

## What do we want to achieve?

New professional **perspectives** and better **employability** for our graduates.

An improvement of Serbian and Macedonian companies' **competitiveness** on the global market through **enhanced command** of multiple languages for professional purposes.

A development of **competencies** in the field of European project management regarding the **prospect** of Serbian and North Macedonian integration within the European Union.

The promotion of **Applied Foreign Languages** curricula including the study of languages and vocational subjects such as law, management, communication, IT at the European level.



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DEVELOPING  
APPLIED  
FOREIGN  
LANGUAGE  
SKILLS

Interuniversity  
Strategic  
Partnership in the  
field of higher  
education



## What is the DAFLS project?

The **Developing Applied Foreign Language Skills - DAFLS** is a joint **strategic partnership** project between the University of Caen Normandy in France, the University of Belgrade in Serbia and the Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, North Macedonia. These three universities are backed by a fourth partner, ALDA Skopje (European Association for Local Democracy).

The project aims to strengthen the **strategic** and **structured international cooperation** between these three higher education institutions by creating new training courses based on specific curricula in applied foreign languages.

The academic training provided within this international framework of cooperation will enable students to acquire **international business management skills and better understanding of European projects** and its implementation.

The program further aims at improve **educational and pedagogical** equipment in the targeted countries in order to face up to the future challenges arising from increasing **internationalization** and new **learning tools** and strategies such as distance learning.

### Duration

Starting from **01/09/2020** up to **31/08/2023**.

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## What are our objectives?

### Developing new diplomas and best practice guide

**Bachelor's degree** in Applied Foreign Languages at the universities of Belgrade and Skopje, in co-graduation with the university of Caen for students speaking or learning the language of the respective partner and doing undertaking collaborative mutual study periods and internship mobilities.

**Master's degree** in European Project Management at the universities of Belgrade and Skopje, interacting with training at the university of Caen through shared courses and webinars.

**Best practice guide** in the implementation of Applied Foreign Languages degrees by setting up multidisciplinary and professional training courses within the Balkans.

### Empowering education

**Meeting new labor standards** by improving and strengthening the teaching of applied foreign languages with a view to providing ambitious qualifications for multilingual and multi-skilled staff and experts in the field of European project management.

**Enhancing internationalization strategies** of all partner universities taking part in the program by creating co-degree courses, partly taught in English and built around common educational values.

**Engaging in pedagogical transformations** by favoring innovative teaching methods in the field of foreign languages through e-learning and hybrid courses.



## Why is our programme special?

The specificity of this training offer lies in the fact that the **three universities** will work together and share courses taught to their students, using e-learning tools and hybrid teaching methods. The scheme will so help teachers to develop other **digital skills**. Additionally, the project sheds new light on the ways in which **young people can have an impact** on remodeling societies as and building bridges between different countries.

Indeed, the strategic partnership will promote networking between the universities by means of the pooling of resources and expertise and **demonstrating the importance of foreign languages** as a strategic tool in the context of **globalization**.