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**IMPLEMENTATION OF ECTS IN f. Y.R. of MACEDONIA**

**(Case study: Faculty of Tourism and Organizational Sciences)**

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ABSTRACT

The Faculty of Tourism and Organizational Sciences (FTON) - is the leader in

implementation of many segments of Bologna declaration.

The faculty is very innovative in developing curricula. The big effort is put in the

process of improvement the quality of curricula. The management team tries to remove

barriers and to develop a framework for teaching and learning, which would enhance mobility

and a closer cooperation. The new curriculum for the Tourism course was established less

than year ago. It consists two main cycles (3+2), graduate (3 years) and postgraduate (2

years). They could be recognized for international comparison and equivalence. Much of the

originality and flexibility in this system will be achieved through the use of credits and

semesters. This will allow for validation of these acquired credits for those who choose initial

or continued education in different universities out of Macedonia and wish to be able to

acquire degrees in due time throughout life. Indeed, students should be able to enter the

academic world at any time in their professional life and from diverse backgrounds. Students

would be encouraged to spend at least one semester in universities outside the country. At the

same time, more teaching and research staff should have opportunity to work in European

countries other than their own. With purpose of implementation of this issue, very important

is the support of the European Union. For now, the only way for exchanging teaching or

research staff, is participation in international project or individual mobility grant.

All study materials are available for students. For contemporary way of teaching,

classrooms are equipped with multimedia devices. The kitchen, restaurant and café are open

within the faculty. Students do their practical work there. For some disciplines, students do

their practical training within the companies of Tourism and Hospitality industry.

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