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#### Summary of scientific research

I focused my research study visit at the University of Vaasa on further research on my PhD subject Improper Use of Tax Treaties. Our host therefore arranged a meeting with Professor Juha Lindgren. Currently, he is head of the research group Business Law, Information and Knowledge. The group produces multidisciplinary research where business studies and law intersect both methodologically and in terms of content. Some of the research programs, which closely correlate with my area of research, were presented to me.

Since Professor Lindgren was working as Chief Director for the Finnish Tax Administration, I had the unique opportunity to learn about the specifics of the Finnish Tax System from first hand. We exchanged opinions on current problems in the international tax arena and had very fruitful discussions that issues concerning international tax problems could change in the future. Professor Lindgren also introduced me to some Finnish researchers who have similar research interests as me and who provided to me with very interesting and useful literature.

During the two weeks of my stay, I did not only work with Professor Lindgren but our hosts also introduced us to several interesting features of the research process in Finland. Even though there was more than only one interesting subject, in my personal opinion the most interesting one was about the communication of research work. We had a lecture and a workshop on research publication and on the communication of research to the general public.

Besides all the work we have done at the University of Vaasa, our hosts also tried to present us the town of Vaasa, the region and its beauties and most of all the Finnish way of living and working.
Summary of scientific research

During the study visit I had the change to explore a wide range of information in the field of organizational, biological and clinical psychology. The professors presented diverse teaching experiences, numerous scientific ideas and planned projects which gave me a more innovative approach to research design.

An especially interesting and useful part of the study visit was the colloquium of Organizational & Business Psychology. I had the opportunity to present my PhD work and could also informally discuss the methodological improvement of my thesis. I found it very useful since I got a critical review of my thesis with all its strengths and weaknesses.

The lab visit in the field of Biological Psychology and the visit of a Psychotherapy ambulance gave me a detailed insight into the working approach and a possibility to develop my performance skills using different techniques.

The statistical support provided by Boris Forthmann was invaluable. One week active introduction, step-by-step, to complex statistical analyses was very useful for my PhD thesis. Sincere thanks to Boris for that.

In the end, all my interests and wishes could not have been realized without Dr. Sabine Fischer who was extremely motivated, efficient and organized in order to make this study visit so worthwhile.

The study visit was extremely successful and gave me the opportunity to stay in touch with the staff and cooperate with them in future projects.
Summary of scientific research

The road to Finland began in the early hours when departing to Zadar. Via Oslo and Helsinki we arrived in Vaasa. When we got there we were greeted kindly by Marita Niemelä and Wiley Tuomi and began our work as guest researchers at the University of Vaasa.

After an introductory presentation we went to meet Professor Jussi Kantola and his team of researchers who kindly welcomed us. From their experience we have learned a lot. In the next couple of days sessions in various interdisciplinary fields were scheduled. The best experience was to meet all the professors who devoted their expertise and experiences and to visit the Edulab which has been implemented at the University of Vaasa.
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**Summary of scientific research**

During my study visit I had the opportunity to use a variety of resources at the hosting institution. The hosts kindly welcomed us and presented to us the work of the university. At the hosting institution presentations on the quality of research were almost daily organized which we could use to work on the principles of quality research: to explore, how to write a research project, how to receive funds and how to display a thesis in the public. Lectures were held by professors and managers with many years of experience.

The hosting institution also made it possible to access various global journals which helped me a lot to find material in my field. They provided free access to the library Tritonia so I had the opportunity to find and to study a lot of material.

I took part in organized visits, e.g. NeVS, a research team led by Professor Jussi Kantola; Department for Renewable Energy, a research team led by Professor Erkki Hiltunen; Technology Center Merinova, Waste incinerator – Westenergy Company, Muova and West Coast StartUp.

Since the city of Vaasa and the region around it is rich in renewable energy sources, the university does a lot of investigation on this subject. This is also the topic of my research and I therefore had the opportunity to meet many people and to see a lot of things which I am interested in.

I spoke with the leader of the research team for energy, Professor Hiltunen, about a potential cooperation in the field of research in the future. We exchanged contacts and I hope to take advantage of it in the future.

I would also like to mention that, in addition to all the things mentioned above, I also had the opportunity to meet other members of the study visit, colleagues from my home university, from the University of Novi Sad, Serbia, and from the University of Shkoder, Albania. We also exchanged contacts and agreed to cooperate in the future.
Summary of scientific research

I chose the University of Münster as a host for my two-week study visit because this university does top-level research in high-performance areas and it welcomes young researchers because it puts great efforts in creating an optimal environment for top-level research carried out by postdocs.

I was especially interested in two research projects at the School of Business and Economics: Business Process Compliance Management in the Financial Sector (ProCom) with Dr. Patrick Delfman as project manager (Institute of Information System and Information Management), and Experimental Management Accounting with Dr. Friedrich Sommer as project manager (Institute of Management Accounting).

The research areas of the projects mentioned above I partly process in my dissertation and in my everyday classroom work, so this was an opportunity for me to deepen my theoretical and practical knowledge concerning my dissertation research. I also had meetings with Mrs. Sarah Grünendahl who gave me an insight into the work organization and into the departments of the faculty. My supervisor Ms. Julia Jacobs showed me around the campus, work offices and the Library. I spent quite some time at the University Library where I found needed literature for my work. During the “Doctoral cafe meeting” I presented my dissertation thesis in front of other PhD students (group members and students of the University of Münster) and had some interesting feedback.

Also, I had meetings with Dr. Friedrich Sommer and with Dr. Patrick Delfman and they both took their time to introduce me to research they were working on and to help me regarding my post doc orientation. Dr. Sommer agreed to help me with the review of my research. I hope that in the near future we will find a basis for the future cooperation between our departments.
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### Summary of scientific research

The research activities at the University of Münster were focused on collecting as many literature as possible for my doctoral dissertation. At the Faculty of Law of the University of Münster there were three libraries on my disposal as well as the University library. In addition, there were numerous databases with e-books, e-journals and articles available. I had meetings with several professors and assistants to discuss my research. A particularly useful conversation I had with Jendrik Boehmer, research assistant of professor Pohlmann (Institute for International Economic Law, Chair for Insurance Law), who is working on the Directive Solvency II in his doctoral dissertation, as I do. I exchanged experiences related to the scientific research and the process of academic advancement with fellow assistants in the department to which I was assigned (Chair for German and European Civil Law), as well as with colleagues in other departments.

At the Faculty of Law at the University of Münster I also met my host and the coordinator of my research activities Darja Bäßler, research assistant at the Chair for German and European Civil Law, Institute of International Economic Law, Institute for Legal History (Prof. Dr. Reiner Schulze H.C.). Darja Bäßler coordinated my daily activities and was on my disposal for everything I needed regarding my research. Also Jonathon Watson, research assistant at the Chair for German and European Civil Law helped me a lot in getting familiar with available literature units, and together with Mrs. Bäßler we had several interesting conversations about the similarities and differences in education, research and academic progress.

At my host Chair I had welcoming meeting with interim professor PD Dr. André Janssen. I also had a meeting regarding my doctoral research with Professor Dr. Matthias Casper (Institute for Corporate and Capital Market Law). During my second week in Münster I met research assistants of Professor Heinrich Dörner (Chair for International Private Law and Civil Law) and we had interesting conversations about the conditions and differences in research at my home university and the University of Münster.

In addition to all the activities at the Faculty of Law, it was useful to engage in the activities that were organized by the University of Münster as a joint program for all participants. Within the program, we got to know the new interdisciplinary approach in PhD research as well as tools for raising the quality of doctoral research.
**Summary of scientific research**

Two weeks study visit at the University of Vaasa was a nice experience. The hosts welcomed us kindly. We had an open library where we could access all databases that we needed for our research. Every day we had an organized program. We visited some factories such as Westenergy. Every day we had useful lectures on various topics such as Operations Management and Quality Assurance at the University of Vaasa, the State’s steering process and at universities in Finland, Popularization of Science, Communicating Research and Research Environment in Finland. We also presented our own research plans to other colleagues and our hosts.

I could also talk to a lot of professors who were very cooperative. All the information that I was looking for I was able to gain. I worked with many professors and I hope that the cooperation will last.
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Summary of scientific research

My topic is “Non-Linearity of the Debt-Growth Relationship”. Debt is a two-edged sword. At moderate levels, debt improves welfare and enhances growth. But at high levels, it can be damaging. Firstly, I made a comparison of the relationship debt-growth in advanced (Germany) and emerging (Albania) countries. From the theoretical point of view I explained the inverted U-shape between debt-growth through the ‘crowd-in’ and ‘crowd-out’ effect. Then I explained transmission mechanisms of public debt versus economic growth such as interest rate, sovereign risk premium, private investment, net saving, labor productivity, and labor supply. In comparison to similar empirical studies I was also able to provide the latest empirical evidence for a non-linear and concave (inverted U-shape) relationship between public debt and economic growth in the case of Albania. In 2013 Albania was able to maintain a positive growth level but had a high level of its public debt (63.8%), so it is viewed as necessary to see how costly it is in terms of economic growth when debt is above the threshold for an extended period of time. To provide this, I realized a regression model through Ordinary Least Square time series for the period 1997-2012. Results showed that public debt has a statistically significant negative effect on economic growth in Albania, this means that one percentage point increase in the level of public debt would affect a landing about 6.4 percentage points of economic growth expected. Thus, in the case of Albania with an economic growth of 2.1 percent expected in 2014, 1 percentage point increase in public debt in 2014 would reduce the economic growth to 2 percent. In conclusion, I can say that the negative impact of public debt on economic growth improves the quality of institutions, internal policies and external policies.
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#### Summary of scientific research

The entire program at the University of Münster was a great experience and very valuable since I learned a lot. Every day was organized in such a way to give us the opportunity to learn about the various issues of research, to meet different people and to learn more about life in Muenster.

At the first day there was a presentation by the organizers for all participants in the program. The entire reception was very warm and made me feel like I was part of the University of Münster. In the following days we took part in consecutive meetings which I awaited with great curiosity in order to get to know more about the university, about the way how to do research on my thesis as well as about life in that beautiful city.

I took part in visits to the Economic Faculty where I got to know the faculty building, the library and professors who supported me during the project. I had meetings with Sarah J. Grünendahl (School of Business and Economics) who introduced us to the university and to the city of Münster. I was also introduced to Professor Langart who supported me during my research and with whom I could talk about the topic of my thesis. I also attended a lecture held in one of the PhD classes on "Exponential grow Bias: An American Tale". An interesting experience in which I was able to meet and discuss with the students.
Summary of scientific research

The reason why I applied for this study visit is related with my PhD in the domain of Animation in Social Work which is a new subject in the field of Social Work. In my country Albania this subject is not very familiar and we also lack books and documents. For many years I have been working now as part-time social worker in an NGO in Shkoder in a project that uses social, cultural and sport activities (animation) to enable the social inclusion of marginalized groups of children such as disabled, orphans and children from the Egyptian community. In Finland animation in Social Work is very developed. Leene Kurki is a well-known professor from Finland who has contributed a lot in this field.

My experience at the University of Vaasa was great. I got to meet many experienced professors and I had the opportunity to discuss my dissertation with Professor Katja Valkama. We talked about the methodology of my dissertation and I could also present my PhD to other PhD students from the University of Vaasa. This was very helpful since I had the opportunity to share my experiences with colleagues from Finland.

We also presented our theses within the group of QinR participants. This was also very interesting because the study background of the participants was so diverse: ICT, Law, Language etc. So it was a challenge! Sometimes people who are not in your study field can better “catch” problems in your dissertation. In the last week I participated in an open seminar in the field of Social Policy.
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**Summary of scientific research**

The main purpose of my research is to identify factors which influence stress in the work of lecturers of Higher Education in Albania, in particular organizational climate factors and personality traits. The reason why I chose to represent this issue relates to the fact that stress is a phenomenon which gets great attention nowadays, also stress experienced at the university where I work. This study aims to be a baseline study for this topic in the Albanian context. My research plan was introduced to Professor Vesa Routamaa and Assistant Professor Tiina Brandt who are members of the research group Personality Approach to Leadership and Organizational Behavior. I am so grateful to them because they helped me to get a new perspective for my research topic, which is a new and unexplored field in my country. With their professional feedback they helped me to gain new applicable skills in my scientific research. Moreover, it was very useful to get hints how to standardize the instruments for the Albanian context in order to give more relevant and reliable results.

As a group of young researchers we had the possibility to visit Tritonia Library and its services for visitors. Also we had different workshops such as Introduction to the Finnish University and R&D System, Communicating Research: Lecture and workshop on research publication and on communicating research to general public, University’s third task: Introduction to Levón Institute at University of Vaasa, Introduction to the Finnish Innovation System, Research Environment in Finland, Operations Management and Quality Assurance of the University of Vaasa.

Everybody of the QinR group of participants had the possibility to present their own research plan. At the beginning it was a little strange because I wondered how we could understand our research plans due to our different research background. But at the end I could say that it was very helpful for all of us because we tried to make our research plan easily understandable for an audience that was not involved in our fields of research. That is how a research scientific presentation should be.
Summary of scientific research

I am very happy that I took part in the two-week program QinR at the University of Münster. I participated as an academic staff member of the University of Shkoder. First, I would like to thank all organizers of this program, Professor Hans-Peter Großhans, Sandra Wiegand from the international office and Sabine Ihben in particular. On my first day, I had the opportunity to participate in a workshop of Professor Ludger Hoffmann, organized by the Graduate School “Empirical and Applied Linguistics”. I also participated in a seminar for doctoral students and I was given the possibility to present my project for the doctoral thesis in a round-table session. In this seminar, I had the chance to meet Dr. Lirim Selmani, a full-time professor at the University of Dortmund with whom I discussed issues related to my research project. We exchanged ideas and issues that may come up as I write my doctoral thesis in two languages, Albanian and German.

Thanks to the support of the coordinator of the Cluster of Excellence Institute, Mr. Robert Spät, I could use an office at this Institute as well as all necessary facilities for study and research. I also had the opportunity to visit the university library and utilize the variety of books in my field of research. My agenda included participation in a series of lectures entitled “Disputations on God and the world” and organized by the Cluster of Excellence Institute. The visit to the smartNetwork center of the Human and Social Science discipline for doctoral students, coordinated by Mr. Hendrik Hilgert, was of special interest. I was informed that the center consists of eight graduate schools, three research groups and an Emmy Noether Junior Research Group, with a wide scope of subjects, with the possibility of a scholarship application for international doctoral students, and with a well-structured guideline on how to become part of this network. This network aims at promoting interdisciplinary research and the internationalization of doctoral programs.

During my stay in Münster, I also visited the office of Ms. Ulrike Magarin, the coordinator of Language Learning in Tandem. For me, as a foreign language teacher, this was very interesting. I learned more about how this program and the center function, the advantages of learning in Tandem, what can be learned and practiced in Tandem, the principles that should be maintained during class, the support of the leaders and the granting of ECTS through exams. For the QinR participants the seminar, held at the Graduate Center by Jan Schmidt, was of special value as it provided guidelines on developing organizational skills and time management.

The program in Münster did not only include study and research but also well-organized recreational activities. I also visited an info fair for students, academics and alumni which was an excellent opportunity to get familiar with national and international companies for employment and internships, with research universities, scholarships, residence and integration. I would like to thank again all organizers at the University of Münster but also the organizers of the QinR program and I wish that this program will be long-lasting as it is a valuable opportunity to exchange experiences.

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Summary of scientific research

Participating in the QinR program at the University of Münster was followed by some activities which opened new windows in the field of scientific research. This program helped us for example in time management and in creating contacts between the different departments of science and us. We learned more about:

- Master and doctoral research,
- Ways of organization and research at the University of Münster,
- Time management of the researcher (calculating and dividing time in efficient ways during 24 hours),
- Meeting with professors in respective fields, discussions about science research at the University of Münster,
- Cultural meetings and exchange of cultural experiences,
- Individual researches in specific fields chosen by students themselves,
- Access to the university library and possibility to download documents and research papers,
- Guided city tour to get to know the different possibilities offered by the city,
- Concerning my part of research, we visited different departments such as the department of plants physiology, genetics, molecular biology, clinical microbiology and hygiene department.

At the hygiene department we established the basis for a future cooperation. At the clinical microbiology department I had the possibility to work with cavies and we also established the basis for a future cooperation.

During the project different multicultural meetings were organized. All researchers participating in these meetings could not only exchange cultural experiences but also science experiences.

The experiences achieved at the University of Münster were very positive and will help us to develop qualitative research at our home universities.
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Summary of scientific research

During this period of time
- I did research work at the library
- I had meetings with professors
- I attended seminars and discussions

Half of the time I spent in the university library and in the library of the Faculty of Business and Economics. The two libraries were state-of-the-art and I tried to benefit from this. I used the access to the library and studied different papers and articles. Also, I used the books of the library and copied the pages that were relevant for my studies.

I had meetings with professors and I discussed with them my research. We also discussed possibilities to study and work in Münster.

Also, I got to know the way how professors do their evaluations for a paper when taking part in a conference. After this I had the possibility to talk to a professor about my topic of study. I got valuable advice from him for my study. Also, I had the possibility to have meetings with other professors who helped me with their opinions and with material. The most important thing was that they all found my topic interesting and relevant. My topic is about International Accounting Standards and Accounting Quality.

I also attended seminars about organizational skills and time management, about the way how to do research, project research or individual research. In the meetings all young researchers could also discuss and get in touch with each other.
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Summary of scientific research

The study visit at the University of Vaasa in Finland took place from 12-26 May, 2014. It gathered ten young scientific researchers from four universities in Western-Balkan countries. The purpose of the visit was to provide the selected young researchers with the opportunity to get introduced to the research and development system at the University of Vaasa and in Finland in general, to have access to library resources, laboratories and other research resources as well as to meet professors and researchers working in the same scientific field in order to exchange ideas and experiences and ideally foster cooperation.

After the introductory campus tour and welcoming session, we were introduced to the services of the university library which provided us with user accounts for the computers and databases so that we had an open access to all printed and electronic resources available in the library. This way, we had the opportunity to improve and extend our PhD research projects by using the resources that are not available in our home countries. Thus, we could gain a broader perspective and adopt a fresh and more comprehensive approach to our research projects. This was an invaluable support to our research work and a contribution to the further development of our research capacities and skills.

The topics of the lectures and workshops were mainly focused on research environment in Finland including the funding of research, its general goals and the direction of development, operations management as well as research quality assurance at the University of Vaasa as one of the representatives of the Finnish research and development system.

The strong interaction between university and society was also presented by representatives of leading companies and institutes in the Vaasa region. The visits to laboratories, institutes and companies enabled us to experience the implementation of innovations resulting from the mentioned interaction. Through all these activities we gained a fresh perspective on the further enhancement of research environment at our universities.

In addition to the lectures, workshops and visits, a particularly significant part of the visit were our individual meetings with the university professors. Our presentations on the respective PhD research plans fostered a discussion on our common research problems and challenges.
At the welcome session we met our colleagues from other universities who also participated in the project as well as our mentors from Paris. After the official opening by the president of the university and the introduction of all participants and all hosts, the organizational team gave us a campus tour. During my stay I had several meetings with my supervisor where I presented my research project, where he gave instructions for my further research and where we discussed ideas about how to improve my research. We also visited “Presses Universitaires de Vincennes”, the internal publishing house of the university, and the university library. During my stay I started working on the references of utter importance for my thesis, recommended by my supervisor during our first meeting.

We could also visit the “Basilique de Saint Denis” which is of huge historical importance. We also had a presentation of the research plans of all participants of the study visit and could exchange experiences with PhD candidates from the University of Paris 8. The following day we visited the Conseil General de Seine Saint Denis, a local public institution and the archives of the region. We did a lot of individual research in the library, work with our supervisors, and one evening our hosts organized a cultural event. We visited a Museum of Arts and History of Saint Denis and we went to a concert of choirs of Saint Denis.

On the last day of our study visit we gathered to exchange experiences among all participants. At the end of the study visit I had my last meeting with my supervisor during which we exchanged our ideas for further cooperation.
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Summary of scientific research

During my visit to AG Plant Molecular Evolution, Institute for Evolution and Biodiversity, Prof. Dr. Juliette de Meaux research group, I learned that their research is focused on reconstructing the recent history of adaptive molecular variation in the weedy annual and model plant species Arabidopsis thaliana. They are especially interested in the accurate characterization of adaptively relevant variation. Goal of this research group is to understand the molecular basis of adaptation in plants. For this, they are taking both trait-specific and genomic approaches.

Also, during my visit to the working Group of Ecosystem Research, Institute of Landscape Ecology, Prof. Dr. Norbert Hölzel, I learnt that this research group studies the structure, functioning and change of terrestrial ecosystems by using soil and vegetation as integrative key features in landscape ecology. Processes of global change especially of man-made land use changes and changes in biogeochemical cycles are studied on local and regional scales with regard to their importance for conservation of biodiversity and sustainable use of natural resources. By nature, the study of Landscape Ecology is internationally oriented. This institute maintains close cooperation with many universities and with public and private organizations within and outside Europe.

We also had a general program offered by the host Institution which was an intensive learning opportunity. Organizational and time management was facilitated by Mr. Jan Schmidt from the Graduate Center of Münster. I had the opportunity to shortly present my PhD proposal to other colleagues and gain valuable inputs for the improvement of my PhD work.
Summary of scientific research

During our visit we attended two academic events at the university: the international event “Simulation of an ONU’s working session” which was organized by the Political Science department and the seminar “Approche éthique du plagiat: regards croisés”. This seminar was organized by the Ethics Committee and the department for PhD studies of the University of Paris 8. Some of the topics that were discussed at the seminar were ethical approach to plagiarism, historical and current observations on the quality of the scientific author, plagiarism, the concept of intellectual property and plagiarism as a matter of law. We were also taken on a tour through the campus library. We learnt about the history of the campus library and how we can use books and journals at the library. Furthermore, several social events were organized. We visited the “Basilique de Saint Denis” which is the burial place of the French kings. Nearly every king from the 10th to the 18th century is buried there, as well as many from previous centuries. Also, we visited the General Council of Seine-Saint-Denis which was created in 1968. We also visited the Museum of Arts and History of Saint Denis and we were at the Concert of Choirs of Saint Denis.

Beside the official program, organized by our hosts Séverine Bortot and Filomena Fazio, I visited the laboratory for artificial intelligence and had several meetings with my mentor Professor Vincent Boyer and his colleagues. During these meetings several professors of the computer science department presented their work and I presented my work on the implementation of CFD problems using OpenCL standard.

Professor Vincent Boyer presented a consistent model for artistic medium reproduction in 3D scene renderings and animations, a novel image processing model that produces impressionist style paintings from photographs and automated colorization of segmented images based on color harmony. Furthermore, Professor Jean Jacques Bourdin presented his work and those of his PhD students about scalable impressionist rendering, high resolution approach to impressionist rendering and rendering with Degrade. Work of Professor Jean Mehat about parallel computing on MPPA computer was presented by one of his PhD students. MPPA computer consists of 256 central processing units, it is made and owned by Kalray Group, and after the presentation we had the chance to see this computer architecture in the server room. Neda Milic, participant of the QinR program, presented her work on software for persons with color vision deficiency.
Summary of scientific research

At the University of Vaasa I attended a very useful two-week course related to quality in scientific research. I had a chance to learn more about standards and procedures in research in the EU. The organizers provided a full access to the university library during this study visit. In the library I copied and downloaded papers and dissertations closely related to my research and this material will serve me as a helpful resource in my future studies and investigations. I met professors and scientific researchers who are working in the field of renewable energy. I already attended conferences related to the renewable use of residuals from agriculture and forestry in the production of bio-fuels, but the group that I met and talked to, has a large number of implemented projects and gave a comprehensive overview of the current status and trends in this field. The discussion with this group has motivated me to work more intensively in this area. At the end of the visit, I had a guided tour at the Westenergy Company. Their work is based on the management of communal waste and the production of energy out of it. I had the chance to enter the factory and to see the whole process of treatment which was especially interesting. I also had the chance to participate in the presentation sessions of other participants from the Western Balkan countries. I got to know more about their research plans and PhD projects and I discussed with them ideas which I found complementary to my field of research. Also, I had the chance to present my own research plan and discuss my ideas with supervisors and researchers in the group. I got useful feedback from them which will help me to improve my research activities. To summarize, in Vaasa I attended lectures related to quality in scientific research, visited companies and laboratories and had the opportunity to talk to professors and entrepreneurs working in my research area.
The research field of my doctoral thesis is color re-mapping of digital images and finding optimal algorithms which resolve confusing colors in image content for people with color vision deficiencies. As a part of my PhD thesis I intend to create a real application of this algorithm in a web environment with the aim to adapt the image and enhance the image details for all types of color blindness. Because of the nature of my doctoral research, the study visit to the laboratory of Advanced Computing (LIASD, Laboratoire d'Informatique Avancée de Saint-Denis) will strengthen the quality framework of my thesis. The LIASD laboratory has exceptional results in the fields of algorithms, programing, embedded systems, real-time visualization, robotics, image synthesis, fuzzy logic, games and human-machine interaction. This diversity is a strength of the laboratory and indicates a great potential for innovation. Based on the engagement in workshops that involve real-time visualizations and image processing, I gained precious experiences about these research fields and learned about possibilities of incorporating real-time image adaptation into my research work.

The aim of my activities during the short study program was exploring ways of adapting image content to the color-blind population and evaluating which kind of application and under which conditions the most adequate solution for re-mapping algorithm can be found. The future collaboration with professors from LIASD laboratory will help me assure the quality of my experimental design and the application of my theoretical model. Besides my narrow scientific area of interest, I also had a close look at the study cases of PhD students from the host institution which was a new and refreshing experience for me and after which I felt better prepared for the interdisciplinary field of my future research. A significant part of the program was the introduction to the resources of all laboratories and the university library and enrolling in student activities and programs on campus.
Summary of scientific research

Professor Frank Ulrich Müller, Head of the Institute of Pharmacology and Toxicology at the University of Münster, warmly welcomed me to his institute and after a short security briefing introduced me to all the members of the research team. Ms. Beatrix Scholz was my supervisor and arranged for me meetings with the researchers I wanted to be acquainted with during the visit. During the first week of the research visit, I took part in the detection of atrial fibrillation by using electrocardiogram (ECG) measurement in CREM-TG mice under the supervision of Ms. Beatrix Scholz who is involved in the EUTRAF project (The European Network for Translational Research in Atrial Fibrillation). In addition, she provided me with detailed instructions about histological methods she was responsible for such as the establishment of murine hearts preparations and Masson-Goldner fibrosis staining. With Ms. Brigitte Korte I participated in the determination of vorikonazole concentrations in the immunosuppressed patients’ blood samples by using the high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) method. Moreover, PhD students at the institute pointed out to me how to perform the RNA/DNA/protein-analysis by using RT-PCR and Western blot.

During the second week of the research visit, under the supervision of Mr. Jan Sebastian Schulte, Mr. Benedikt Fels, Mr. Nils Bögeholz, Mr. Paul Pauls and Ms. Melanie Voß, I participated in the following research activities:

1. Langendorff isolation of murine atrial and ventricular cardiomyocytes with collagenase
2. Electrophysiological measurements:
   - Ca2+ - transient measurement
   - action potential (AP) measurement during patch-clamp experiments

I also prepared CREM transgenic mice’s (CREM-TG) sperm cells and CREM-Knockout mice’s (CREM-KO) aorta’s vessel cells with Ms. Danuta Mitko and Ms. Franzis Volkery. All previously mentioned persons encouraged the discussion on the topic and made some useful remarks on my scientific work. Furthermore, I presented recent results of my research entitled “Cardiac safety assessment of low doses of methadone in combination with benzodiazepines in opiate addicts during methadone maintenance treatment” to fellow PhD students in the conference for doctoral students organized at the Graduate Center of the university. The presentation of my work was followed by a vivid discussion on the topic and I greatly benefited from others’ suggestions and ideas. The whole program was conducted by Ms. Iva Ognjanović, coordinator of the International Doctorate Student Services at the University of Münster.

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Summary of scientific research

The hosts prepared a program with a detailed description of the daily activities during the research stay. The program covered 11 days including the days for arrival and departure of the participants. There were four distinct groups of activities: presentations on the Finnish education, research and innovation system; visits to local companies; meetings with local experts and researchers; and individual research.

All the participants attended the presentation about the University of Vaasa and the Tritonia library. Moreover, they were introduced to the history and functioning of the Finnish system of higher education and innovation. Another presentation was devoted to the effective communication between research and general audience.

There were visits to several local companies and centers, which were mostly technology- and energy-oriented. The participants visited the Technology Center Merinova, the Vaasa Energy Institute, the Technobothnia Laboratory, the Westenergy Company, and the Muova Research and Product Development Center.

The meetings with local researchers were generally tailored to the individual research profiles of the participants. As a result, I attended meetings with experts from the fields of research related to Computer Science and Technology in general. I had meetings with the members of the research group on industrial management, the representatives of the EduLab e-learning center, the head of the IT services at the local university, and the head of the Department of Computer Science.

The hosts granted access to the Tritonia library, which also included access to renowned electronic databases of academic publications. I spent much time in the library searching for literature relevant for my research. This resulted in the collection of several hundred references that I will have to carefully examine after the study visit.
### Summary of scientific research

During the two weeks in Münster, I had a number of meetings with researchers from different research groups that in some way deal with issues I work on in my PhD studies or are involved in teaching similar courses or provide support for the users of e-learning platforms.

The first meetings were at the Institute for Didactics of Informatics with Prof. Marco Thomas and his PhD students where I got an insight into their perspectives on my research topic, especially regarding collaborative learning.

Then I spent some time at the Institute for Business Informatics, Department of Information Systems, where I met Prof. Herbert Kuchen and his PhD student Claus Alexander Usener. His experience in developing a software for automatic testing of code as well as in maintaining the university’s e-learning platform was very valuable for me since I am dealing with the same activities at my department.

Afterwards I met Markus Marek at the Institute of Education and Social Studies who presented to me the results of the Learnweb-Support team in detail and gave me very valuable advice on how to integrate my faculty’s e-learning platform with the rest of the services offered to students and teachers. He also offered further support and collaboration in this domain.

Finally, the last days of my stay were dedicated to studying the research results of the research group of Prof. Jan Vahrenhold at the Institute of Computer Science. Their fabulous work, focused on efficient algorithms, was inspiring to find more efficient solutions for the problems in the e-learning domain that I am currently trying to solve. Since Prof. Vahrenhold has experience in this domain, the conversations I had with him were of great importance for the steps I am about to make towards completing the experimental part of my PhD thesis. My thesis focuses on exploring students’ learning styles, best potential team roles, etc. by testing, activity tracking, data mining, and modelling users and developing tools to support efficient team formation and afterwards the evaluation of teamwork.
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Summary of scientific research

During my study visit at the University of Münster, I was actively involved in everyday activities at the Department for Information Systems, School of Business and Economics as well as at the European Research Center for Information Systems (ERCIS). Thus, I had the following activities, meetings and seminars:
Prof. Dr. Hans-Peter Groschans and Prof. Dr. Cornelia Denz, Graduate Center, and Sandra Wiegand, International Office, Welcoming session and Introduction to the university;
Dr. Jan Schmidt, Graduate Center, Postgraduate research in Germany and at the university;
Sabine Ihben, Coordination of activities and information about hosts;
Sarah J. Grünendahl, School of Business and Economics/International relations and student mobility, Introduction to the School of Business and Economics;
Julia Jacobs, Institute for Business Informatics/Department for Information Systems, Introduction to Institute and ERCIS;
Prof. Dr. Stefan Stiegitz, Institute for Business Informatics/Department for Information Systems, Discussion on my research area;
Prof. Dr. Stefan Klein, Institute for Business Informatics/Department for Information Systems, Discussion on my research area and LUNCH seminar;
International relations and student mobility office, School of Business and Economics, Introduction to library of School of Business and Economics;
Sabine Ihben, Introduction to university library;
Dr. Jan Schmidt, Graduate Center, Organizational skills and time management;
Prof. Dr. Stefan Klein, Institute for Business Informatics/Department for Information Systems, Discussion on my research area;
Julia Jacobs, Institute for Business Informatics/Department for Information Systems, LUNCH seminar;
Dr. Christine Schmidt, SAFIR, Funding programs for short-term study visit and post-doc research;
Dr. Armin Stein, ERCIS, Discussion on my research area and possibilities on joint research and projects including post-doc research;
Janita Tonnissen, AFO-Innovation Office, Industry/Business – University Collaboration;
Maria Homeyer, SAFIR, Funding programs for post-doc research.
Summary of scientific research

During my stay in Münster, I spent five work days at three different departments at the university. On the first day I met Dr. Agnes Wrobel who works in the administration of the Faculty for Chemistry and Pharmacy. Her task was to introduce me to the organization of the faculty and to show me around the departments. This was very helpful because there are many departments which are located in several different buildings. Then I was at the Department of Pharmaceutical Biology and Phytochemistry where Dr. Sendker was my supervisor. He showed me around the department, showed me their labs and explained to me how the machines work. After this tour, he showed me how to work on mass spectrometer and explained to me how to read results. He also introduced me to Dr. Brandt from the Department of Pharmaceutical and Medicine Chemistry. Dr. Brandt showed me around her department including the labs where they grow cells. For me that was very interesting. She also introduced me to one of the PhD students, thus I was able to observe his work for one day. With the help of Mrs. Sandra Wiegand from the International Office, I got to know Professor Klempnauer from the Institute of Biochemistry. He showed me around his institute and told me more about his work. I saw a lot of new things which were useful for me.
Summary of scientific research

During my study visit in Münster within the Quality in Research (QinR) project, I visited the Institute for Molecular Cell Biology. At this institute I learned more about the current research which is carried out and which is related to studying functions of myosin molecules and dynamic organization and functions of the actin cytoskeleton, using a variety of molecular cell biology methods as well as some biochemistry methods.

My study visit also included a visit to the Angiogenesis Laboratory at the Max Planck Institute for Molecular Biomedicine (MPI). I was introduced to the research which is conducted in this laboratory and which is related to gene regulation of angiogenesis in zebra fish models by use of current methods in vascular biology and imaging. I also participated in practical experimental work in the laboratory which was and is very helpful for my further career development as a researcher.

I also visited the Institute of Biology and Biotechnology of Plants. Staff at this institute introduced me to their current research regarding functions of certain biopolymers (e.g. Chitosan) using modern methods in biochemistry and molecular genetics.

I also got a chance to get familiar with the different equipment such as different computer software for imaging and data analysis, electron and fluorescence microscope, equipment for embryonic injection (manipulation), equipment for chromatography and mass spectrometry, chambers for keeping and maintaining experimental plants and animals, and a variety of laboratory chemicals and kits, laboratory consumables, etc.

My current research was upgraded with new knowledge, practical skills and laboratory experiences that I gained during my visit to the above mentioned institutes. Some new ideas I got during my visit will also help me to expand and improve my research by adopting some new approaches.

New personal contacts with the hosting staff will also be very useful for my future work in order to conduct certain parts of my research at some of the Institutes at the University of Münster or to apply and conduct joint scientific projects which will surely improve and deepen our established connections and collaborations.
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Summary of scientific research
The work that was mostly done while at the host institution was related to ideas, concepts
and initializations. Conversations with my assigned advisor have proven to be very
enriching from an intellectual standpoint as well as complementary to my research
interests. Many new ideas have sprung up during the visit.

Meetings and discussions with fellow doctoral students gave me a clearer perspective on
my work and resulted in some literature swap. These meetings were certainly limited in
their scope but they had an intensity and intellectual rigor that could parallel a more
lengthy involvement.

The library facilities were used for literature search as well as to access certain books
which helped my research. I also used the libraries’ vast literature repertoire to inform
myself on certain multidisciplinary approaches to my field, working simultaneously with
various programing packages.

An introduction to the structure of thesis defenses as well as the publishing culture within
a top-tier French institution were also conducted together with other doctoral candidates.

Since I am interested in and will be obligated to rely on various specially reserved
computer programs and devices, usually found in a behavioral psychology lab, I was able
to participate and be a part of a short training introduction of various physiological devices,
all of which have proven to be very useful as I now have a more rounded understanding of
these contraptions and their usage.
Summary of scientific research

During my stay at the Musikhochschule of the University of Münster from 11-25th May 2014, I had the great opportunity to work with one of the most prominent and distinguished German artists, Professor Christina Fassbender, flutist and flute teacher at the University of Münster. After our first introductory group meeting, all of the project participants were appointed to their hosting faculties directly related to their research topic. The first introductory meeting started with a meeting with Mrs. Barbara Plenge, in charge of the internalization affairs of the academy, who presented the academy and all its facilities. Regarding my research on different aspects of musical interpretation and their analysis using the example of the French Flute School, Prof. Fassbender, who is a disciple of French Flute School descendants, gave me useful information about specific styles and techniques along with the analysis of some flute pieces on which she worked with her students. I had the chance to listen to her students where she explained flute teaching and flute playing methods, always focusing on subjects related to my research topic. A visit to a concert of the flute class, where they performed pieces they had worked on with Professor Fassbender, was very useful and offered to me a chance for methods final result analysis. The greatest help and influence in my artistic research was provided through lessons with Prof. Fassbender, where I had the chance to play my master studies’ program pieces. Prof. Fassbender gave many interesting comments and advice on tone, breathing and vibrato issues with useful exercises for improvement but also interpretational and stylistic advice in performing certain pieces. She monitored my progress throughout our meetings and in spite of the lack of time, we managed to achieve some small goals concerning performance issues. It was also a great opportunity to compare methods and playing and teaching approaches of the hosting institution with my home institution, Academy of Music in Sarajevo, and to talk with Prof. Fassbender about a possible future cooperation in terms of concerts, master-classes and further studies. Besides the lessons with Prof. Fassbender, I also visited the library where Mrs. Nina Mersch kindly helped me in finding new literature which will be very helpful for further research and which is not available in my home country. On the very last day of my stay I had the opportunity to meet the classical guitar professor Reinbert Evers. I had the chance to talk with him about his guitar festival “Pro Gitarre” in Münster and about possibilities of cooperation with my home institution and the distinguished guitar event in Sarajevo “Sarajevo International Guitar Festival".
### Summary of scientific research

I had three mentors at the University of Paris 8, all of them were eager to help me with my research and gave me new perspectives on the subject of my PhD dissertation. Prof. Clemens Zobel, Prof. Jean-Louis Fournel and Prof. Bertrand Guillarme are all amongst the top names in their discipline. Over the period of two weeks I met them several times in order to discuss how I should proceed with my PhD dissertation.

I was given access to the resources available at the university library and the professors individually gave me suggestions for books and articles that would be helpful for the theoretical part of my research. Prof. Fournel in particular gave me access to a number of resources, books and articles that I was able to take home with me to Sarajevo. Therefore, my time spent at the University of Paris 8 was important in order to decide how I will proceed with the theoretical part of my research project.

I stayed in touch with all my mentors who will continue to give me advice as I go along with my PhD dissertation. I am extremely grateful for this experience to all the staff and professors of the University of Paris 8 as well as to the organizers in Sarajevo.
Summary of scientific research

During the time spent at the University of Paris 8, I had the opportunity to attend a well-organized program, prepared by the International office staff, to visit the university and the university library, and to attend a one-day conference titled “Archives au present”. This conference took place at the National Archives and gathered several eminent specialists whose work relates to the conservation, interpretation and presentation of archives through museum collections and curatorial practices. The conservation of archives, material and immaterial heritage rise several questions as to what a society at a given moment considers as important enough to protect and guarantee its access to future generations.

The curatorial practices associated to the archives were the main theme of this conference. Usages of archives in artistic contexts on the one hand ‘de-mystify’ historical archives and put them in a critical perspective but this process can also be regarded as a banalization of cultural memory. These issues are becoming more pertinent especially today when the technologies enabling the digitalization of archives are developing. In the Bosnian context these issues are even more relevant given the recent destruction of archives and museums (Sarajevo, 1992) and the issue surrounding the state-funded cultural institutions after the war.

Another and for my research very relevant lecture was held by Sokh Phay-Vakalis within the seminar of Stéphane Audoin-Rouzeau at the École des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (EHESS). The subject of her lecture was the memorial space of bodies in relation to the Cambodian genocide. Her focus was specifically on Rithy Phan’s film “S21: The Khmer Rouge Killing Machine” (2003). The work on the film not only gave room to the survivors’ and torturers/executioners' confrontation but it also asked questions regarding the representation of genocide.

The visit to the University of Paris 8 and the encounter with the researchers of the Laboratoire Arts des images et Art Contemporain was very helpful in providing an original look to the relations between contemporary art and the memory of mass crimes, in these particular examples the memory of genocides.
Summary of scientific research

During the two-week research visit at the University of Vaasa a number of research activities were conducted. We were able to use the Tritonia Library which has subscriptions to all major databases and especially in the Quality Management area. I was able to gain more than 200 articles concerning my PhD research as we had plenty of time for reading and researching. Other activities included presenting and elaborating one’s PhD research plans which were then analyzed in detail and commented by the host professors and researchers.

We also met a number of researchers who were doing innovative research concerning our PhD plans. I was able to meet all these researchers in person and we were able to discuss our research problems and obstacles. We were also introduced to Finland's research environment, studying concept and innovative business environment. Thanks to this study visit I could focus on detailing my PhD research plan.
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**Summary of scientific research**

During my stay at the University of Paris 8 I was very satisfied with the organization of the international cooperation team. We had very good instructions on which resources we could use at the university. Each of us was introduced to a professor from the host university who was the tutor for our dissertations, who guided us and helped us with new information, material and new insights into our topics. I personally had contact with Prof. Jerome Glicenstein who helped me with my research on museums of contemporary art. He also introduced me to literature that is not available at my home university. I used the capacity of the library which has a very nice architecture, good organization and a lot of useful literature. I worked on my research and made copies of the books that were useful for me. In the afternoons I visited museums that Prof. Glicenstein suggested to me for my research. The visits to the museums were very useful and enriching for my research, especially because I did a lot of research already at my home university and to see all this in real in Paris was a very helpful experience.

A great experience was also to meet other colleagues from the region and to exchange experiences with them considering the development of their universities and future strategies on scientific research. These contacts were very useful for our future collaboration because of our similar roots and goals in the development towards European and World scientific levels. It was a great collaboration with the host university and the international office staff who showed a maximum of professional engagement by helping us with our research and with additional programs with the goal to learn more about the local culture, history and tradition. All of this enriched my personal experience and helped me to gain not only new personal connections but also new knowledge which made me proud to be a part of this scientific program. This will also help my home university to further develop by transmitting my experience and knowledge to my colleagues and students.
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Summary of scientific research

The study visit at the University of Münster has fulfilled all my expectations. It gave me the opportunity to get an insight into the organization of the teaching process, research and student and teacher mobility.

The experiences at the University of Münster can be divided into several categories. The first was the organization of the teaching process. We got an introduction to the process, how the professors work with the students and which parts of the teaching process are particularly relevant. For me it was interesting to get acquainted with the manner in which teachers and students communicate, how professors manage to keep the students' attention and how they motivate them to actively participate in the learning process. The most important part was to learn how scientific research is conducted and how it is organized at a Western European university. The friendly hosts, professors and researchers with whom I spoke told me more about the different elements of research work. For me it was especially important to get introduced to the foundations and the manner in which a young researcher applies for project funding. This experience will be useful to me on a personal level and in the organization of research activities at my university. In Münster I also understood why mobility of students and teachers is important. The experience of the German Higher Education system clearly provides guidelines to mobility and creates new opportunities for competition which is expected to create a new quality. As a final segment the university staff provided a lot of helpful tips related to my PhD thesis. I had a series of meetings with researchers and professors from whom I got instructions and clear recommendations on what I could do in my doctoral thesis, e.g. how to problematize specific topics and how to shape a methodological work. The rich university libraries, databases and historical journals at the library enabled me to gather a significant number of research papers which I will use in finalizing my doctoral thesis. Overall it was a very useful experience which I will be able to use at my home university.
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My research work indicates in its title that it is about the past. However, the content is relevant also today because there is not one social issue where the position and role of women in history is not relevant. The review of the role of women in different eras and societies, the articulation of "women's issues", the formulation of theoretical concepts, the accumulation of knowledge about women are all phenomena of the modern era in European and world historiography. The study questions about the position of women in Montenegro, no matter which historical period, intend to communicate the present, to offer "new knowledge" and supplement "our memory" of the past. A new methodological approach, based on interdisciplinary theoretical knowledge, allows the issue of the Montenegrin history through women's history "from the bottom" or from the standpoint of new interpretation of the Montenegrin history as a whole and based on the perception of certain issues of cultural history. For all these reasons, it was an invaluable experience to have the opportunity to compare my experiences while visiting a department of Humanities at a Western European university.

During the two-week study period at the University of Paris 8, I was the guest of the Center for Women's Studies and Gender Studies which was established in 1974 thanks to the efforts of Helen Sixous. The Center is now one of the few centers in France that are entirely devoted to research in the field of gender and sexual difference, gender relations, and feminism. One feature of the Center is its multidisciplinarity and its access to basic problems from different aspects so that students have the opportunity to follow courses in literature, history, sociology, philosophy, political philosophy, art history etc.

Every year numerous conferences, colloquia and seminars with international character are organized at the center, always about current topics in various fields. I got to know the activities which were organized to mark the 30th anniversary of the Department of Gender Studies entitled: Quaranta Les vies du Centre d'études féminines et d'études de genre (1974-2014). I am deeply grateful to my mentor Ms. Nadia Setti, professor of gender studies and comparative literature. Her areas of research are comparative literature (with an emphasis on women authors), problem reading-writing, sexual difference, contemporary Italian writers, and translating. Teachers and students at the center are often directly involved in the current political and social developments (legislation on same-sex marriages as well as discussions on the inclusion of gender theory in primary education). I am sure that this study visit will help me in the personal development of my scientific work.
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Summary of scientific research

I was in Münster for two weeks taking part in the Quality in Research project. It was a very successful and useful time for my future education. My field of interest was Applied Mathematics. My first meeting was with Professor Joachim Michael. He showed me the university library and all the places where I could work and study. I was enthusiastic about the library. I was very pleased to find there some books which are not available in my home country.

I was also introduced to Professor Stevens who is in the same field as me, so that we agreed on some future research. She also gave me some very useful instructions because I am still at the beginning of my PhD studies. After a short discussion with her on the field of common interest, I got some books, articles and instructions for my future work. She suggested trying new methods for solving some problems that I was dealing with in order to improve my work and to get more accurate results.

I am already applying her advice and now I feel more motivated to learn and to obtain high quality of research and education. Some of this work I am definitely going to put into my thesis. I met other young people who were dealing with similar issues as me. We talked about the possibility of cooperation in the future. I was impressed by the kindness of all people I met as well as by their desire to help us.

Fifteen days in Münster is not enough to make some significant results in research but it is enough to make a lot of contacts and to get motivated to learn and to work and to try to contribute to science in my home country.

I had the opportunity to stay at the University of Münster and got in touch with eminent professors, got acquainted with the way they work and because of that I am very grateful. I am hoping for some future cooperation between our faculties.
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**Summary of scientific research**

During the two-week study visit at the University of Paris 8, I successfully completed the biggest part of my planned research activities. Firstly, I collected significant and valuable materials (books, journals, scientific articles in electronic and hard-copy version) in English and French which are important for a better preparation of my PhD thesis “The Role of Military in Arab Regimes and Transitions - Case studies: Egypt, Tunisia, Libya, Syria, Yemen and Bahrain”. I realized this goal through consulting literature and the bibliographies of the excellent libraries at the University of Paris 8 and the University Sciences Po. In this context, I really appreciated the visit to the Center Pompidou and the Arab World Institute that had materials and thematic exhibitions related to my work. In addition, I established contacts with the supervisor and other experts from the University of Paris 8 who contributed to broadening my perspectives and enabled me to build a stronger scientific network with colleagues from Europe. Based on the collected materials and in cooperation with the supervisor I finished a short academic article, i.e. media review “The Voice of Bahrain vs. The Voice of Arab Uprising” for the journal Asian Politics and Policy.

At the same time, I established contacts with other PhD candidates from the Western Balkan region for the purpose of exchanging knowledge and experience, inter alia, in the field of political sciences. I became acquainted with the organization, structure and the way of functioning of the University of Paris 8 as well as with the cultural heritage of Saint Denis. In addition, a briefing was held at the end of the visit providing all participants with the opportunity to talk, exchange views on the study visit and discuss better ways of involving their institutions in exchange programs. The program also included attending different academic events at the University of Paris 8 and meetings with the representatives of the Publication Office of the University of Paris 8 and with the Director for International Relations of the General Council of Seine-Saint Denis. I found the content of the program both relevant and interesting.

Also, the organizers were extremely friendly and helpful. They guided the participants through the campus and gave them useful clues on possible sights to visit and people to get acquainted with. Additionally, I improved my English and got familiar with the French language, culture and customs. Finally, I believe that this visit will contribute to the development of closer connections between the University of Paris 8 and the University of Montenegro.
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**Summary of scientific research**

During my two weeks in Münster I worked at the Institute of Mathematical Statistics where I was introduced to Dr. Volkert Paulsen. During our first meeting he was very interested in learning about my field of research and I was happy to share my ideas with him. We agreed that I should give a short presentation of my current research. He was kind enough to supply me with some much needed literature as well as to point out one of his papers which was very interesting to me. I was given office space which I was able to use every day; this was incredibly useful to me. I had the chance to work on some of my existing ideas in a perfect work environment which is significantly better than the space we have back at my home institution. The fact that I had no other obligation but to work on research was immensely useful and I found myself very productive. Also, the contacts I established were pleasant and may turn out to be a basis for future collaborations. It was a pleasure to work with people working in the same field as mine, especially with doctoral candidates who work with Prof. Paulsen. Mr. Tamino Meyhöfer who was always helpful with the practical stuff made me feel very welcome. During the last days of the stay I gave my presentation as agreed upon. It went very well and sparked an interesting conversation that was very inspiring for my future work. Overall, the input by Prof. Paulsen, literature I had access to and perfect working conditions were of immense usefulness to me and my research. The time in Münster was spent very productively and I can only hope that I will be given a similar opportunity soon.
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**Summary of scientific research**

The topic of my Master thesis is “Petar Lubarda in Montenegro 1946-1951”. It is related to the under-explored phase of Lubarda’s creativity (in which the criticism is carried out through main art elements of painting) and neglected role and significance in affirmation of visual and cultural freedom in the period of collectivism and dictated principles of Marxist aesthetics. The thesis analyses the development process of Lubarda’s work which had a strong impact on art and culture of this era and with the power of his genius left a mark in the world history of fine arts. Much attention in the thesis is paid to the historical framework, socio-political circumstances and relations to art and culture, to changes and products of these relations and their mutual relations (the relations between art and society, artists and authorities, etc.) in which the Montenegrin art scene and culture developed in the early postwar years as well as to Lubarda’s development and impact on it and its influence on his life and work.

After the end of World War II, the priority of the new authorities was general education of the population by the organization of courses, trainings, education of professional staff as well as creating conditions for the cultural development of society. In such transactions, authorities blindly followed the Soviet model in the beginning which provided rules in accordance with the ideological reforms and the establishment of a centralized government by emphasizing the Slavic spirit that was later to be replaced by a Yugoslav spirit together with the change in relations with the USSR. In the later period, starting in 1950, the state performed its dominant role by less visible ideological pressure but it still totally controlled cultural creation by fully financing any cultural action. One of the main tasks of educational policy was to bring education, arts and culture ideologically closer to the masses. Criticism took on the role of an interpreter; exhibitions were rare and mainly collective.

Lubarda and several other significant artists of Montenegro (Milunovic, Vuskovic, Bozovic), most of them educated in French schools, were engaged by the government to raise the cultural life and educational system in Montenegro.

Lubarda’s exhibition on 1 May in 1951 in the gallery ULUS in Belgrade marked the final termination and was a milestone in the period of socialist-realism. It is labeled as a crucial event in the history of culture and contributed to the further development of artistic trends such as “return to the painting” and “pure art”. This is taken as a marginal event of my thesis.
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Summary of scientific research

The University of Paris 8 is one of the best universities which I have visited. I had two mentors, Prof. Christopher Lucken and Prof. Mireille Seguy who helped me a lot. They gave me good pieces of advice concerning my work. Prof. Lucken pointed out some important subjects in my work. He also recommended some books which I cannot find in Montenegro. I have nothing but the best words for my mentors.

We are still in contact and I already sent to him some parts of my work and he will continue to help me. I am very glad to have met the other students from the Western Balkan countries, especially the students who work on the same topic as I do. Concerning the program we had a very interesting time with Filomena Fazio who cared for us during the visit. The project coordinator Severine Bortot was also present. She introduced us to ours mentors and to Dean Danielle Tartakowsky. We attended the very interesting international academic event “Simulation of an ONU’s working session” which was organized by the Political Science Department. We were also introduced to the research environment in France. Then we visited the best place at the university where I spent a lot of my time, the library. We also visited the university’s internal publishing house, the Basilique de Saint Denis, the Conseil General de Seine-Saint Denis, a local public institution, and the Museum of Arts and History of Saint Denis. The last day we went to a concert of the Choirs of Saint Denis.
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Summary of scientific research

My stay in Münster was a pretty short but very successful study visit. My first meeting at the university was with Professor Joachim Michael. He showed me around the faculty, the university library and introduced me to Professor Dereich from the Department of Statistics. At our meetings we talked about my area of research and possible directions of my future work. I got very useful advice and references for the future work on my PhD thesis. Also, he introduced me to his doctoral student Sangmang Li who told me more about her thesis. We discussed conditions of improving knowledge in that area of Mathematics. I met some students interested in the same field and we shared our ideas and experiences.

I am very impressed by the work and research conditions at the University of Münster, the infrastructure of the university, and the kindness and friendliness of the people who are working there.

There is a lot of space for further progress if you are interested in getting ahead with your work and devoted enough. Also, you can cooperate and share ideas with young researchers because they are very engaged in scientific work and they work very actively. I could find appropriate literature which is not available in my home country, thus I could improve the knowledge in my area.

I am very grateful for the opportunity to have been a guest researcher at the University of Münster. I got useful advice, so I can go on with my work using some guidelines and suggestions from my contacts in Münster. I shared the experiences with my colleagues in Montenegro too. I look forward to another visit or cooperation between my colleagues from Münster and me.
**Summary of scientific research**

I am currently in my second year as PhD at the University of Strasbourg as beneficiary of the French Government Scholarship which enables me to spend one month per year in Strasbourg. Any additional contact with French libraries is of paramount importance to me. I found the study visit at the University of Paris 8 very useful for two main reasons: the research at the university library and the contact with professors specialized in legal translation.

My PhD thesis “The French Language of the European Union Law: Linguistic Analysis and Translation into BCMS (Bosnian, Croatian, Montenegrin, Serbian)”. The objectives of my PhD thesis are various: examining the linguistic particularities of the European Union legal language (vocabulary, syntax, legal discourse) and determining the methods of translation into the languages stemming from the former Serbo-Croatian.

The materials collected at the university library are highly significant for my research and provide me with a thorough insight into the following areas:

- Geneses of the contemporary terminology, term concept relation, lexicological and terminological approaches to designation
- Corpus linguistics, quantification of the language phenomena, computer-mediated discourse analysis (in particular lexical and morpho-syntactic analysis), lexical statistics principles and methods
- Semantics of the specialized terms: semantic variation in terminology
- Legal translation
- Challenges of the European Union multilingualism

In addition to research activities, the study visit program allowed us to attend some academic and cultural events which additionally improved our stay in Paris (e.g. International Academic Event “Simulation of an ONU’s working session”, Conference “Approche éthique du plagiat: regards croisés”, visit of “Presses universitaires de Vincennes”, the university’s internal publishing house, visit of the Basilique de Saint Denis, visit of the Museum of Arts and History of Saint Denis, concert of Choirs of Saint Denis).
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At the University of Münster I got to know my host professor Dr. Henk Erik Meier who introduced me to the other academic staff of the department. We had a very good and interesting discussion on possible future cooperation and I believe that these meetings will deliver a very good contribution to the whole discussion on social issues of sport in the future. Afterwards I visited the sports facilities such as the main outdoor and indoor sporting halls with contemporary ICT and modern dressing rooms, diagnostic center with associated equipment etc. I was very impressed when I visited the indoor sporting hall since it is a high infrastructure facility.

On the second day we started working on research topics; we had several meetings and discussed relevant issues regarding the impact of sport on national identity. We also concluded that the best option would be to prepare a project proposal and to submit it within the Horizon 2020 program. On the other hand, I had a meeting with Prof. Dr. Maike Tietjens who is responsible for International Relations. I discussed with her the potential cooperation between our departments in order to exchange students and academic staff, to write joint project proposals and to organize modules for our students. Although I only stayed two weeks, I am sure these meetings were a cornerstone for future cooperation. Besides research and bilateral activities, I am glad the host university organized many social activities such as dinners, series of lectures, guided city tour, cycling tour etc.

I would like to conclude with the fact that my study visit to the University of Münster was very beneficial for my future career since I set up a new research team, had new ideas, negotiated the establishment of new bilateral cooperation and met a lot of interesting people.

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We would like to thank all researchers for sharing their experiences and visions!

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