

Upgrading of sport science in Serbia

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Abstract. Aim: Integration of Serbia into the European scientific endeavour was not primarily related to the EU funds access, but to restoring attractiveness of Serbia research and higher education system for talented students and enhancement of opportunities for the international collaborations within the EU and Balkans region. Tempus SPEED project was an excellent opportunity for the achievement of the goals mentioned above. Methods: The idea was to create vocational oriented master curricula in sport professions, that will be designed as a multidisciplinary, interfaculty study programs, that will upgrade the graduate degree in Sport Science or in other disciplines in an integrative manner, involving various University Faculties: Medicine, Sport and Physical Education, Psychology, Education and Rehabilitation. Tempus SPEED project accounted for much wider scope and new science, implications and job market needs: in teaching, training, management, health, social work, etc. Time frame for the project realization was set at three years. Results: By examining the labor market, employers' and prospective students attitudes', the need for new vocationally oriented master curricula in the field of health-related physical activity was identified. Conclusion: Two vocationally oriented master programs (Master program in Physical activity, Health and Exercise Therapy and Master program in Physical Education, Physical Activity and Health) were created by the University of Belgrade, University of Niš and University of Novi Sad). References: Caporossi, D. (2016). *New Vocationally Oriented Master Curricula in Sport Professions*. University of Niš, Serbia. ISBN 978-86-7181-098-2

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