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WUS Austria Prishtina Office is opened in 1998

WUS Austria represents one of the main partners of the University of Prishtina (UP)

Its activities can be summarised (divided) into three stages:

- 1) Emergency stage, 1998-2002
- 2) Development stage, 2002-2007
- 3) Partnership/Twinning stage, 2008/2011

WUS Austria was/is part of different professional bodies, e.g.:

- Member of Experts Team for Drafting the Strategy for the Higher Education of Kosova for the Period 2005-2015
- Board Member of Experts Team for advising the Higher Officers in Charge for electing the new/current Rector of the UP
- Board member of Center for Innovation and Technology Transfer of Kosova(CITT)
- Member of Bologna Promoters Team of Kosova

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# The Higher Education in Kosova

Responsibility for the HE in Kosova lies to the Department for the Higher Education within the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology of the Republic of Kosova

New Law for Higher Education no-2002/3, adopted on May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2003

Bologna System (3+2+3) implemented since 2001/2002

There are two Public Universities:

1. University of Prishtina,
  - The UP has 17 Faculties
  - Around 35000 students unrolled at UP
2. University of Mitrovica

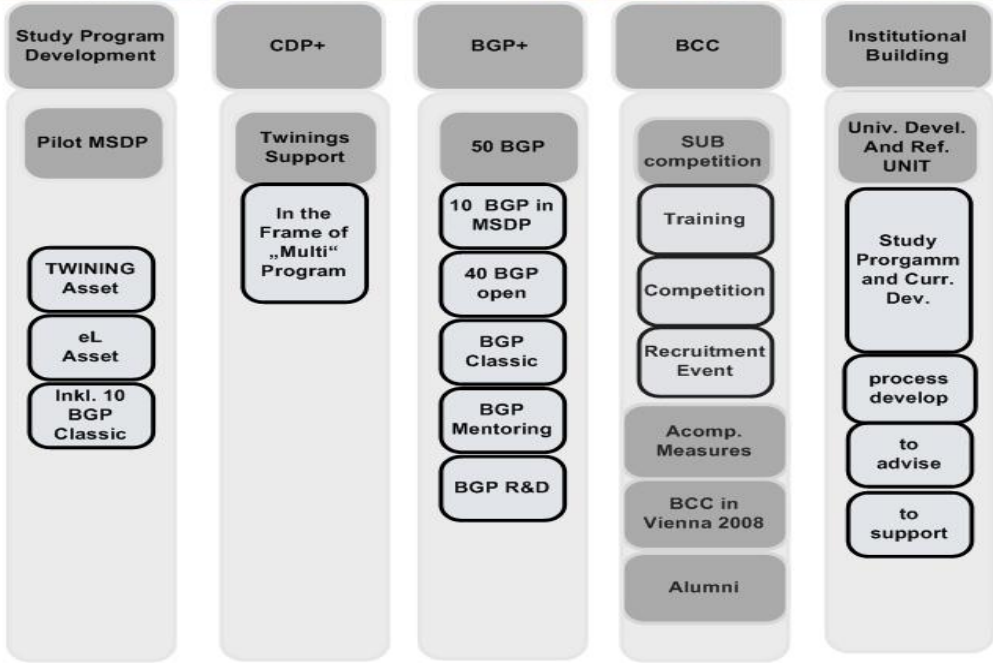
There are 30 licensed private HE Institutions

- Around 19000 students enrolled in private HE institutions.

Currently, WUS Austria cooperates with the University of Prishtina



WUS Austria Programm Scheme in KS ADA 2008-2011



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# Short overview of the ADC Projects in Kosova

The project is supporting the structure of the Austrian "Multidimensional Project" (MP) and will be implemented under the same Austrian Umbrella and in a very close cooperation with the Project Management Unit (PMU) of the MP.

## Master Studies Development Program (MSDP)

- Strategic support to the development of three master programs focusing on:
  1. Labour market demands resulting in practical application of knowledge,
  2. Cooperation with Austrian Universities
  3. Brain Gain effect
- A standard master program contains mostly five modules consisting of 3-5 courses
- Total number of ECTS between 60 and 120
- Courses for the needs of eLearning and LLL will be seen as an asset
- 20% of BGP+ guest lecturers will support MSDP

## Brain Gain Program Plus (BGP+)

- BGP+ lectures: classic, research and mentorship
- 50 BGP+ visits
- 10 out of 50 visits are expected to flow into the MSDP

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## Course Development Program Plus (CDP+)

- CDP+ supports the course development at the UP
- 20 CDP+ will be implemented
- Priority will be given to courses relevant to the labour market
- 50% of the CDP+ funds will be reserved for the Multidimensional project (within twinning component).

## University Reform and Development Support Unit

- Hiring and training the Curriculum and Study Program Officer
- Support the reforms at the UP in the fields of curriculum and study programs
- Ensuring the sustainability of both projects: WUS Project and the Multidimensional Project

## Kosova Case Challenge 2008 (KCC 2008)

- Main objective of KCC: linking Higher Education with the Economy
- KCC 2008 took place in Prishtina during May 10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008
- 42 participants were part of KCC 2008
- 13 different partners supported KCC 2008
- 10 internships are provided for the participants of KCC 2008

## Status Quo in the Projects

- Regular meetings/consultations with Rector and Vice rectors of the UP

- Many direct meetings with deans, vice deans and professors from different faculties of the UP, providing the information on current projects.

- Developed guidelines and application form for the MSDP

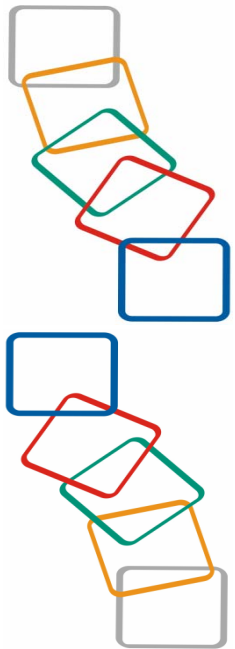
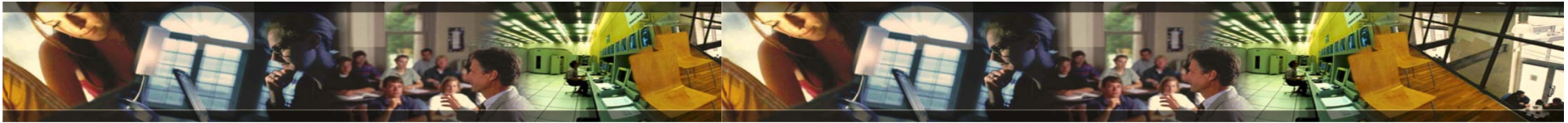
- In cooperation/consultation with Rector of the UP, ADC office in Prishtina, Manager of MP, and WUS Austria is decided that two MSDP projects will be implemented in:

1. Faculty of Philosophy, Department of Political Sciences –Public Administration, and Psychology,

2. Faculty of Medicine,

whereas the third Master Program is still open.

- Developed application form for the BGP+ and CDP+



# Thank you!

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