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**Start-up initiative for a broader regional Balkan OER
network – BOER**

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Organization name of lead participant for this deliverable:

University of Niš (UNI)

Broader regional "*Balkan Open Educational Resources Network*" (BOER Network)

Letter of Intent

The undersigned partner universities and organizations participating in the TEMPUS project "Blending Academic and Entrepreneurial Knowledge in Technology Enhanced Learning" (BAEKTEL) intend to establish a joint regional *Balkan Open Educational Resources Network* (BOER network).

The main goal of the BOER network will be to interconnect and share of Open Educational Resources (OER) content and best practices including its implementation and development within the network members, but also with universities of other Balkan countries.

The development of the BOER network will contribute to fostering educational innovation and promoting virtual mobility of students and thus sustaining OER learner inflow from the entire Balkan region. The ultimate goal will be to make the BOER network a formal part of the larger OER community such as OER Commons.

BOER will actively promote the (virtual) mobility and (virtual) co-operation between partner's universities, i.e. between their academics and students. At the same time, BOER will promote a research bridge between academics and industries. This type of networking will be able to bring together adequate expertise on a given research problems and solutions.

BOER is understood as a collaborative BAEKTEL initiative for the dissemination of the available OERs taking into account the diverse nature of regional and local features of Balkan countries. BOER will take the form of a formalized network with nodes based in the partner's institutions. If necessary each node can establish a sub-network(s) in selected fields in order to promote the development of a community of interest on selected topics.

Common methodology for creation of BOER network will be defined with clear definition of the purpose, structure and function of the network, as well as with clear definition of the related policy framework for funding network activities.

BOER network will be based on a system with common standards for developing OERs (BAEKTEL MetaData Platform). Despite common standards partner universities are free to develop independently solutions.

By joining the BOER network the signatories will strive to:

- develop programme(s) of activities aimed to promote networking across universities. A programme may vary in size and contents and should at least include the main activities related to the maintenance of the fundamental BOER network functions;
- share information and experiences on national and international level, models of good practice and the implementation of standards/indicators important for development and distribution of OER;
- encourage professors and researchers to contribute to further develop OER, not only for educational purposes but also for a research-based OER focus;
- improve BOER network and strengthen its competitiveness by influencing public policy and corporate strategy;
- extend the network taking into account possibilities for relevant national and/or international participation;
- adjust capacity of the network according to national educational and research priorities;
- take part in common activities important for further development (methodologies, goals, strategies and action items) of BOER network;
- take part in official meetings to discuss, monitor and evaluate joint activities, as well as attract attention to issues and priorities of the network;
- distribute information about own activities and their results by operating BAEKTEL website and by publishing a joint annual report;
- define own framework for necessary funding network activities in order to secure functioning and further development of the BAEKTEL network upon the completion of BAEKTEL project;
- support cooperation of the below listed institutions, as well as the development of a broader academic and research community, visible not only in the Balkan region, but also in Europe and the world.

The BOER network will emerge as a result of previous cooperation within BAEKTEL project and in support of the awareness of the importance of the partners' shared intent to be present in the global OER community.

This start-up initiative for the BOER network will be presented by all partner universities through seminars and conferences at a number of most important universities, which would ultimately result in further popularization of this initiative throughout the Balkan academic community.

Such network is aimed at fostering cohesion across Europe and research capacity, as well as at increasing the quality and diversity of education, research and training by cooperation among the participating countries.

All above mentioned issues, rights and commitments will be defined specifically in writing.

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