

## **COST Action IS1409 | GENDER AND HEALTH IMPACTS OF POLICIES EXTENDING WORKING LIFE IN WESTERN COUNTRIES**

### **Local Policy Workshop - Serbia**

#### **Population Aging in Serbia and the Balkans - Gender differences and consequences for working age, retirement policies and health care**

We had a pleasure of hosting and international Policy Workshop, funded by COST IS1409 on 24th July at the Faculty of Medical Sciences

University of Kragujevac, Serbia.

Workshop was an event that attracted attention from broader auditorium among health professionals and policy makers.

It was broadcasted on a regional television network and attracted approximately fifty (50) attendees from entire country.

Lecturers were Professor Mihajlo (Michael) Jakovljevic MD, PhD, University of Kragujevac / Hosei University Tokyo; Prof Jay Ginn, BSc, MSc, PhD Surrey University, Professor Mirjana Jovanovic MD, PhD, University of Kragujevac and Assist Professor Nemanja Rancic MD, PhD Faculty of Medicine of the Military Medical Academy, University of Defence, Belgrade.

Participants were mostly either of social science, clinical or academic background affiliated to the University Hospitals or state owned Universities of Kragujevac, Novi Sad, Belgrade. Some of the attendees were actually a late stage PhD students with ground education as physicians, dentists, pharmacists, social workers or psychologists.

A workshop was schedule with both the entrance and exit test of knowledge which proved out a significant outreach to the audience and transfer of knowledge and skills.

Regional municipality authorities of Central Serbia and corresponding social and labor market support offices were timely notified about this event and were able to follow its content.

We frankly believe that our joint effort created a strong impetus towards growing awareness among policy makers on gender and work issues in Serbian community.