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## **1. INTRODUCTION**

After the effective OSCE pilot implementation, all necessary conditions for introducing OSCE at partner universities in BiH were met. However, as none of the study programs at partners' universities in BiH had previously incorporated the OSCE as a part of their curriculum, each institution had to develop their institutional rules and regulations for OSCE before the final step - implementation of the OSCE. Development of relevant institutional regulation related to implementation of OSCE was initiated at all BiH partner faculties/departments. Hence, as outlined in the project proposal, the plan involved developing institutional rules and regulations for OSCE after the completion of the OSCE pilot implementation, as information gained through pilot program implementation were used to prepare relevant proposals. These proposals formalized the mandatory nature of the OSCE.

## **2. DEVELOPING INSTITUTIONAL RULES & REGULATIONS FOR OSCE**

As anticipated within the project plan, all partnering institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina have taken necessary steps to facilitate the implementation of the OSCE within their respective establishments. The specifics of these decisions are outlined as follows.

## **2.1. Development of institutional rules & regulation for OSCE at University of Sarajevo**

Council of the University of Sarajevo - Faculty of Pharmacy headed by the dean Professor Farhir Bečić, at the 5th regular session held on March 2, 2023, a decision was made on the implementation of the objective structured clinical examination (OSCE). The decision was made on the basis of Article 69, paragraph. 1, item a) of the Law on Higher Education of the Canton of Sarajevo (Official Gazette of the Canton of Sarajevo, number: 36/22), Article 104, paragraph 2, of the Statute of the University of Sarajevo. The OSCE was implemented by the decision within the integrated study of the I and II cycle of the University of Sarajevo - Faculty of Pharmacy as one of the goals of the Erasmus+ CBHE project, "Innovating quality assessment tools for pharmacy studies in Bosnia and Herzegovina - IQPharm". The implementation of the test will be carried out after the completed professional practice in the X semester within the integrated study of the I and II cycle of the University of Sarajevo - Faculty of Pharmacy. Students will be prepared and the academic staff of the University of Sarajevo - Faculty of Pharmacy, which is part of the project, is responsible for the preparation and implementation of the test of the IQPharm Erasmus+ CBHE project team, based on the decision of the Rector of the University of Sarajevo.

## **2.2. Development of institutional rules & regulation for OSCE at University of Mostar (SUM)**

Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy in Mostar, Professor Ivica Brizić, on February 23, 2023, issued a decree on the implementation of project activities within the Erasmus+ IQPharm project (Table 1). The decision refers to the implementation of an objective structured clinical examination in the study of pharmacy at the Faculty of Pharmacy of the University of Mostar. The decision states that the OSCE cannot be evaluated as a regular exam because it was not adopted by changes to the study plan and program, and as such does not represent an additional burden for students.

**Table 1. Links to the developed institutional rules & regulations for OSCE**

Name of the file/resource	Mentioned in section	Found on the Confluence platform (link)
UNSA	2.1	<a href="https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1xeuMAALcQFXLpy4oxVt5VOXL8hD04Dqv?usp=drive_link">https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1xeuMAALcQFXLpy4oxVt5VOXL8hD04Dqv?usp=drive_link</a>
SUM	2.2	<a href="https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1yIgpATyV4LCv-xBM552x2NRmR4WFoB4j?usp=drive_link">https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1yIgpATyV4LCv-xBM552x2NRmR4WFoB4j?usp=drive_link</a>
UNB	2.3	<a href="https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1LANM7zym1G1j0HV2aYE3Ll495q-Vwgos?usp=drive_link">https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1LANM7zym1G1j0HV2aYE3Ll495q-Vwgos?usp=drive_link</a>
UNTZ	2.4	<a href="https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1SPHEtymdAOYOkZeX_w837Hap5E_VREpIY?usp=drive_link">https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1SPHEtymdAOYOkZeX_w837Hap5E_VREpIY?usp=drive_link</a>
Training materials	2.	<a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/1gBR1-lwRuBETEONc-zHhkI69l-Uxtlx/edit">https://docs.google.com/document/d/1gBR1-lwRuBETEONc-zHhkI69l-Uxtlx/edit</a>

### **2.3. OSCE implementation Development of institutional rules & regulation for OSCE at University of Banja Luka (UBA)**

During the regular 10th session convened on May 12, 2023, Professor Ranko Škrbić, serving as the President of the Scientific and Teaching Council of the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Banja Luka, made a decision to approve the undergraduate internship program at the same institution (Table 1). This decision was based on the provisions outlined in Article 55 of the University of Banja Luka's Statute and Article 18 of its Faculty of Medicine. The approval of the professional practice program for pharmacy studies confirms the inclusion of OSCE as the final examination for pharmacy students upon completion of their professional practice in the 10th semester.

### **2.4. OSCE implementation Development of institutional rules & regulation for OSCE at University of Tuzla (UBTZ)**

The Scientific and Teaching Council of the Faculty of Pharmacy, headed by the dean, Professor Adaleta Softić, at the V (fifth) regular session held on March 10, 2023, Based on Article 122, paragraph 1, item x) of the Statute of the University of Tuzla, number: 03-730 -1/17 of February 3, 2017, at the 5<sup>th</sup> regular session held on March 10, 2023, made a decision on the implementation of the goals of the Erasmus project "IQPharm" (Table 1). With the aforementioned decision, OSCE was implemented, as one of the goals of the "IQPharm" Erasmus+ CBHE project. The implementation of the test will be realized after the

final professional practice in the X semester within the integrated I and II cycle of studies at The Faculty of Pharmacy of the University of Tuzla. The academic staff of the Faculty of Pharmacy will be responsible for the preparation and implementation of the test.

### 3. CONCLUSIONS

Task 2.4.4 was successfully completed with the drafting, developing and adopting institutional rules & regulations for the implementation of the OSCA at all partner institutions in BIH. With this, all the necessary conditions at the level of the partner institutions have been met in order to be able to start with the last task of the project and to successfully implement OSCE as the final goal of the project.