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# **Abbreviations**

Capacity Building in Higher Education	СВНЕ
Call for papers	cfp
Deliverable	D
European Commission	EC
European Union	EU
European University of Tirana	UET
Higher Education Institution	HEI
Learning outcomes	LOs
Palacky University in Olomouc	UP
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Western Balkan(s)	WB
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# Summary

D4.4 "Final conference" is a deliverable within work package 4 "Impact and dissemination of MORIN" that documents the organisation of the MORIN project final conference, which took place on 10 and 11 July 2025 in Vlora, Albania, bringing together project partners, researchers, academics, and stakeholders for a comprehensive exchange on the project's achievements and future directions. The conference marked the culmination of MORIN's efforts to enhance academic recognition of student mobility through innovative practices centred on learning outcomes (LOs), curriculum transparency, and regional cooperation. It served as a lively forum in which discussions on how these provisions support student exchange, employability, and integration in WB HEIs further consolidated and disseminated MORIN's findings and deliverables on academic recognition. Through careful planning and preparation, an inclusive programme, and effective dissemination, the conference successfully engaged participants in knowledge sharing and collaboration.

The conference programme included keynote speeches and thematic sessions, as well as a dissemination panel, which was designed as an inter-coaching session for disseminating other projects in which MORIN partners are involved and which can converge with the aims and ambitions of the MORIN project. A Book of Abstracts was prepared in a digital book format, and a selection of peer-reviewed papers was published in a print version and shared with participants during the conference. The WB Mobility Practices – A Mapping Report was also disseminated during this event, and participants were invited to receive copies of both MORIN print outcomes.

A Google Forms survey was sent out to conference participants after the event to collect valuable participant feedback, which was analysed and shared for ongoing project improvement. Information about the conference, its organisation, participants, programme, book of abstracts, and conference volume is accessible on the conference and project websites, which ensures sustained impact.

# Introduction: preparation and planning 1.

The preparation phase for the final conference began several months in advance, on 8-10 July 2024, when partners discussed potential dates for the organisation of the final conference in the workshop and SC meeting that took place in Tirana, Albania. Official planning started on 27 November 2024, when the SC, during their online meeting, discussed the organisation of the final conference, including preparations for the call led by UV, UET, and MORIN partners. UP and UV representatives were tasked with the preparation of the call for papers (cfp). The conference was held on 10-11 July 2025 in Vlora, Albania.

UV, the organiser, focused on strategic planning and communication to maximise participation and impact. A formal cfp was sent out to project partners for final approval. A conference website was designed, created and maintained by UV, and a direct link to it featured on the project website.

















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To maximise outreach efforts, all MORIN partners were encouraged to circulate the call among their networks, academic institutions, and other interested stakeholders. The cfp outlined the conference themes, submission guidelines for presentations, and deadlines, ensuring a transparent and inclusive process for contributions.



10-11 July, Vlora, Albania

Deadline for abstract submission: 30 April 2025

Notification of acceptance: 5 May 2025

Deadline for full paper submission:  $30\,\mathrm{May}\,2025$ 

This conference will explore innovative pedagogical approaches to academic recognition of student mobility, focusing on learning outcomes. The discussions will revolve around the necessity of linking education with work, ensuring curriculum transparency, and improving recognition and study transfer procedures. We invite participants to engage in meaningful conversations that enhance collaboration among Western Balkars (WB6) higher education institutions, utilimately supporting student exchange and regional employability.

# Proposed thematic areas

We encourage proposals that address the following subthemes:

- Innovative practices in academic recognition
- The impact of student mobility on employability;
- · Curriculum transparency and comparability; · Strategies for improving recognition processes:
- Experiences and challenges in integrating mobility in higher education.

We invite academics, non-academics who deal with mobility practices (e.g., International Relations, Exchange or Erasmus Office representatives, or similar), and students who have participated in mobility programmes to submit their proposals. We encourage participants to share their mobility experiences, insights, and research findings that align with the conference theme.

# Abstract submission.

Please send your abstracts (about 250 words) for papers (20 min) as an MS word attachment to the following email address norinfinalconference@gmail.com) by 30 April 2025. Abstracts should include

- e-mail address;
- · thematic area;
- 3-5 keywords.

They should clearly outline the purpose, methodology, and significance of the proposed paper of the purpose of the proposed paper of the proposed paper

This conference will adopt a blended format, allowing both in-person and virtual participation to maximise outreach and engagement. This approach will ensure a diverse range of contributions to the discussions, enhancing the visibility and dissemination of ideas

We look forward to receiving your proposals and welcoming you to Viora, where we can collectively advance the discourse on mobility recognition and its significance for regional integration. For further enquiries, please contact us at morinfinal conference@gmail.com.

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Figure 1. MORIN conference cfp.

















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In parallel, an extended dissemination campaign was launched, which included regular updates and reminders posted on the official MORIN project website and social media platforms, as well as outreach through partner HEIs' networks. Targeted invitations were sent to ensure broad visibility and encourage attendance from a diverse audience across the project's geographic and thematic scope. A conference pack was prepared containing conference materials and MORIN promotional materials.

## The organisation of the conference 2.

## 2.1. Conference format and participants

The MORIN final conference was organised in a hybrid format, combining in-person sessions held in Vlora, Albania, with virtual participation via Google Meet. This format allowed for greater accessibility and flexibility, enabling engagement from a wider audience, including international academics and stakeholders who could not attend physically. Some technical issues occurred with the Internet connection, which were dealt with quickly.

Participants included a diverse group of representatives from within the MORIN consortium as well as external attendees. The audience comprised academics, university management, project partners, UV partners, university professors on Erasmus mobility at UV, practitioners, and other stakeholders from Albania and other countries abroad. This inclusive participation enriched discussions and fostered cross-border collaboration. The conference brought together 72 participants.

A total of approximately 72 participants attended the conference, with around 63 attending in person and 9 joining virtually. The table below disaggregates the data by attendees, project partners, conference presenters and volume contributors, as well as by online and onsite participants. The categories may overlap and not account for the overall number of participants altogether.

MORIN conference participants								
Category	Attendees	Project partners	Conference presenters	Online participants	Onsite participants	Volume contributors		
No.	17	29	26	9	63	17		
Total		72						

Table 1. MORIN conference participants.

Participants represented a balanced mix of genders, professional backgrounds, and geographic locations. The international presence included representatives from 7 countries representing 16 HEIs, reflecting the project's broad reach and appeal. This demographic diversity contributed to a rich exchange of ideas and perspectives during the two intensive conference days.

















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# 2.2. Conference programme

The <u>conference programme</u> was structured into keynote and thematic sessions to provide a comprehensive and engaging experience for all conference participants. It featured one keynote speech by doc. Mgr. Pavlína Flajšarová, Ph.D. from Palacký University in Olomouc, Czech Republic. The title of this presentation was "Inclusion and diversity in tertiary education mobility recognition: Challenges, opportunities, and policy directions." It was a very engaging presentation that sparked great interest among the audience, as reflected in the follow-up Q&A slot. The thematic sessions were organised around these four topics:

- A. Learning mobility for internationalisation: Country experiences;
- B. Mobility, cultural exchange and regional access;
- C. From education to employment;
- D. Curriculum transparency and comparability.

A 'Dissemination of projects and networking' session was also included in the programme, which was organised in the form of thematic presentations about projects MORIN partners are currently implementing. The session aided in highlighting converging aspects with MORIN and also served as a brainstorming session for future project ideas addressing issues currently urgent in the present context. On the whole, the conference programme was designed to highlight the MORIN project's key findings and deliverables, foster dialogue on critical issues, and encourage collaboration among participants and contribute to regional integration.

# 2.3. Book of Abstracts and Conference Volume

A <u>Book of Abstracts</u>, which included abstracts (summaries) of all the papers/presentations delivered at the conference, was prepared and distributed to all participants. This publication contains summaries of all accepted presentations, providing a valuable reference that captures the scope and diversity of the research and practice shared during the event. The <u>Book of Abstracts</u> was conveniently accessible via a QR code printed on the conference programme, allowing participants to scan and access the document digitally during the event.

In addition, a selection of high-quality papers submitted to the conference underwent a peer-review process and were published as part of the MORIN project's conference volume titled *Mobility Recognition: Revision of Approaches and Practices for Regional Integration*. These selected papers represent key contributions to the field and are accessible through the conference website. Both the Book of Abstracts and the collection of selected papers serve as enduring resources that extend the impact of the conference beyond the event itself. They provide a valuable reference that captures the scope and diversity of the research and practice shared during the event.























# 2.4. Dissemination efforts

The conference was an important event to intensify dissemination efforts about the MORIN project because it aimed to maximise outreach and impact in the Western Balkans and beyond. Alongside sharing conference materials such as presentations, recordings, the *Book of Abstracts* (accessible via QR code on the conference programme), and selected peer-reviewed papers, the project also actively disseminated the <a href="Western Balkans Mobility practices mapping report">Western Balkans Mobility practices mapping report</a>. This report provides critical insights into regional higher education mobility and integration, complementing the conference themes.

Furthermore, dissemination activities included promotion of related projects and initiatives. Thematic sessions covered relevant topics including learning mobility, cultural exchange, curriculum transparency, and employability, featuring contributions from partners across the Western Balkans and Europe. The dissemination of these activities was supported through digital platforms, social media, and partner networks to reach a broad audience of academics, students, support staff, policymakers, and stakeholders. These combined efforts to share information show that the MORIN project is dedicated to being open, sharing knowledge, and making a lasting impact, so that the project's results and best practices keep affecting policies and practices both regionally and internationally.

# 3. Conclusions

The MORIN project final conference, held on 10–11 July 2025 in Vlora, Albania, successfully met its objectives of knowledge dissemination, stakeholder engagement, and project evaluation. The careful planning and preparation made sure that the hybrid event allowed many people to join, both in person and online, including a diverse group of academics, HEI representatives, MORIN partners, and other stakeholders from seven countries and sixteen higher education institutions.

The conference programme, featuring a keynote speech, thematic sessions, and a dedicated dissemination panel, effectively showcased the project's achievements and fostered meaningful discussions on mobility recognition, regional integration, and related challenges. The inclusion of a digital <u>Book of Abstracts</u> accessible via QR code and a peer-reviewed <u>conference volume</u> further enhanced the accessibility and lasting impact of the knowledge shared.

Dissemination efforts were substantially intensified during the event, not only through the sharing of conference materials but also via the promotion of the <u>Western Balkans Mobility Practices Mapping Report</u> and related Erasmus+ KA2 CBHE projects. These efforts contributed to raising awareness and strengthening networks within the regional higher education community, supporting continued collaboration beyond the project's lifespan. The success of this final conference demonstrates the consortium's strong coordination and the high level of engagement from all partners and stakeholders, setting a solid foundation for the ongoing development of regional mobility recognition frameworks and practices.

























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