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## **UZDOC PLAN External Quality assurance**

Prof. Melita Kovačević (Director of an interdisciplinary doctoral programme at the University of Zagreb, Professor, former Chair of the EUA-CDE Steering Committee, former Vice-Rector Research and Technology at the University of Zagreb) will participate in most of the project meetings and activities, provide independent assessment, feedback on all project activities, and advice on possible improvements during the Consortium meetings.

The selection of Prof. Melita Kovačević as External Expert is based on her relevant expertise in the area of doctoral education, her extensive experience in quality assurance & quality control, and her involvement as expert in the UZDOC (Tempus Structural Measures) project. She has been working with a number of Higher Education Institutions, in developed but also in developing countries and therefore has a view from different angles on doctoral education.

In the External reports she will take state of the art doctoral programs and school as the main framework and compare with the doctoral programme and schools at the Higher Education Institutions in Uzbekistan which are a partner in the Project. She will assess the following by each time focusing on the process:

- The effectiveness, quality and efficiency
- The impact
- Sustainability

At the end of each report she will provide some recommendations and the most important takeaways for the next year.

The first external evaluation report will cover the period from January 2017 – February 2018.

The second from March 2018 – October 2018 and the third from November 2018 – October 2019. The final external evaluation report will be presented at the concluding seminar in Nukus 2019. It will be based on performed activities and give an analyses of the deliverables.

She will take into account the internal quality reports and dynamic of the project and activities.

As a society as the one in Uzbekistan is faces continues changes, she will give a broader view of the background in which the Higher Education Institutions in Uzbekistan are operating and a more broad view on the societal evolution.

Three perspectives will be used as red lines in all the external quality reports:

- 1) Dynamics of the events projects
- 2) National context (legislative situation etc)
- 3) Broader context of EU and international context