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1992 – WUS Austria started its activities in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

1994 – WUS Austria office in B&H was opened in Sarajevo.

1994 – WUS Austria started its "Academic Lifeline" Programme for Sarajevo, which soon became a support project for all universities in the B&H Federation (Sarajevo, Mostar, Tuzla and Bihać). The University of Banja Luka was included in the "Academic Lifeline" Programme in 1996, since then WUS Austria's support programmes cover the entire university system in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

1999 – The foundation assembly of the Bosnian Committee of World University Service, "Svjetski Univerzitetski Servis Bosne i Hercegovine" (SUS BiH), took place at the University of Sarajevo.

WUS Austria's projects to date have focused on four main aspects:

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| <b>HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT</b> | <b>ACADEMIC INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT</b>    |
| <b>INFORMATION AND COUNSELLING</b> | <b>INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL COOPERATION</b> |

# Higher Education in Bosnia and Herzegovina

In B&H, there are:

eight public (6 in the FB&H and 2 in the RS),  
six private universities (1 in the FB&H and 5 in the RS) and  
eleven private faculties and colleges (3 in the FB&H and 8 in the RS).

Within public universities, there are a total of 137 institutions of higher education: faculties, academies, and high schools. Around 95% of the total number of students study at public universities in B&H.

WUS Austria is cooperating intensively with all public universities in B&H through its projects.

# Higher Education in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Bosnia and Herzegovina received a **new Framework Law on Higher Education July 2007**

Main goals of the Framework Law on Higher Education:

- to legitimize and accept European strategic objectives and plans, as stipulated in Bologna Declaration and subsequent relevant documents and
- to define higher education (HE) as an area of special interest for BH

Integration of the BH public universities

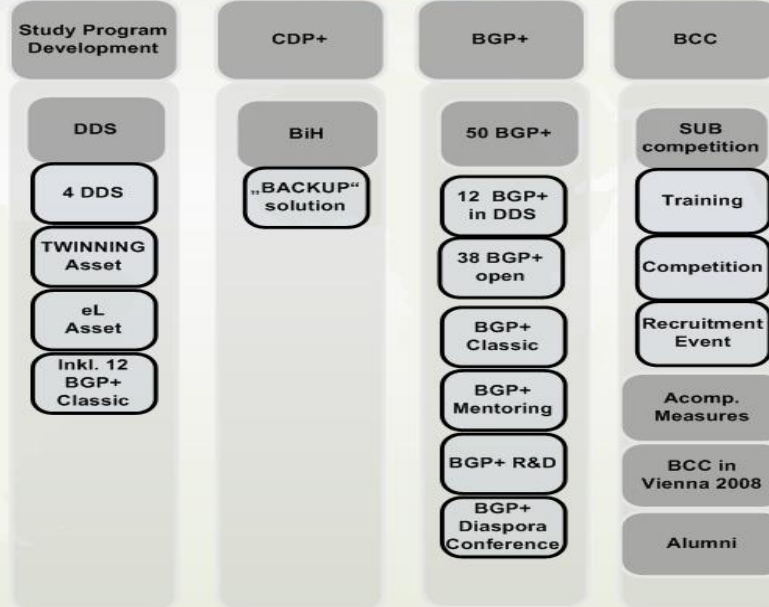
- At this moment all BH public universities, excluding the University of Tuzla and the University of Zenica, are not integrated.

Bologna implementation

- All university institutions have already started with the implementation of the Bologna Process by themselves, recognizing the Bologna Declaration as the international source of legislation.
- Universities in BH agree that higher education reforms are essential if universities in BH want to be a part of the European Higher Education Area by 2010.
- Reaching the Bologna Process goals is the most important vision higher education institutions in BH have.



WUS Austria Program Scheme in BiH ADA 2008-2011



# A Look at the ADA Projects in Bosnia and Herzegovina

## Degree Development Structure (DDS)

- supports interested faculties in creating tailor-made degree programs (Master or PhD) to satisfy the needs of the society and labour market.
- standard project contains five modules consisting of 3-5 courses each with total number of ECTS between 60 and 120.
- within the foreseen budget, degree development structures at four faculties from different BH universities will be developed
- CDP++ as a backup

## Brain Gain Program Plus (BGP+)

- based on already established BGP project
- BGP+ lectures, research and mentorship
- 50 BGP+ visits
- 12 out of 50 visits are expected to flow into the DDS

## Status Quo in the Projects

- May, 23-June, 17 – 8 Round tables were held at B&H public universities, providing the information on upcoming projects.
- Intensive communication
- Direct meetings with rectors and vice rectors as well as academic community in B&H
- Due to the specific structure of the project and new methodology in creating the programs, quantity of interest is still not precisely defined, but clear need is perceived at all universities!

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