

WUS AUSTRIA IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

„Nobody could have imagined that – at the same time when computers were started at other European offices in the morning – we in WUS Austria Sarajevo Office, back in the cold war winter of 1994, started fire in our old office stove. We were using logs or even pieces of the office carpet to keep us warm in order to implement the 1st Program of WUS Austria in Bosnia and Herzegovina, financed by the Federal Chancellery of the Republic of Austria“

VESNA BESIREVIC, THE FIRST HEAD OF THE WUS AUSTRIA SARAJEVO OFFICE



Sarajevo, WUS Office, Winter 1994: 1st Head WUS Austria Sarajevo Office, Vesna Besirevic, with the office team

WUS OFFICE



Sarajevo, 1994: Building of the 1st WUS Austria Sarajevo Office in Marsala Tita Street



Sarajevo Airport, summer 1994: Prof. Wolfgang Benedek in front of the UN airplane (MAYBE AIRLINES), on his way back to Graz after the Fact finding mission at the University of the besieged Sarajevo



In the UN airplane, above Sarajevo, 1995: Prof. Helmut Konrad, former Rector of the University of Graz and Prof. Thomas Kenner, former Dean of the Medical Faculty in Graz

1992

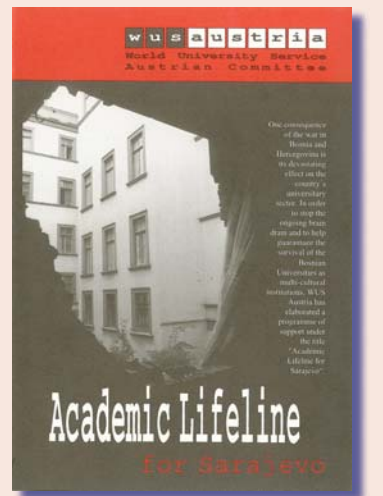
WUS Austria starts assistance to refugee students from Bosnia and Herzegovina in Austria and Croatia

1993

WUS Austria, together with several Austrian universities, organized first humanitarian aid to the University of Sarajevo

1994

WUS Austria Sarajevo Office was opened with support of the Republic of Austria, European Union and many other donors. Start of the Program „Academic Lifeline for Sarajevo“ financed by the Federal Chancellery of the Republic of Austria.



CURRENTLY

WUS Austria implements higher education development projects at and with all 8 public universities in Bosnia and Herzegovina:

- Development of 4 labor market relevant Master / PhD Programs
- Development of a Quality Assurance System supporting universities' Strategy Development
- Support to the Development of a Business Start – Up Centre at the University of Tuzla
- Construction of the new Medical Campus and establishment of a Biobank at the University of Banja Luka
- Implementation of the probably largest students' case study based competition in Europe – Balkan Case Challenge

1998

Banja Luka Office of WUS Austria was founded.



WUS AUSTRIA LEADS THE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF BIH, A BODY WHICH COORDINATES ALL NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE COUNTRY.

MOST OF OUR PROJECTS IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA ARE FINANCED BY THE AUSTRIAN DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION. SOME PROJECTS ARE FINANCED BY THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION.

1999

National WUS Committee in Bosnia and Herzegovina – SUS BiH „Svjetski Univerzitetski Servis Bosne i Hercegovine“ was founded.

2001

The ACCESS Centre - „Academic Co-operation Centre for Students in Sarajevo Centre“ at the University Campus of Sarajevo was opened by WUS Austria Sarajevo Office and SUS BiH.



Sarajevo, 2000: Head of WUS Sarajevo Office, Dino Mujkic, with the architect of the ACCESS Centre.



Access centre today

„Today, WUS Austria's focus is no longer on humanitarian aid but on the development of higher education in BH and the support of reforms in this country. Many thanks to Prof. Benedek and all people from WUS Austria for the support given to our country, to our education and our students which enabled them to create a better life and a better Bosnia and Herzegovina“

(DINO MUJKIC, REGIONAL MANAGER FOR BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA OF WUS AUSTRIA)

