

Report: Multiplier Event “Policy Recommendations for the Harmonization of the Entry Requirements and Learning Outcomes in Information Science” (Ljubljana, April 13-14, 2018)

This Multiplier Event served as an introductory activity within the preparation of the Policy Recommendations for the Harmonization of the Entry Requirements and Learning Outcomes in Information Science – the document which is one of the main outcomes of the project EINFOSE.

Preparation team consisted of Maja Žumer, Jan Pisanski and Polona Vilar. The multiplier event was organized with several goals:

- To obtain insights and opinions regarding Information Science study programmes entry requirements, learning outcomes, target job market segments, etc. from EINFOSE partners, employers, teachers, students, experts in the field, as well as Information Science experts from countries other than those participating in EINFOSE project (eg. UK, Hungary, Bosnia and Herzegovina).
- To share preliminary empirical findings regarding the contents of study programmes of EINFOSE partners (entry requirements, learning outcomes);
- To obtain information on some other relevant study programmes (eg. Zadar University, London City University);

At this two-day event seven papers were presented and two round tables were organized, all pertaining to various aspects of education in the field of Information Science in Europe: competences, study programmes content and goals, job-market perceptions etc. The audience (28 people) consisted of a mixture of employers, teachers, researchers, students, advisory experts, information professionals of various fields of expertise and working positions. The invited speakers (outside EINFOSE) were:

- Andrew Whitworth, University of Manchester;
- Lyn Robinson, City University, London;
- Franjo Pehar and Krešimir Zauder, University of Zadar.

On Day 1 Tatjana Aparac Jelušić spoke about project EINFOSE, Drew Whitworth presented his thoughts on future information competences, Franjo Pehar and Krešimir Zauder provided insight into curricula and employment situation in Croatia while Jan Pisanski presented experience from Ljubljana study programme reaccreditation activities. Day 2 started with Lyn Robinson's presentation on competences and employment situation in UK, then Polona Vilar presented preliminary analysis of IS programmes entry requirements and Alen Doracic spoke about competences and employment situation in Sweden.

Participants at the two round tables were (institution / expertise /area in brackets):

- Round table on Information Science job market: moderator Polona Vilar; participants: Romana Fekonja (Institute of Education / school libraries advisor); Christian Schlögl (University of Graz /teacher); Franjo Pehar (University of Zadar / teacher); Simona Resman (City Library, Ljubljana, Slovenia / head of development unit); and Miro Pušnik (Central Technical Library Ljubljana /director).
- Round table on Information Science competences: moderator Jan Pisanski: participants: Lyn Robinson (City University, London / teacher); Dejana Golenko (Law Faculty, Rijeka, Croatia / head librarian); Thomas Mandl (University of Hildesheim / teacher); Davor Šoštarič (Institute of Information Science, Slovenia / former director).