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Facilitator:	Prof. dr Biljana Sladoje Bošnjak

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Participants

Faculty of Philosophy University of East Sarajevo academic staff and students, students with disabilities, and the municipality of Pale representatives.

Introduction

Objectives of the dissemination activity:

- Informing the public, the academic staff and all the students about the Centre of support for students with disabilities and its role in the transition process of students with disabilities from universities to the labour market.

Short description of activities

The Center of Support for Students with Disabilities was opened on June 22, 2018 at the Faculty of Philosophy Pale. The opening was attended by representatives of the Municipality of Pale, management of the Faculty of Philosophy, the coordinator and project team members, students with disabilities, as well as many other guests from business world and academia. The Center was created with the aim of promoting the approach that all students with disabilities at the University of East Sarajevo have equal access to all university programs and activities. The main activities that would be carried out within the work of this Center would be directed towards current and future students with disabilities, teachers and the wider academic community.

This Center, realized within the Erasmus+ project *Trans2Work* 'Transition of students with disabilities from higher education to the labor market', is equipped with assistive technology that should facilitate the learning process for students with disabilities. The center is equipped with the equipment for visual impairment, hearing loss, physical damage, as well as the technology needed for the work of the employees in the center. This equipment should primarily serve the Faculty of Philosophy where the center is established, but also other faculties at the university in accordance with their needs.

Establishing this Center at the Faculty of Philosophy Pale is of great importance since the largest number of students at the University is located in this area. The location of the Center at the faculty is also very important, as it should provide daily contact and activities to students with disabilities, but also with academic and administrative staff for the purpose of assistance and support. The Center of Support for Students with Disabilities should work closely with all administrative departments of the faculty in the place where it is located, as well as with other administrative services in other cities where there are faculties and academies.

In order to facilitate the functioning of the Center at the Faculty of Philosophy, there will be mentors (representatives of the teaching staff) who will be sort of



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a link between students with disabilities and teachers and administrative staff of the organizational units at the University of East Sarajevo.

Mentors will also be a contact person at the faculty to whom students can turn to in order to exercise their rights related to adapting teaching and other activities and issues related to the rights of students with disabilities. One of the activities of the Center will also be to help students with disabilities in better and more successful mastering of academic obligations, as well as career guidance for the purpose of finding a job after the studies. The Center will provide students with disabilities with information that will help them to plan and direct their careers.

Professor of the Pedagogy Department at the Faculty of Philosophy University of East Sarajevo, Biljana Sladoje Bošnjak, told the reporters that the Center is intended for students with disabilities and high school students. She emphasized that students with disabilities should be in the same position as everyone else. More on the link: <https://katera.news/na-palama-otvoren-centar-za-podrsku-licima-sa-invaliditetom/>

Assistant professor Vladimir Vladičić, the vice dean at the Faculty of Philosophy Pale told the journalists that the Center was now open and pointed out that this higher education institution is making efforts to provide the best conditions for studying for all students. More on the link: <https://www.facebook.com/muzika.osm/posts/2067657083476783>

Assistant professor at the Faculty of Medicine in Foča, as well as at the Department of Pedagogy in Pale, Ranka Perućica, told the press that one of the activities of the Center, in addition to the facilitated learning process, will be linking them with the labor market. 'The right to work is basic right that cannot be denied to anyone. We need to encourage people with disabilities to work.' More on the link: <https://www.princip.news/vijesti/istocno-sarajevo/na-palama-otvoren-centar-za-podrsku-licima-sa-invaliditetom#.WzZjWyvtOvp.gmail>

The graduate student at the Faculty of traffic engineering in Doboj, Goran Ristić, who participated in the student exchange program last year, praised all the teachers, and mentors who participated in the program as they showed that students with disabilities are not neglected. More on the link: https://www.facebook.com/ffuis/videos/1771314386281085/?hc_ref=ARTJFMA2b6SmVeqCcJJDMzvlUya5zMrIW6ph_ycEKluXqsF493QeP9pwOhr52iICf4U

Attached here are some photos, together with the website links with TV news and YouTube videos from this opening ceremony.

Dnevnik 3 [22.06.2018.]. You can read it on: <http://www.bhrt.ba/bht1-emisije/dnevnik-3-bht1/dnevnik-3-22-06-2018/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p2xbqkJQ8gU&feature=youtu.be>



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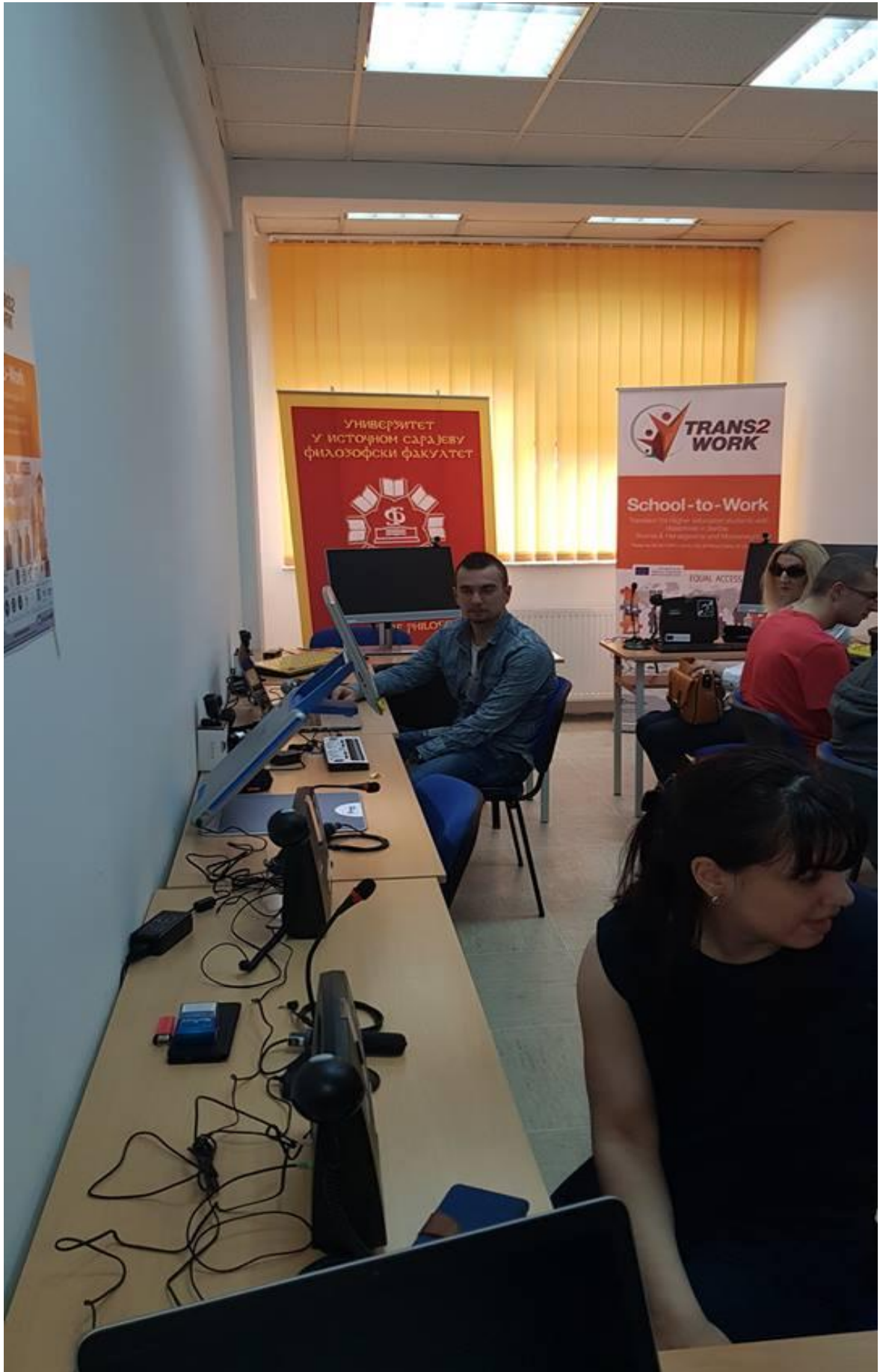




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Next activity

Next dissemination activity will be organized in September 2018.