

Minutes of Quality assurance Meeting with Participants of Training in effective development cooperation

(as part of: project Capacity building of Human Resources for Health in Slovakia for International Development Aid)

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Place: Trnava

Present: Peter Pober-Lawatsch (Horizon 3000), Ankie van den Broek (KIT), Barend Gerretsen (KIT), 8 participants

Minutes:

- Pretty good for Slovakia (this remark is from a student who claims to have had already a lot of training)
- No specific studies like this in Slovakia
- Heavy, had to squeeze
- I am taking the course during my holidays
- I have reduced my working days to be able to attend the course
- My duties continued during the course
- Hard to meet the different levels of experience and knowledge in the group
- Hard to combine theory and practice
- Objectives were at times too ambitious/ idealistic
- But we still have to see how we put the gained knowledge into practice
- Some facilitators were too passive, introducing theory, not allowing participation
- I got inspired
- Facilitators without working experience in developing countries were not so good, not able to give examples from the field
- Too much reading for some sessions
- 6 weeks is too long
- Learnt a lot
- Good atmosphere
- Module Public Health less well received (1 participant from this group): Different level of participants (some students): content was not adequate for either level
- To include master students from the university in the specialized module did not work out well
- External facilitators were as good as the internal ones
- Good to reflect on your work
- Project management had no 'redline', redline missing in later modules; whereas it was there in the three first modules
- In particular HRBA was interesting, should have been pursued further (e.g. in project management)
- a pity Juraj or Suza were not present (during the project management module)
- Some facilitators not able to incorporate input from group
- Selection criteria for voluntary modules not clear: "suddenly there were different participants"
- Suggest to make the course major at the university, or for graduates, PhDs; it may be difficult to find participants for courses like the actual one, as the Development co-operation scene in Slovakia is quite narrow.
- Would have appreciated the course being held in English. – This would not have been a problem for the participants
- Make it possible to follow the course in combination with (voluntary work)
- Would be interesting to have the southern position represented in the course
- Would have appreciated to have main information (manual or similar) available before the module and not afterwards.
- Even the weakest module was still good