



Bijeljina University in Bijeljina – Internal dissemination event 25th September 2020

Meeting minutes

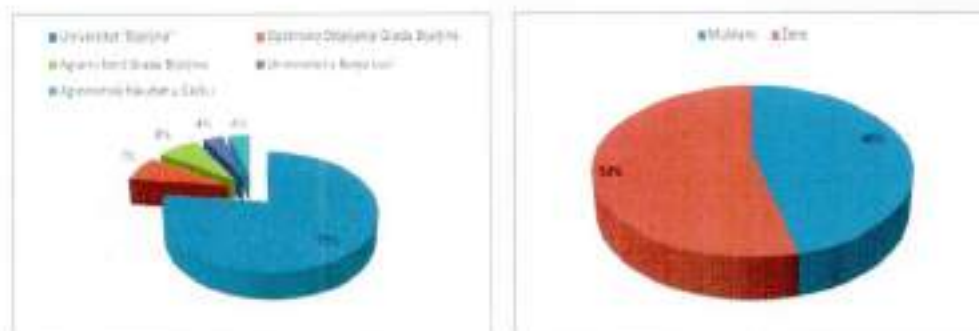
Recognizing the need for teaching staff at the Bijeljina University to get familiar with the goals of the **VIRAL** project, a dissemination meeting for employees was held. The meeting was organized on September 25th, 2020 at the Bijeljina University and it started at 12:00.

The meeting was intended for the employees of the University, primarily the participants of the VIRAL project. It was organized by the Bijeljina University. The moderator of the discussion was Aleksandar Životić, PhD. The participants of the meeting were informed beforehand about the most important details of the meeting through the lecture programme (**Appendix 1** - agenda).

The activity was organized within the Erasmus + VIRAL project, and within the work package seven (WP7 Dissemination), activity 7.1, which aims at introducing the employees of the institutions to the project itself. Since Bijeljina University is one of the leaders of this package, there was need to organize the first meeting of this type in Bijeljina.

A total number of 26 people participated in the dissemination meeting (**Appendix 2** - list of registered participants). Participants were mostly employees of the Bijeljina University, while some were from local agricultural institutions which collaborate with the University (Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Fund) and of course, lecturer/ project coordinator from the University of Banja Luka and professor from the Faculty of Agriculture in Čačak (Chart 1). The meeting itself was attended by a slightly larger number of women (Chart 2).

With the consent of all participants, the material from the meeting can be used for further distribution and popularization of this topic.



The lecturers were professors from the University of Banja Luka, the Faculty of Agriculture in Čačak and the Bijeljina University. At the very beginning of the dissemination meeting, the lecturers and participants were greeted and welcomed by the director of the Bijeljina University, Boro Krstić, PhD and project coordinator, Miljan Cvetković, PhD.

During the meeting, according to the agenda, 3 topics of importance for ICT in the field of education and practical application in agriculture were presented:

Boro Krstić, PhD	Bijeljina University - EU projects: needs and challenges
Miljan Cvetković, PhD	VIRAL Erasmus+ project – goals and achieved results
Ivan Glišić, PhD	Modern challenges in fruit growing and the use of information technologies

The lecturers gave their lectures using appropriate presentations. They strictly adhered to the scheduled time for presentation, which was of special importance for the dynamics of the meeting.



The University director spoke about the importance of European projects for the educational process at the University. He especially emphasized the fact that this is the first European project, which will be very important, both in terms of implementation and in terms of cooperation with other partners. He pointed out the changes in the law on Higher Education in the Republic of Srpska and the importance of international projects.

Project coordinator Miljan Cvetković spoke about the project itself, its goals, work packages and expected results. He especially emphasized the importance of proper reporting in technical and financial terms. He also pointed out the importance of promoting project activities among employees and students, as well as establishing active cooperation with business entities.

Ivan Glišić spoke about the use of ICT in fruit production, but also about new trends in fruit production in general. He invited colleagues from the Bijeljina University to further cooperation with the Faculty from Čačak.

At the end of the lectures, part of the time was left for questions and discussion, which interested parties utilized to ask additional questions or to ask for additional clarifications.



All lecturers expressed interest in further cooperation with interested parties through additional communication.

The most significant results of the dissemination meeting are the following:

- ◊ the meeting enabled the participants to get acquainted with the achievements in the field of education in the Republic of Srpska related to participation in international projects;
- ◊ the meeting enabled participants to get acquainted with the importance of participating in the project for further scientific and research development of the University;
- ◊ the participants were introduced to the basic goals of the VIRAL project and the expected activities in the coming period;
- ◊ the participants had the opportunity to hear a lecture on modern fruit production and the possibilities of using ICT in fruit growing;
- ◊ contact has been established for all those interested in further cooperation and development of new ideas and common activities;

For all interested, who were not able to attend the seminar, the appropriate material is available on the website:

- a. Boro Krstić, PhD (lecture) - presentation
- b. Miljan Cvetković, PhD (lecture) - presentation
- c. Ivan Glišić, PhD (lecture) - presentation

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