

Advancing gender equality at SAGE universities: International University of Sarajevo. *September 2018 – February 2019*

International University of Sarajevo received a grant as part of project Horizon 2020 from Council of Ministers of BiH for 2017-2018. Namely, Horizon 2020 “Gender Equality in Higher Education” plan which was being implemented at the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) is first of its kind in this region. Project coordinator Dr Jasminka Hasić Telalović decided to present this plan at other, public universities in Bosnia and Herzegovina by applying to the Council of Ministers grant. The grant would allow IUS to position itself as leader in implementation of gender equality policies in higher education area, through workshops and lectures.

IUS SAGE Team organized meetings with representatives of public universities in Bosnia and Herzegovina, which were included: University of East Sarajevo, University of Mostar, University of Banja Luka, University of Zenica, University of Tuzla, “Džemal Bijedić” University in Mostar and University of Sarajevo. IUS SAGE Team was host of the workshop, where 13 universities’ participants were met with facts of introducing systemic actions for gender equality in higher education, and how it could be helpful for the quality of education. Workshop was mentored by expertise: Dr Jasminka Hasic Telalovic, who presented creation and implementation process of Gender Equality Plan at IUS.

Prof Eileen Drew, coming from Trinity College Dublin, who is SAGE project Coordinator and Prof Yvonne Galligan, Queens University Belfast, presented their experiences as the leaders of gender equality in higher education in United Kingdom and Ireland. Professor Eileen Drew lectured about: Turning Gender GAPs into Gender Equality Plans (GEPs): Lessons from Trinity College Dublin. SAGE Charter of Principles was delivered to representatives of bh public universities, that will help them in creation of their own Gender Equality Plans.

New Year at IUS started with new cooperation:

Ministry of Civil Affairs, Ministry of Education, Science and Youth of Canton Sarajevo and Gender Centre of Federation of BiH. SAGE team talked with Mr. Adnan Husić, assistant minister in the department of higher education. Mr. Husić expressed his satisfaction that the IUS is a partner of SAGE project, funded by the European Union program Horizon 2020, which contributes also to the processes of BiH integration. On the same day, SAGE team visited Minister Zineta Bogunić at the Ministry of Education, Science and Youth of Sarajevo Canton, who eagerly welcomed the opportunities for future cooperation concerning gender policies in higher education.

Also, SAGE Team visited Gender Centre of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina. At the Gender Centre, Mr. Rastoder spoke with Ms. Lejla Hodović, who expressed her satisfaction that International University of Sarajevo is a partner of SAGE project, funded by Horizon 2020 program of the European Union. A Memorandum of Understanding will be signed with these institutions, too, and followed by a series of activities and projects, in which the IUS will justify its position as a regional leader.