Dear Ladies and Gentlemen’s, higher EU and MNE Government representatives,

As a DEAN of Faculty of Mechanical Engineering at the University of Montenegro, It is my privilege to be here this morning on the opening ceremony of conference dedicated to the Enterprise Europe network, which is partly organized and participated with the people from my faculty.

I’ll take your attention shortly to present a vison of my faculty in the field of EEN network, which we believe it’s extremely important in the recent future in term of our economic development.

Mission of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering as a higher education and scientific institution is to:

* Educate young people through the implementation of modern methods and techniques in the field of engineering,
* Create quality experts capable of contributing, through their creative, work to the development of Montenegro and region in accordance to the European trends and standards,
* Develop scientific and professional work as an essential part of education,
* Meet national needs of Montenegro,
* Cooperate with other similar institutions in abroad, thus creating the integrative function of Montenegro itself, and especially,
* ***Enhance entrepreneurship of our graduate students in the field of engineering. I can proudly say that we have many respectable managers here in Montenegro, graduated at our school so far. This approach will be in our focus in recent years through the changing of our curricula and programs, which we believe that will start in 2020 school year. We hope that new generations of our graduate students will be a founders of new enterprises, which will provide work places for many people and therefore give significant contribution of the wealth in our country.***

Since the beginning almost 50 years ago my Faculty gives:

* >1100 students graduated;
* > 50 master’s of science;
* > 20 PhD thesis have been defended.

We are very proud on our ***Center of Quality*** which is a organization unit at the Faculty, especially because it was established with the purpose to develop cooperation with industry and institution around us, and to make a contribution increasing of SME’s competitiveness. It was founded at the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering almost 22 years ago, and we believe it will grow and do better in future in front of us.

The activities of the Center covers three branches:

* Introducing Quality and standards (ISO 9000, ISO 14000, ISO 18000, ISO 22000/HACCP-Consulting and training...) in companies in MNE,
* Working on projects of Applied informatics, and
* Industrial engineering.

Center for quality has implemented many projects as:

* Quality Management System (ISO 9001),
* Environmental Management System (ISO 14001)
* Hazard analysis and critical control points (HACCP)
* CE mark.

Our Center of Quality launched in 2007 an international scientific journal called ***"International Journal for Quality Research“***.

* Once per year our school through the Center of Quality organizes the conference called **SQM (Quality management systems)** where we gather a number of people from the country and region in order to gather new information and knowledge about the possibilities of improving competitiveness of organizations.
* The Center is also organizer of International Conference **ICQME**. The first conference was held in 2006.

The Faculty of Mechanical Engineering currently implements numerous other projects, some of which are in direct correlation with EEN network activities, such as the Erasmus plus Project Rebus (Integrating and validating practical entrepreneurship skills in engineering and ICT studies). The main objective of the project is to develop, test, validate and mainstream holistic and needs driven open learning modules to promote entrepreneurship competences of ICT graduates, engineering and other technical studies from the Western Balkans and Russia at the interface of academic education and learning in practice business contexts. Through this project EU partners give strong support to address the challenge of bringing entrepreneurship into higher education institutions, establishing a cooperative network of EU and partnering countries. This year we have received two more Erasmus projects out of 6 received at UCG, one of which is the continuation of Rebus Project I, which relates to Enhancing and validating service related competences in Versatile learning environments.

At the end I wish you a good conference and fruitful discussions, many questions and ideas to develop. I can promise that my faculty will continue to give contribution in this important field in years in front. Thank you very much!