

# WORK PACKAGE SELF-ASSESSMENT REPORT<sup>1</sup>

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## 1. Activities and achievements

Fill in the outputs/outcomes and indicators as per the Logical Framework Matrix of the WP during the review period. In the column "Achieved to date" describe all activities done in order to achieve the indicated output/output. Provide a short comment if necessary.

Outputs/ outcomes – LFM code	Indicator	Achieved to date	Comment
1.3 Report on master curricula best practices in EU partners	Event held	-) Organisation of workshop in Vienna -) Preparation of presentations for workshop -) Writing event report	
1.3 Report on master curricula best practices in EU partners	Report created	-) Establishing contacts -) Collecting data from EU partners -) Writing overall report for EU partners	
1.3 Catalogue of competencies	Report created	-) Definition of criteria -) Collecting data -) Writing overall report	-) Internal revision of report in cooperation between EU and WB partners

## 2. Problems encountered

Describe the main problems encountered and recommend a solution if possible

Outputs/ outcomes	Description of problem	Recommendation
1.3 Report on master curricula best practices in EU partners	-) No problems during the workshop encounterd.	
1.3 Report on master curricula best practices in EU partners	-) Comparison of master programmes was found to be difficult, due to the different structures of master programmes in participating countries	
1.3 Catalogue of competencies	-) Definition of criteria and competencies was challenging due to the wide range of tasks and possible occupational fields of graduates	

### 3. Changes

Present all changes to WP plans including postponing implementation deadlines

Outputs/ outcomes	Change of plan and likely implication for WP activities	Suggested actions	Date of notification to NatRisk coordinator
No changes.			

### 4. Brief summary

Summarize progress of activities against the implementation schedule (up to 100 words)

According to the scheduled activities in the LFM a workshop on master curricula best practices in EU countries was organized, which was held between 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of April 2017 at BOKU in Vienna. Based on the outcomes of the workshop a report on master curricula best practices in EU countries was written (date of delivery: 14<sup>th</sup> May 2017) and a catalogue of competencies was set up (date of delivery: 14<sup>th</sup> May 2017), which was internally revised in cooperation with EU and WB partners and published in June 2017.

Summarize progress against specific objective indicators from the logical framework matrix (up to 200 words)

The collected information of WP1.1 and WP1.2 were presented in a workshop on natural disasters in WB countries and established practices for natural disaster risk management in EU countries focusing on EU master curricula. This workshop was held at BOKU between 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of April 2017. During this workshop the structure and models of the EU master curricula in the field of risk management of natural disasters were analysed, whereby special attention was laid on the applicability in WB HEIs. Based on the discussions during the workshop key elements from the EU master curricula were selected, which were scheduled to be implemented in the new curricula for WB HEIs.

Information on master curricula best practices in EU, which have been presented in the workshop, were collected and summarized in an overall report (date of delivery: 14<sup>th</sup> May 2017).

A catalogue of competencies including requirements for employees in the field of natural disaster risk management was set up based on the discussion during the workshop (date of delivery: 14<sup>th</sup> May 2017). The close cooperation between EU and WB partners led to an internal revision of the catalogue of competencies resulting in an updated version in June 2017.

Summarize main problems encountered and recommendations (up to 200 words)

The development of master curricula in natural disaster risk management in WB countries is based on existing EU master programmes. However, the comparison of these master programmes has shown to be difficult, due to the different structures of master programmes in participating countries. A harmonization of master programmes in line with the Bologna requirements is foreseen in the EU and therefore it is recommended to use the same standards for the development of new master curricula in WB countries.

The definition of criteria and competencies for employees in the field of natural disasters was found to be challenging due to the wide range of tasks and possible occupational fields of graduates. However, the cooperation between the large number of project partners with experiences in the field of natural disaster risk management and education provides an excellent fundamental basis for the development of new master curricula.

Location, date

Signature

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