Objective 1 **Implementing a modern automated library system, creating the shared catalogue of academic libraries-partners in the project from Republic of Moldova**

It is the first and the most difficult objective of the project to be achieved in 2014. In order to realize it, a number of activities were done as follows:

1. *Analyzes of current situation of academic libraries:*
   - *Infrastructure*
   - *Software*
   - *Equipment*

The libraries –partners from Moldova analyzed the current situation based on a form developed by European partners, colleagues from Lithuanian University of Health Sciences. The form was aimed to present the infrastructure, the collections, the library software that academic libraries are currently working with, and also technical equipment each library has.

2. *Establishing the libraries needs about library automation technology*

The libraries –partners from Moldova have analyzed the aspect connected to automation of library technologies and the needs regarding their development. The obtained data were presented to the European partners.

3. *Establishing synthesis based on investigations and presenting them at the kickoff meeting in Kaunas, Lithuania.*

Based on research, statistical syntheses were developed but also some other information regarding libraries –partners from RM was presented. The syntheses were aimed to reflect data about collections, OPAC, electronic libraries, users, etc. Those syntheses were presented at a kickoff meeting held in the Library of Lithuanian University of Health Sciences on March 14, 2014.

4. *Researching the relevant software for partners-libraries from Republic of Moldova.*

At this subject we can mention that the fallowing activities have been done:

1) Presenting the information about performed library software implemented in European countries' libraries (Daiva, kickoff meeting, Kaunas). Presenting the ALEPH software by the representative of Exlibris company (March, 13)

2) Organizing visits of representatives of companies producing specialized library software (Chisinau, Scientific Medical Library, State University of Medicine and Pharmacy "N. Testemitanu"). Presentation of fallowing software:
   - Aleph, a EXLIBRIS Company Product (April, 2-3)
   - KOHA, a product developed by French company BibLibre (April, 9-11)

The presentation was attended by specialists from all partner-libraries from Moldova, but also partners from Library of Lithuanian University of Health Sciences.

5. *Purchasing the software and the server*

Regarding this task we can mention the following:

1) Partners from Kaunas achieved all necessary actions to organize an auction on purchasing specialized library software for libraries from Moldova, which will take place on September 7 in Kaunas, Lithuania.
2) On august, 18 State University of Medicine and Pharmacy "N. Testemitanu" organized an auction on purchasing a server on which the new library soft will be installed. The tender period was extended to September 17, based on the fact that companies require additional information about server's capacity, information that can be offered just by company producing library software, namely the company that will win the auction on September 7.

- **<u>Objective 2</u> Disseminating the information about the MISISQ Project**

In order to achieve this goal, the fallowing actions have been done:

1. Creating working groups
2. Developing the project logo and slogan
3. Creating the web site
4. Disseminating the information about the MISISQ Project
5. Elaborating promotional materials

A working group for disseminating information about the project, including representatives from all libraries-partners was created.

We will mention the creation of project web site (http://misisq.usmf.md) (the home page will be presented).

Information about the MISISQ project was also placed on institutions-partners' sites (to be nominated).

We will also mention the elaborating of promotional material: flags, pens, bags, posters. Currently we are finalizing/coordinating and signing the contract with the company that will do those materials (samples of materials will be presented).

Regarding the dissemination of information about the project in the media, we will mention that during this period 3 articles were published in newspapers: SUMPh, MSU, Faclia; 2 articles were published in electronic journal „Bibliouniversitas", journal published by ABRM, Academic Libraries Section.

Objective 3 *Project management*

1. ***Creating working groups:***
   - Implementing the specialized library software in libraries from Republic of Moldova (coordinator: Lithuanian University of Health Sciences);
   - Institutional Repository (coordinator: Debreceni Egyetem UNIDEB University, Hungary
   - Information Literacy (coordinator: University of Medicine and Pharmacy from Cluj-Napoca, Romania);
   - Dissemination (coordinator: Scientific Medical Library of State University of Medicine and Pharmacy "N. Testemitanu" SUMPh, Republic of Moldova);
   - Management (working group composed by coordinators of working groups);
   - Coordinating Council (at national level composed by managers of academic libraries-partners from Moldova, Coordinator: L. Karnaeva). A number of working meetings of the Council were held, having the goal to achieve the objectives and tasks for 2014 (April 14, May 21, June 9).

2. ***Creating working groups at institutional level***

Within each institution-partner working groups approved by the order of Rectors of concerned universities were created.

3. ***Organizing a travel to a kickoff meeting in Kaunas, Lithuania - 14 persons from Republic of Moldova)***

From 10 to 15 March, 2014 a visit to Kaunas was organized, in order to take part in a kickoff meeting, organized by Library of Lithuanian University of Health Sciences. The meeting was attended by representatives from all institutions-partners, including 14 persons from libraries from Republic of Moldova

4. ***Organizing a visit of partners from Kaunas in Moldova, in order to determine the software needs of libraries partners from Republic of Moldova and to take part in presenting the library software KOHA (April 9-11, Chisinau)***
5. ***Organizing a training about completion of documents related to the project -*** the actions were organized within the State University of Medicine and Pharmacy "N. Testemitanu" (15 persons).