World University Service (WUS) Austria

Since 1983 committed to the development of Higher Education
WUS Austria is a politically independent, non-governmental organisation committed to academic freedom and the right to education. Our vision is to be the competent partner for the development of higher education as key factor for socio-economic and political advancement of societies.
WUS Austria increases quality in higher education in accordance with international standards through its activities and the provision of project development, project management, networking and consulting services. Our mission is to establish solid and sustainable structures for a strong role of universities in society.
• **Our Approach**

WUS Austria ensures a high level of sustainability by applying a systemic top-down and bottom-up approach in its activities from the policy level to the level of individuals.

• **Main Principles**
  – Sustainability and local ownership
  – Partnership and co-operation
  – Capacity and institution building
  – Academic solidarity
  – Promotion of human rights, peace and stability
- **Our Support to the partners**
  - Development of new and innovative project ideas
  - Professional management of projects
  - Fostering knowledge and technology transfer
  - Networking activities, and
  - A broad range of consulting services
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**Total WUS Staff 45**

**Other Staff 01/2010**
Albania, Bulgaria, Croatia, Macedonia, Moldova, Romania, Slovenia, Austria 13
Target Countries

- Albania
- Austria
- Belgium
- Bosnia & Herzegovina
- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- Czech Republic
- France
- Germany
- Hungary
- Italy
- Kosovo
- Macedonia
- Moldova
- Montenegro
- Netherlands
- Poland
- Romania
- Serbia
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Serbia
- Ukraine
- WUS Austria

Target Areas

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- Ongoing Projects
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Core Target Areas

- **Higher Education Development**

- **Linking Higher Education & Economy**
  - Research & Development, Development of Applied Curricula, Human Resource Development

- **Arts & Culture**

- **Higher Education & Human Rights**
Support to Reforms of Higher Education
- Brain Gain Program +
- Course Development Program + (CDP+) - Kosovo
- Development of Labour Market Relevant Master, PhD and Chair Programs at SEE Universities
- Establishment of Quality Assurance Centers at the University of Montenegro
- Support to Innovative Project ideas in the Field of academic Cooperation and Exchange between Austrian and Montenegrin Higher Education Institutions
- Support to Serbian Accreditation Agency
- Support to the Establishment and Work of the University Reform and Development Support Unit at the University of Pristina / Kosovo
- Support to the University of Novi Pazar
• Strategic and Structural Development of Quality Assurance in Bosnian and Herzegovinian Higher Education in 2008 - 2010
• Fostering and Developing the Quality Culture at the University of Prishtina
• From Quality Assurance to Strategy Development
• One Month Study Visits to Austria for University Graduates
• Example of Excellence for Joint (Degree) Programme Development in South Eastern Europe
• Academic Information Center (AIC)
• Balkan Case Challenge
• Business and Economics Internship Program
• COMPETENCE – Matching competences in higher education and economy: From competence catalogue to strategy and curriculum development
• Construction of a new Medical Preclinic Campus in Banja Luka, Phase I, concept
• Cooperation Project between Spain/ Extremadura and Bosnia and Herzegovina
• Creating R&D Capacities and Instruments for boosting Higher Education - Economy Cooperations
• Experiencing Europe: Serbian Young Professionals in Austria – Zoran Đinđić Internship Programme
• PATTERNS_LECTURE SET

• UNHQ – United Nations Headquarters in Montenegro
European Commission

IPA/EuropeAid

- EU-LER „Legal Education System Reform“ – Support to the Law Faculty at Prishtina University
Tempus IV 2nd Call

- EU standards for accreditation of study programs on BiH universities
- Kosovo Interdisciplinary Knowledge Triangle Center – PhD based Education, Research and Training for Medical and Natural Sciences
- Supporting and Developing the Structures for the Q&A at the Private Higher Education Institutions in Kosova
- Boosting the knowledge triangle by establishing Innovation Offices in Ukrainian higher education institutions
Within its programs in South Eastern Europe so far, WUS Austria has design, implemented and/or supported:

- Scholarships for 374 Students
- Academic Mobility 385 Postgraduates and Post Docs
- 1,340 Academics
- Development of teaching and research infrastructure for 280 Faculties
- Curriculum development 320 Courses
- 17 Study Programs (Master programs)
- New Teaching methodology 38 Programs based on the new teaching methodology
- Strategy Development 7 National Strategies in the filed of Higher Education
- Structural measures 22 Centers and Units at the Higher Educational Institutions
- Conferences and Training 64 Trainings / Conferences
- Mobility Consulting to Students and University Staff 7,160 individual Consultations
- 72 University and faculty cooperation projects
Annual Budget ~ 2,8 Mio € (2008)

Main Donors

- Austrian Development Cooperation
- European Commission

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