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For 25 years the World University Service (WUS) Austria has been promoting successfully the human right to education, academic freedom and the autonomy of academic institutions.

The focus of WUS Austria on the countries of Southeastern Europe, where there is a heightened need for cooperation in education and research with the member states of the European Union, deserves special recognition. By setting up local offices in Southeastern Europe, WUS Austria has been contributing greatly to the establishment of links and networks between the local institutions of higher learning and academic research on the one hand and their counterparts in the European Union on the other hand, which has led to much improved opportunities for cooperation.

These goals are fully supported by the Ministry for European and International Affairs. Consequently, our two institutions have been cooperating successfully on many occasions.

Therefore, on behalf of the Cultural Policy Department of the Ministry for European and International Affairs it is my pleasure to express my special recognition to WUS Austria for the many years of beneficial cooperation and to extend my best wishes for the future.

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