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EPIR | E-Procedure of Institutional Recognition of Foreign Higher Education Documents

WORKPACKAGE 3

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The EPIR project is very important for the “1 Decembrie 1918” University of Alba Iulia, a university located in the heart of Transylvania. Our university attracts students from the surrounding areas, as well as Romanian students living abroad – and a growing number of foreign non-EU students. In 2023 around 700 applications were submitted on the platform for the admission of non-EU candidates, while in 2024 there were around 1700 applications submitted on the platform.

During the past years, the “1 Decembrie 1918” University of Alba Iulia has benefited from an increased number of students for all the Faculties and study levels: bachelor, master and doctoral studies. Still, the university is facing competition in the area from other universities and therefore has introduced new fields of study as a response to the demands of the labor market.

The platform used for the admission of the international students and for recognition of documents is intladmin.uab.ro. The platform was designed in accordance to the national legal requirements and is a useful tool for candidates, intermediaries, university staff and coordinators.

Since the intermediary report in 2026, at 1 Decembrie 1918 University of Alba Iulia the following features of the platform, that were still in progress, have been implemented:

- For the user, the main features of the platform are:
 - Account creation, verification, password reset, account updates,

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- Can apply for the open Current intakes, available,
- Can easily and reliably apply for a study program at our university, using validated, dynamic forms and steps,
- Application preview and document generation,
- Email notifications at almost every step of the application process,
- 100% of the process is online, we only meet at enrolment.
- For the intermediaries:
 - Everything from **User** plus:
 - The ability to register for more then one application during an Intake,
 - Easy web interface for multiple application management.
- For the university **staff** and **coordinators**:
 - Create, update, view all Admission sessions,
 - Configure and publish education offer,
 - See all the applications and their status,
 - View, validate, invalidate, reject applications,
 - Generate all the documents needed for the application process,
 - Upload documents for the **User** accounts,
 - Log sent emails,
 - See all accounts created,
 - And many more features from security to easy data management.

The workflow on the platform is adapted to follow all the steps required by the legislation in Romania. It ensures communication between the candidate and the university staff involved in the admission process and is transparent in all stages.

The platform is essential to the admission process as it allows for continuous communication between the university and the candidates and ensures a transparent admission process.

Since the start of the EPIR project several of the improvements that were needed have been developed.

Firstly, there has been ongoing maintenance for flexibility and for solving minor issues arising from the normal usage of the platform.

Secondly, the platform now requires 2FA- two form factor authentication for admin accounts, implementing a custom voter system for user authorization, adding to the security features of the platform.

Furthermore, payment data collection for streamlining the refund process has been implemented. Before, the refund requests were made via email. Now, in case of visa denial or voluntary cancellation of the application, the

candidates can request the reimbursement of their first year tuition fee on the platform, through their account. This feature not only increases the security of the reimbursement process, it also helps expedite the refund process. It also contributes to a better internal document management as the request forms that need to be approved according to UAB regulations are automatically generated.

In addition, the interface had UI/UX fixes for front-end and back-end users.

The latest improvements are:

- We have added the state-funded scholarship holders of the Romanian government on the platform – they were not on the platform and thus were not included in the statistics generated by it and their documents had to be filled in by hand – while in the new version, the documents are generated automatically on the platform,
- We have added the UAB scholarship holders on the platform – the possibility to become a UAB scholarship holder is a recent opportunity introduced in the Regulation for the admission of international students by UAB therefore this category of candidates has been included on the platform only in 2025 during the admission process for the academic year 2025-2026.
- We have maintained platform flexibility with continued in-house development.
- The platform is now more secure after adding 2FA - two form factor authentication for admin accounts, implementing a custom voter system for data access authorization).
- Payment data collection for streamlining the refund process in accordance with the internal workflow.
- Archiving feature for old applications in compliance with GDPR.
- Statistics.

Thus, all the updates are finalised and the platform for the admission of international students is fully functional and it enables all users to have the best experience. The workflow follows all the regulations in place in a logical and user-friendly manner, transparency is ensured throughout the admission process and the reimbursements are made easily and securely.

Therefore, we can state that due to the EPIR ERASMUS+ project we are able to facilitate the admission process for international students as well as the recognition of student documents. Thus, the university has a simple and smooth application process and the recognition of the foreign higher

education documents enabling it to continue to develop and be recognized as a first option for international candidates.