bulgaria), Kamboj Yanshika (Russia), Marija Bjeletić (Turkey), Nemanja Kuvalja (Romania) presented themselves.

At the very end of the first day, a tour of the facilities of the Faculty of Medicine in Foča followed.

The second day of the final conference brought a discussion on outstanding obligations of individual partners, on upcoming obligations regarding the final reporting. It was decided that all project partners would be activated regarding project reporting in order to make this procedure easier. A presentation was given by the project coordinator of the Faculty of Medical Sciences, University of Kragujevac, on the obligations of all project partners. The following was particularly emphasized:

- Completing events and trainings in the sigma portal,
- Completing communication and dissemination activities in the sigma portal,
- Conducting testing of students who have completed virtual courses developed within the project,
- Further updating of the website and social networks,
- Meetings with stakeholders within the T5.5 activity,
- Conducting questionnaires for the buddy system and one for external partners of healthcare institutions.

The final dissemination meeting concluded with a list of tasks aimed at efficiently completing the project.

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In total there were more than 50 participants.

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