

PROJECTS (SELECTION)

- ❖ **Higher KOS - Promoting Institutional Development in Higher Education and Research in Kosovo**; www.higherkos.info: the project encompasses three thematic areas: education quality, research promotion, quality management and governance (Austrian Development Cooperation).
- ❖ **From Quality Assurance to Strategy Development**; the project introduced far-reaching reforms in QA at eight universities in BiH including capacity building/HR development and strategy/process development (European Commission).
- ❖ **Feasibility study for setting up a Science and Technology Park in Montenegro**; a feasibility study was developed offering specific recommendations and a concept for the establishment of the first STP in Montenegro (Government of Montenegro).
- ❖ **INTERFACE - Developing and setting up measures for initiating, enhancing and sustaining Higher-Education-Society-Cooperation**; enhancing employability, ensuring lifelong learning and on the job training for academics, fostering multiplication of academic knowledge to society, combating brain drain, and setting up a continuous learning and quality improvement system (European Commission).
- ❖ **PATTERNS Lectures**; www.patternslectures.org; the project enables institutions in Central, Eastern and South Eastern Europe to expand/enrich their existing curricula with new content: cultural history with a focus on the visual arts and culture from the 1960s until today (ERSTE Foundation).
- ❖ **EQADE - Embedding Quality Assurance in Doctoral Education**; the project focuses on quality management and administration of doctoral education at university level and on developing consistent quality standards in doctoral education in BiH (European Commission).
- ❖ **UNIMIG - Migration and Higher Education - Building Skills and Capacities**; www.unimig.tsu.edu.ge; to develop master programs in migration studies at 6 universities in Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia and transfer skills and competencies in the interdisciplinary field of migration studies (European Commission).

More information on projects, our activities and partners can be found on our website.

SOME FACTS AND FIGURES

Projects:

- ✓ around 25 ongoing projects
- ✓ more than 110 finalized projects

Scope:

- ✓ activities in 42 countries

Strategy development:

- ✓ 7 national strategies in the field of higher education

Curriculum development:

- ✓ 335 courses
- ✓ 31 study programs (Master and PhD programs)
- ✓ 2 faculty curricula

Development of teaching and research infrastructure:

- ✓ for 282 faculties, campuses and universities

Guest lectures (Brain Gain Program):

- ✓ 716 guest lectures

Strategies and structures:

- ✓ QA offices/strategies at 21 universities
- ✓ R&D support offices/strategies/instruments at 10 universities
- ✓ Centers for career counseling, alumni and LLL at 8 universities
- ✓ 3 Business Start-up and Innovation Centers
- ✓ PhD coordination units

Events:

- ✓ more than 100 conferences, trainings and seminars
- ✓ 52 case study competitions with more than 2.500 participating students

University and faculty cooperation:

- ✓ 72 university and faculty cooperation projects

PUBLICATIONS

Four times a year WUS Austria publishes a newsletter including an editorial, a thematic article and the latest news. To subscribe to the newsletter visit our website.

WUS Austria furthermore issues a variety of publications.



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WORLD UNIVERSITY SERVICE (WUS) AUSTRIA

Committed to the promotion of the right to education ...since 30 years

PROFILE

World University Service (WUS) Austria is a politically independent, non-governmental organization committed to the promotion of the human right to education on the basis of academic freedom and university autonomy.

WUS Austria is the competent partner for the development of higher education, which is a key factor in the socio-economic and political advancement of every society.

WUS Austria's MISSION therefore aims at increasing the quality of higher education in accordance with European (Bologna process; European Higher Education Area - EHEA) and international standards in order to establish solid and sustainable structures for a strong role of universities in society.

Sustainable development of higher education goes beyond the university level. Responding to this, WUS Austria works together with the public sector, economy and society as a whole.

30 years of experience working for the development of Higher Education

COMPETENCIES AND EXPERTISE

- ❖ 30 years of experience in Higher Education development and reform
 - ❖ Vast experience in the coordination, management, preparation, implementation, monitoring and internal evaluation of projects in Higher Education
 - ❖ In-depth knowledge of global trends and developments in Higher Education
 - ❖ Comprehensive know-how in dealing with change processes at higher education institutions in transition countries
 - ❖ Proven expertise in technology transfer and in the development of R&D and innovation policies, strategies and structures
 - ❖ Well-founded knowledge about the political, economic, social and educational situation in Europe
 - ❖ Long record of strategic development, capacity and institution building
 - ❖ Wide-ranging experience of working in an international and intercultural context
- ...and the ability to use all this experience and expertise for the successful implementation of measures for specific target groups.

Development of Higher Education in accordance with Bologna standards

APPROACH

- ❖ Shaping change processes through capacity building and trainings – we develop modules for higher education institutions in an international context and provide knowledge and tools to manage the challenges
- ❖ Diversified and tailor-made approach for each individual region, country and institution
- ❖ Holistic approach where all stakeholders at all levels are part of the process and where the interests of staff and students are equally taken seriously as are the views and opinions of university management and political stakeholders
- ❖ Equal opportunities: we highly appreciate the advantages of a differentiated and balanced working team; we therefore ensure that all services and activities are open to both women and men, and encourage people of all ages to participate in our projects as experts

Shaping change processes using a diversified and tailor-made approach

SERVICE AREAS

Our work encompasses three thematic areas and one technical area:

- Higher Education Development**
 - Curriculum Development / all three cycles
 - Change Management and Organizational Development
 - Quality Assurance
 - Internationalization
 - The Brain Gain Program
- Linking Higher Education & Society**
 - Structural Instruments for Research & Development
 - Practice-oriented Education
 - Lifelong Learning (LLL)
- Higher Education & Human Rights**
- Technical Support**
 - Project Management
 - Fundraising and Management of Project Applications
 - Event Management
 - Trainings