

CALL FOR EXPERT - VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

External Quality Evaluation Expert in Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning

Project acronym: APEL-WB Project Topic: ERASMUS-EDU-2025-CBHE-STRAND-3

Project name: Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning Capacity-Building in the Western Balkans

Project No. 101236402 / Project starts and ends: October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2028

LOCATION:	Remote, but with flexibility to travel to the Western Balkans
VACANCY TYPE:	Academic and Administrative
Compensation:	Lump-sum, 9,990 € before tax and bank transfer commissions for 36-month-long duration of the assignment.
DISCIPLINE:	Any discipline, but with track-record experience in HE frameworks for the recognition of formal, non-formal and particularly informal learning or prior experiential learning
Responsibilities:	Active engagement in auditing quality implementation of the project.
Key Qualifications:	1. A Ph.D. degree, preferably with an academic rank. 2. Teaching experience in academia. 3. Track record of leadership in quality assurance bodies. 4. Track record in projects related to qualification frameworks and recognition of learning and qualifications in Higher Education. 5. Near-fluency command of English language. 6. Experience in or knowledge of the European Higher Education Area. 7. Experience in or knowledge of the European Higher Education Area in the Western Balkans' HEA.
Date of publication:	November 10, 2025.
Application's Dead-Line:	January 5, 2026
Appointment's Start Date:	January 27, 2026

BACKGROUND: The *Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning in the Western Balkans (APEL-WB)* project builds on the principles of the Lisbon Recognition Convention, emphasizing the value of learning gained through self-education, work, and life experiences. The project aims to institutionalize Recognition and Accreditation of Prior Informal and Non-Formal Learning (RAPL) in the Western Balkans as a systemic cornerstone of inclusive higher education. Aligned with European Higher Education Area and regional priorities for sustainable growth and knowledge-based economies, APEL-WB promotes lifelong learning and equitable access to education. The project will establish a comprehensive framework for RAPL, develop normative guidelines, and provide training for experts from higher education institutions, quality assurance agencies, and ministries of education.

POSITION OVERVIEW: LOGOS University College, as the Coordinator of the APEL-WB Project, invites applications for the position of External Quality Evaluation Expert or Organization. The appointed expert or organization will evaluate the quality of project implementation; provide independent analysis and recommendations on reports submitted by the Quality Monitoring Committee; and support the General Management Committee by offering expert consultation on quality standards and improvement strategies.

KEY QUALIFICATIONS: Candidates must demonstrate relevant academic and professional experience through their CV and supporting documentation. Each qualification listed below will be evaluated according to the predefined scoring grid (0–5 scale). **1.** Ph.D. degree, preferably with academic rank; **2.** Teaching experience in higher education; **3.** Record of leadership or membership in quality assurance bodies; **4.** Participation in projects related to qualification frameworks and recognition of learning in higher education; **5.** Excellent command of English language; **6.** Understanding of the European Higher Education Area; **7.** Familiarity with higher education systems in the Western Balkans.

APPLICATION: Qualified candidates are kindly requested to send by e-mail to Berina Smajlović Doljančić (berina.smajlovic-doljancic@unsa.ba) and Semir Đulić (semir.djulic@unsa.ba) and (c/c Valbona Nathanaili (valbona.nathanaili@kulogos.edu.al), Edmond Muhaxheri (emuhaxheri@auk.org), quoting code "APEL-WB: Quality Assessment Auditor": **1.** A Letter of Application detailing key qualifications for this position; **2.** A recent curriculum vita; **3.** Copies of credentials and other evidence confirming key-qualifications for the vacancy.

SELECTION PROCESS: A review panel consisting of representatives from the partner universities jointly evaluate the applications based on the above criteria. The evaluation will take place on 10 January 2026. The selection is based on criteria guaranteeing a fair evaluation of the applications and does not give priority to any applicant depending on his/her nationality, race, age, religion or gender.

IMPORTANT NOTES: **ONLY** complete applications will be considered; all documents must be sent in one message; **ONLY** short-listed candidates will be contacted by Dr. Valbona Nathanaili, Project Coordinator, APEL-WB.