

Monitoring Report (for publication)

Contract number:	8116-00/2020
Project/programme title:	Higher Education Research and Applied Science plus (HERAS plus)
Country / countries / region:	Kosovo
Implementing Organisation-s:	World University Service (WUS), Zentrum für Soziale Innovation (ZSI), Österreichisches Austauschdienst (OeAD) GmbH
Project duration:	01.06.2020-31.12.2023
Interlocutors:	

Project progress

1. Progress in achieving project outcome(s) and outputs per logical framework:
According to the current results table, most of the project results have been or can still be reached. Therefore, the seven month no-cost extension was necessary to compensate for delays caused mostly by COVID-19.
2. Assessment of project expenditures: *(slow/as planned/adequate?)*
Adequate
3. How do you assess measures taken to manage gender, social and environmental impact (follow-up of any recommendations from the EGSI assessment, if applicable)?
The measures regarding the social recommendation have been addressed accordingly.
4. Are risk assessment and risk management plans up to date? How do you assess the functioning of risk monitoring and risk management of the project?
The risk management is in place and intact.
5. Has the project encountered unexpected challenges? If yes, please explain.
Disruptions caused by the COVID-19 have been mitigated by a seven month no-cost extension.
6. How do you assess perspectives for impact and sustainability of the intervention? (only if monitoring visit takes place towards the end of the project)
Related to targeted beneficiaries at system and institutional level, HERAS Plus project was appraised as very relevant and demand driven. Still, the mid-term evaluation has identified activities which could further enhance the sustainability of higher education and research sector in Kosovo.
7. How have past recommendations (incl. evaluations) been considered (if applicable)?
New recommendations (to whom)?
Not applicable, final report pending.

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