

Erasmus + /University of Montenegro

11-15 October 2021

As members of Academic Staff of Department of Wine, Vine and Beverage Sciences of UNIWA (Archontoula Chatzilazarou, Shehadeh Adnan and Evangelou Alexandra) we visited University of Montenegro in Podgorica, through Erasmus+/ICM program, between 11th and 15th of October 2021. Teaching and training activities were held in Biotechnical Faculty of University of Montenegro.

In Biotechnical Faculty in Podgorica we met Dean Prof. Dr Bozidarka Markovic, Vice Deans and experts. We exchanged information and presentation of the two universities/departments and we had an overall productive conversation. Dr Evangelou and Dr Shehadeh gave lectures presenting their recent research activities, about the quantitative correlation of wine's main components with its viscosity/refractive index and about the production of wine in the presence of herbs with antioxidative activity, respectively. Training sessions took place in Podgorica, in laboratories of Biotechnical Faculty and during the visit to the experimental field "Lješkopolje" – vineyard, and wine cellar- where the processes of wine production are ongoing. Also, training sessions took place in Center for subtropical cultures in Bar, part of Biotechnical Faculty, by Prof. Biljana Lazovic and colleagues. We visited laboratories for olive oil analyses, lab for DNA analyses and tissue culture lab, as well an olive processing company situated in the old city of Bar. The whole process of production and lab analysis was presented.

During meetings that took place throughout the week, we had the opportunity to talk about present and future perspectives of academic cooperation. Student and staff Exchange as well as possible prospects of organising common study programmes were on the top of the agenda. Our overall experience is described as flourishing and precious. The university that welcomed us was very well organized and all the staff were very hospitable and willing to guide us. The academic cooperation between the two partner institutes is about to be furtherly developed.









