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I. Activities on the implementation of Erasmus +, Jean Monnet project "Communicating Europe in Pan-European societies / CEPES" 2017-2019"

1. International conference: "For Europe: Lessons Learned of Communicating the European Integration Process into the Region"

The conference entitled "For Europe: Lessons Learned of Communicating the European Integration Process into the Region" was organized by the Montenegrin Pan-European Union within the Jean Monnet Project "Communicating Europe in Pan-European Societies" 2017-2019, and co-financed by the Ministry of Public Administration of Montenegro on **7-9 June 2019 in Podgorica**. Among speakers on the first day of the conference were:



Montenegro's main negotiator with the European Union (EU) **Aleksandar Drljevic**, the President of the International Pan-European Union, **Alain Terrenoire**, the head of the EU Delegation to Montenegro, **Aivo Orav**, ambassador of Romania to Podgorica, **Ferdinand Nagy** and MPEU President **Gordana Djurovic**. The conference continued on Saturday with panels on European future and youth, EU perspectives and challenges after European elections, as well as regional challenges on the road towards the Union. Speakers on the given topics were members of the European Parliament (EP) from Croatia, **Zeljana Zovko** and **Jozo Rados**, Secretary General of the International TEU, **Pavo Barisic**, Vice President of the Pan-European Union of Germany, **Andreas Raab**, member of the Presidency of the International TEU, **Andrej Lepavcov**, and **Stefan Habock** from the Pan-European Union of Austria. In the bloc dedicated to regional challenges, following speakers addressed the audience: **Mislav Jezic**, President of the PEU Croatia,

Osman Topcagic, President of the PEU of Bosnia and Herzegovina, **Vojislav Mitic**, President of the PEU of Serbia, **Arian Krasniqi**, President of the PEU Kosova, **Ales Lampe**, Vice president of PEU Slovenia, **Klevis Limaj**, Secretary General of the Pan-European Movement of Albania,



Gordana Djurovic, President of the PEU of Montenegro. On the other hand, Youth of the Pan-European Union discussed the role of youth within the European Union, as follows: **Ljudevit Fran Jezic**, Youth of the PEU of Croatia, **Charles Steiner**, Youth of the PEU of Austria and **Milica**

Muhadinovic, Youth of the PEU of Montenegro. Finally, the conference participants adopted a Declaration advocating for Europe through better communication, stronger engagement in the region, European integration of the countries of Southeast Europe, with a focus on young people and a more stable and integrated region.

II. Activities on realization of Erasmus +, Jean Monnet project "UN Agenda 2030 - EU Agenda 2025: Through Integration Towards Sustainability in Montenegro / TISIM"

1. International conference: *"Building a Sustainable Future for Montenegro through the EU Accession Process and the Sustainable Development Goals"*

Montenegrin Pan European Union organized international conference *"Building a Sustainable Future for Montenegro through the EU Accession Process and the Sustainable Development Goals"*, in Hotel Palma in **Tivat, 1-2 February 2019**. The conference was part of the Jean Monnet project *"Through Integration towards Sustainability in Montenegro – ERASMUS +, Jean Monnet Action"*, supported by EU and co-financed by Ministry of public administration. Key speakers on the first day of conference in session called *"UN Agenda 2030 – EU Agenda 2025"* were: **Gordana Djurović**, president of Montenegrin Pan European Union, **Aleksandar Drljević**, Chief Negotiator, the Office for European Integration/PM Cabinet, **Petar Vujović**, Acting Secretary, Secretariat for Tourism and Entrepreneurship, Municipality Tivat, **Miodrag Dragišić**, the UNDP in Montenegro, and **Jovanka Vujačić**, director of high school „Mladost“, Municipality Tivat. Mediator was **Adrijan Vuksanović**, Vice-president of Montenegrin Pan European Union. On the second day, speakers on the topic *"Measurement of sustainability: NSSD 2030 and EU agenda"* were: **Predrag Bjelić**, University of Belgrade, Economic Faculty, **Zlatko Mikulić**, Vice-president of Pan-European movement in Slovenia, **Marija Tripunović**, Representative of the Office for European Integration



for Chapter 27 – Environment and climate change, **Bojana Radević**, Head of Department for National Coordination of Statistical Data Sources, Statistical Office of Montenegro, **Jelena Knežević**, MSc, National Council for sustainable development of Montenegro and **Aneta Kankaraš**, Ministry of Sustainable Development and Tourism of Montenegro. Thematic workshops have been conducted as part of the program. Focus was on calculating ecological footprint, together with students, pupils and other participants, followed by discussion. At the end of conference set of closing remarks and policy

recommendations were adopted, that supported better communication and empowerment of common efforts in the process of achieving unique development and integration goals of Montenegro, all in order to promote green and humane way of development in Montenegrin journey towards full membership into EU.

2. Conference: *“Building a Sustainable Future for Montenegro through Accession to the EU and UN Sustainable Development Goals”*

The Montenegrin Pan-European Union (MPEU) organized on **17-18 May 2019 in Berane** a conference entitled *“Building a Sustainable Future for Montenegro through Accession to the EU and UN Sustainable Development Goals”*. The conference was supported by the European Union (EU) through the Jean Monnet project *“Through Integration Towards Sustainability in Montenegro / TISIM Project / – ERASMUS +, Jean Monnet Action”* and co-financed by the Ministry of Public Administration. The conference was held in May, the month of



Europe and marked three years since the founding of the MPEU and in honor of marking 30 years of implementation of the EU's Jean Monnet project. President of the MPEU, **prof. Gordana Djurovic** emphasized the importance of projects that connect issues of European integration and sustainable development. Among other speakers were: **Bojan Vujovic**, representative of the Office for European Integration, Councilor in the Cabinet of the Mayor of the Municipality of Berane, **Darko Stojanovic**, UNDP representative in Montenegro, **Miodrag Dragisic**, **Ana Gojkovic** from the Ministry of Public Administration and **Sreten Lutovac**, director of the Berane gymnasium “Panto Malisic”. **The second day of the conference** was dedicated to the topic *“Measuring Sustainability: National Strategy for Sustainable Development of Montenegro by 2030 and the EU agenda for the accession of the CG to the Union by 2025”*, and representatives addressing, were: **Marija Tripunović** from the Office for European Integration, **Natasa Vojinović** from Statistical office, **Ivana Stojanović** from the Ministry of Sustainable Development and Tourism and **Gordana Despotović Đekić** from the General Secretariat of the Government. After the presentation, workshop was organized with students of the high school “Panto Mališić”, dedicated to calculating the ecological footprint, followed by a discussion on the importance of preserving limited development resources. At the end of the Conference, a set of conclusions and recommendations were adopted, through which support was given to better communication and strengthening of joint efforts in the process of achieving Montenegrin unique development and integration goals, in order to promote a greener and humane development of Montenegro on the path to full EU membership.

III. Debates with European ambassadors

1. Debate *“The 30th anniversary of Jean Monnet Program and the EU enlargement perspective”*

The debate on the topic of European integration with diplomatic representatives of European countries was held on **April 11th 2019**, organized by the Montenegrin Pan-European Union Youth and supported by the EU Info Center. Our interlocutors were **HE Mr. Ferdinand Nagy**, Ambassador of Romania to Montenegro and **Mr. Laurent Goncalves**, Charge d’Affaires of the Embassy of the Republic of France in Montenegro, with the facilitation of **prof. Dr. Gordana Djurovic**. Prof. Gordana Djurovic pointed



out that the debate was primarily dedicated to mark the thirty-year anniversary of the successful implementation of the EU’s Jean Monnet program worldwide. The Montenegrin Pan-European Union is currently implementing two Jean Monnet projects, in the area of sustainable development and communication of European integration, thus it organized this debate in honor of the 30th anniversary of the program, president of the MPEU emphasized. Each of distinguished guests made a speech and discussed perspective of their country towards enlargement policy. After the introductory presentations, a debate followed, where the youth of the MPEU and other guests, as well as students from the University of Montenegro, posed numerous questions to the distinguished guests.



2. Round table: “Montenegro on its road to the EU. Bulgaria is sharing EU its experience – the advantages, challenges and perspectives.”

In the Europe month the Embassy of the Republic of Bulgaria to Montenegro in cooperation with the Delegation of the European Union to Montenegro and the Montenegrin Pan-European Union have organized a round table on the subject: “*Montenegro on its road to the EU. Bulgaria is sharing EU its experience – the advantages, challenges and perspectives.*” on **15th of May 2019** in the EU Info Center premises. Special guests and main speakers were academic and professional experts from Bulgaria and Montenegro: **prof. Haralan Aleksandrov; prof. Tatjana Burugijeva; prof. Plamen Pavlov; Mr. Dragan Perovic and prof. Gordana Djurovic.** The round table was moderated by **Teodora Lađić**, project manager of the MPEU.



3. Panel: “30 years since the fall of the Berlin Wall”

On the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall, the **Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany** in Podgorica in cooperation with the **Montenegrin Pan-European Union** and **EU Info Centre** hosted panel discussion on the transformation of Germany and Europe sparked by the collapse of the Wall as synonym for the Cold War’s division of a country and a continent.

The fall of the Berlin Wall paved the way for Germany’s reunification, but beyond that, it was an event with global consequences. A wave of freedom swept over the continent and historical events happened as domino effect. Nowadays, many of the Central and Eastern European states are members of the EU and NATO, while the Western Balkan states strive to become members of the EU. Panelists were ambassadors of: Federal Republic of Germany, **H.E. Dr Robert Weber**, France **H.E. Christine Toudic**, Hungary **H.E. József Ngyesi**, Republic of Poland **H.E. Artur Dmochowski**, Russian Federation **H.E. Vladislav Maslenikov** and the USA, **H.E. Judy Rising Reinke**.

The MPEU president, professor Djurovic moderated the panel discussion.

The ambassadors shared personal perspective on these events, feelings from and related to that period. Moreover, they tackled nowadays context, geopolitics, EU-MNE relations and other relevant issues. The audience used opportunity to pose numerous interesting questions, which furthermore enriched panel.



4. Debate: “Bilateral relations between Montenegro and Italy - European context”

The last debate for 2019 with diplomatic representatives from European countries was held on Thursday, December 5, 2019, organized by the Youth of the Montenegrin Pan-European Union and with the support of the EU Info Center. Our guest was H.E. Mr Luca Zelioli, Ambassador of Italy to Montenegro, with the facilitation of prof. dr Gordana Djurovic, President of the Montenegrin Pan-European Union.



The Italian ambassador expressed his country’s view that Europe is incomplete without the successfully integrated Western Balkan countries. He emphasized that Italy particularly appreciates Montenegro’s regional policy and that, although geographically small, it plays a significant role in the stability of the entire Western Balkan region.

Ambassador Zelioli recalled the extraordinary bilateral relations between Montenegro and Italy, which were especially strengthened through alliance in NATO. He shared his past experiences of cooperation through numerous Italian investments, support for reforms especially in the area of the rule of law, cooperation in the field of culture and education, and overall support in the European integration process. Through a description of past relations, he pointed out the great jubilee in Italian-Montenegrin relations, i.e. 140 years of diplomatic relations between Italy and Montenegro.

In particular, he referred to the cooperation in the field of culture, which is highlighted by the significant number of cross-border projects involving entities from Montenegro and Italy.

Finally, he spoke about the role of Italy in the European Union and the current challenges on the European and world scene.

The introductory speeches were followed by a discussion with the audience, where young people from the MPEU and other organizations, as well as other attendees, asked numerous questions to the distinguished guest.

2. International conference: *“Pan-Europe against Neo-nationalism and despondency: Strengthen the European Union!”*



The Montenegrin Pan-European Delegation participated on the conference of Pan-Europa Germany, titled: *“Pan-Europe against Neo-nationalism and despondency: Strengthen the European Union!”* on **13th of July 2019 in Augsburg, Germany**. The MPEU Delegation, project manager **Teodora Ladić** and Youth representative **Petar Raičević**, used this opportunity to discuss with Pan-European colleagues from Germany on variety of topics and have agreed on many areas to cooperate in the future period. Pan-Europa Baden

Württemberg and Pan-Europa Bavaria have welcomed the MPEU Delegation and arranged special program for their stay.



3. International conference: “Challenges of the EU and the Enlargement Process” in Sarajevo

The Montenegrin Pan-European Union (MPEU) participated in the international conference “Challenges of the EU and the Enlargement Process” held in the Armed Forces House in Sarajevo in the organization of the Pan-European Organization of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Konrad Adenauer Foundation. The MPEU delegation included prof. dr Gordana Djurovic (President of the MPEU), Milica Muhadinovic, MSc (President of the MPEU Youth), and Teodora Ladjic, MSc (MPEU Project Manager and Secretary of the MPEU Youth).



The conference was marked with discussions by European integration experts and representatives of Pan-European organizations. The conference was concluded with the adoption of the Declaration that stressed the current state of the EU, its future and the European path of the countries of Southeast Europe. Strengthening regional co-operation and the role of the Berlin Process were one of the topics of the conference, highlighting the importance of the integration of Southeast European countries aspiring to EU membership. A key message from this international conference in Sarajevo was also sent regarding the necessity of integrating Southeast European countries into the European Union in order to ensure stability, peace and prosperity on the old continent.

4. International conference: “European Parliament Election Results for the 2019 and Challenges Before the European Union – Towards the Presidency of Croatia in the Council of the European Union”

The International Pan-European Union Conference ‘European Parliament Election Results for the 2019 and Challenges Before the European Union – Towards the Presidency of Croatia in the Council of the European Union’ was held in Split on 25-27 October. The conference was held in the hall of Dr Karl Balic at the Franciscan Clergy in Split,



brought together numerous representatives of public and political life from Croatia and many European countries. Representatives of Croatian authorities, MEPs and members of Pan-European organizations from Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia, Kosovo, North Macedonia, Germany, Sweden, France and Austria participated and address the audience.

On behalf of the Montenegrin Pan-European Union, prof. Gordana Đurović, PhD, President of the MPEU, spoke on the topic: *Challenges ahead of the EU – a view from enlargement countries*, and Milica Muhadinović, MSc., President of the MPEU Youth, who addressed the issue of youth in the countries of the region.



“The European elections are behind us and the citizens have made it clear that despite all the challenges the European Union has, they are for the pro-European policy. This encourages, but also obliges, to think more seriously about the future of the European Union. We will also soon have a new European Commission, in which Croatia and the Vice-President of the European Commission

Dubravko Suica will undoubtedly play a very important role, as they will be in charge of demography and democracy. I am convinced that Ms. Suica will make a significant contribution to the debate in shaping the European Union, taking into account at the same time the countries of our neighborhood that wish to become EU members. We are discussing these topics, but also the recent Croatian EU presidency, at the Pan-European meeting in Split, from which clear Pan-European and pro-European messages will be sent,” said Academician Ježić, President of the CPEU. The Declaration of the participants was also sent from the conference.

The Pan-European Union is an organization that, since its inception 1922, has championed Pan-European unity, and it was precisely the Pan-European Union who was the originator of the idea of the European Union creation. This organization has been operating in Croatia since 1991 and has made a major contribution to the key moments of modern Croatian history. Today, there are more than 50 MEPs in the European Parliament who are also members of Pan-European organizations in their countries.

The conference was supported by: Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, Ministry of Culture, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Hanns Seidel Stiftung, Robert Schuman Stiftung, County of Split-Dalmatia, City of Split and City of Split Tourist Board.

5. International conference: “From outsiders to frontrunners: Montenegro on its way to the European Union”.

The Delegation of the Montenegrin Pan-European Union attended the conference of the Bavarian Paneuropa, which was held from 22 to 24 November 2019 in Furth im Wald (GER) and Pilsen (CZ).

The conference was dedicated to Montenegro: “From outsiders to frontrunners: Montenegro on its way to the European Union”. Panelists discussed diverse topics in the areas of security policy, development policy as well as the coexistence of different religions and ethnic groups, external influences, progress and problems in the EU accession process. The MPEU delegation consisted of: Vladimir Drobnjak (MPEU Presidency), Radovan Ognjenović who addressed the gathering, Nina Perunović (Youth Presidency) and Una Vukotić (MPEU Member).

Montenegro’s chief negotiator with the European Union, Mr Aleksandar Drljevic, was also present at the conference, pointing out that: “A credible enlargement policy is a strategic investment in European security and prosperity and has contributed



to peace and stability in the Western Balkans in recent years. Despite internal challenges, the EU must continue with a consistent enlargement policy towards our region and I really hope that we will soon have a positive signal towards opening the last negotiating chapter with Montenegro, but also opening negotiations with Northern Macedonia and Albania.”

V. Other activities

1. Interview: Association of the Persons with disabilities Podgorica

The Montenegrin Pan-European Union had the opportunity to host **Mr Nebojša Miranović**, the President of the Association of the Persons with disabilities Podgorica in **March of 2019**. **Teodora Lađić**, project manager of MPEU and secretary of the MPEU Youth, in her interview with Nebojša Miranović, shared experiences, values and previous work of the MPEU, as well as reflected on the relationship of the MPEU and the society towards people with disabilities.



2. Workshop: “Open innovation in order to improve entrepreneurial skills and private-public partnerships in the Danube region”

Workshop within the project DA-SPACE labs was organized in cooperation with the Montenegrin Pan-European Union on the topic: “Open innovation in order to improve entrepreneurial skills and private-public partnerships in the Danube region” on **June 11, 2019 in the EU Info Center**. So far, DA-SPACE has established cooperation with many organizations in countries such as Germany, Romania, Slovakia, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Croatia, Serbia, Slovenia and Hungary. Within the framework of this project, in partnership with the Montenegrin Pan-European Union, the Open Innovation Model is implemented within DA-SPACE European project know-how. Participants of the workshop were representatives of: Faculty of Economics, the MPEU, IT faculties, high schools, Chamber of commerce, Tehnopolis, tourist organizations, development agencies, digital companies and others interested. Participants had the opportunity to take part in workshops on how to create an open innovation ecosystem through a model of open innovation laboratories where companies, public authorities, universities and civil society can create the foundations for innovation along with young talents. Benefits are mutual, both for participants and companies. The results are useful in order to define a transnational strategy for the promotion of innovation and entrepreneurship in the Danube region.



3. Lecture: *“Through the EU accession program towards the UN SDGs in specific areas of Social policy and employment (C19), Fundamental rights and justice (C23/24) and Environment and climate action (C27)”*

Professor Gordana Djurovic was one of the lecturers on UNDP workshop – MAPS workshop, SDG Mainstreaming, Acceleration and Policy Support, in **Kolasin** on **24-25 June 2019**, organized by UNDP Montenegro. She presented the study titled *“Through the EU accession programme towards the UN SDGs in specific areas of Social policy and employment (C19), Fundamental rights and justice (C23/24) and Environment and climate action (C27)”*. It is part of research already conducted



under JEAN MONNET ACTION TISIM project of the Montenegrin Pan-European Union – *“UN Agenda 2030 – EU Agenda 2025: Through Integration towards Sustainability in Montenegro”*. The MAPS process in Montenegro focused on identification of points of acceleration, to speed up achievement of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Mapping the synergies between the EU Accession process and the sustainable development is an opportunity to take a smart approach to implementation in both development agendas. The process generated a new, stronger partnership with the Government of Montenegro and its negotiating structures and concluded that if both agendas are addressed at the same time greater benefits may be achieved. During the workshops, 11



concrete initiatives for boosting further synergies between two major development processes in the country – EU Accession and Agenda 2030 are identified.

4. Panel: “Western Balkan enlargement perspective”

Teodora Lađić, the MPEU project manager and ZEI Alumni, has given contribution to the panel “Western Balkan enlargement perspective” on the Center for European Integration Studies (ZEI), **University of Bonn**, in Germany on **28th of June 2019**. The panel was organized in honor of the graduation of the Class 2019. Ms Lađić presented the work to recent graduates of the Montenegrin Pan-European Union and the International Pan-European Union with its Member organizations, and shared key ideas and values of the

oldest Pan-European movement in Europe. It also used opportunity to present Jean Monnet TISIM project of the MPEU in relation to the sustainability agenda and European integration process in connection to the recently published ZEI Future of Europe Observer on the similar topic. Moreover, Ms Lađić presented the view of Montenegro in the enlargement process, emphasizing the most advanced role in the negotiation process with the EU and the visible reforms that are conducted in Montenegrin society. On the other hand, she casted light on the duration of process and the pressure to bring it to a closure, having in mind the vast number of negotiation chapters that need to be closed.



However, she mentioned one key note, that the reforms and the accession process with the EU are crucial mechanisms for Montenegro and its citizens to attain better standards in that respect. Montenegro has to continue with the reform Agenda no matter of indirectly announced enlargement fatigue of the EU due to its own challenges and the need for consolidation.

5. The Seasonal Smart Specialization School

The Seasonal Smart Specialization School was successfully implemented in **Kolasin** from **7-13 October 2019**, organized by the **Montenegrin Pan-European Union**, with the support and cooperation with **the Ministry of Science, Ministry of Economy of Montenegro and DAAD organization from Germany**.

Seasonal School: “Montenegro: from the Smart Specialization Strategy 2024 to the EU Integration Agenda 2025” (Montenegro: from S3.me 2024 to EI.me 2025) included: all three

vertical priorities of Montenegro’s Smart Specialization Strategy 2019-2024 related to: sustainable agriculture and food value chain, energy and sustainable environment, sustainable and health tourism, and horizontal priority information and communication technologies (S3.me 2024), while at the same time placing the overall framework of the strategy in a Euro-integration context (European Integration Agenda 2025)



The multidisciplinary nature of the Seasonal Smart Specialization School was at the same time its added value. However, multidisciplinary was reflected not only in the areas it covered, but also in the structure of the target group that attended the school, as well as the lecturers who contributed to the dissemination of knowledge and experience in the respective fields. Twenty final year students and 9 professors from 4 Montenegrin universities: University of Montenegro – Faculty of Electrical Engineering, Biotechnical Faculty, Faculty of Economics and Faculty of Philosophy (Department of Geography), Adriatic University – Faculty of Tourism and Business, University of Donja Gorica – Faculty of Food Technology, Food Safety and Ecology, and Mediterranean University – Faculty of Visual Design.

The Seasonal School program aimed at contributing to the improvement of the current situation and influencing the number of activities related to perspective scientific and technological fields in which Montenegro should intensively improve the conditions in order to meet the criteria of the negotiation process within the framework of European integration. Activities relate to economic policy and much needed human resources education in these areas. At the same time, the aspiration was to encourage young scientists and researchers, through creative and informal forms of education, to further inform

and educate about the areas highlighted in the Smart Specialization Strategy 2019-2024 as well as the areas identified as important for the overall development of Montenegro.

6. MPEU project manager participated in the 4th Regional Youth Leadership forum (RYLF) in Novi Sad

Teodora Ladić, project manager and Youth Secretary of the Montenegrin Pan-European Union, participated in the **4th Regional Youth Leadership Forum (RYLF)**, titled: *“Speaking Youth to Power: Introducing Millennials to Policy Dialogue”*, in Novi Sad from 22-24 November 2019.



It is the annual conference that brings together around 200 young opinionated and socially active leaders from the WB6 region who were engaged in discussions with current policymakers and regional leaders on salient topics and challenges, promoting trust, peace and cooperation.

The Regional Youth Forum was organized by the **European Movement in Serbia – local branch Novi Sad and the Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence**. Indispensable support was provided by the Provincial Government of Vojvodina, the City of Novi Sad, the Regional Cooperation Council, the Regional Youth Cooperation Office (RYCO), the Polish presidency of the Berlin Process and the Deutsche Gesellschaft für internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) – ORF Promotion of EU Integration.

7. Seminar: “Let’s talk about Europe: Ideas and values” in Budva

The Montenegrin Pan-European Union in cooperation with **Konrad Adenauer Stiftung**, successfully implemented the seminar with topic: “Let’s talk about Europe: Ideas and values” in **Budva**, from **November 29 to December 1, 2019**.

Through a series of lectures and exercises, seminar participants gained skills and knowledge about European cultural diversity, political and economic aspects, regional cooperation and a new perspective on the European enlargement agenda.

The target group of the seminar were perspective young people from different spheres of social life, i.e. students, representatives of the NGO sector, the public sector, the media and the business community.



VI. Final remarks

The Montenegrin Pan-European Union regularly organizes sessions of the Presidency and the Youth Presidency on a quarterly basis to discuss past activities and make plans for the coming period. The MPEU also participates in the Government's program of vocational training for higher education students and thus contributes to the formation of work experience for young graduates. At the same time, the MPEU holds the door open for all people willing to help work and achieve the goals of the MPEU through their volunteer engagement.