

Short Term Scientific Mission (STSM) Reflections

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The goal of my STSM was to figure out a perception of existing institutional model in University of Banja Luka by teachers through the individual lens, and realize its success factors, advantages and challenges.

The most significant thing that I learned from my STSM was ... even under a weak institutional support, the academic activity including teaching, research, learning and writing can develop thanks to an inner potential of teachers, their self-organization, collective cohesion, and a supporting the young teachers by senior professors, as well as a support from EU programs.

I very much enjoyed by meeting the wonderful colleagues, local culture and traditions, beautiful nature, and the realization that despite all the differences, teachers from our countries have much in common, which makes us closer to each other.

My advice to colleagues considering an STSM is ... do not to lose the opportunity to conduct a short but important research mission, which gives not only scientific results, but also new contacts and connections for future projects and developments.

And finally, the STSM helped me to better understand the goals and significance of this COST Action, to look into the essence of teacher work through individual lens, to realize how important and difficult this profession is.