

what we believe in...

Our vision is to be a competent partner for the development of higher education, which we believe is a key factor in the socio-economic and political advancement of every society. Therefore we are aiming to increase the quality of higher education in accordance with European and international standards. Our mission is to establish solid and sustainable structures for a strong role of universities in society.

"WUS Austria has been contributing greatly to the establishment of links and networks between the local institutions of higher education in South-Eastern Europe and their counterpart in the European Union."

Emil Brix

Ambassador, Austrian Ministry for European and International Affairs

the services we provide...

Sustainable development of higher education goes beyond the university level. Responding to this, we at WUS Austria work together with the public sector and the economy, as well as civil society. Our activities mainly lie in: Higher Education Development, Linking Higher Education & Economy, Arts & Culture and Higher Education & Human Rights. Within these areas we provide essential services, including:

- Development of new and innovative project ideas
- Professional management of projects
- Fostering knowledge and technology transfer
- Networking activities, and
- A broad range of consulting services

how we work...

We ensure a high level of sustainability by applying both a top-down as well as bottom-up approach from the policy level to the individual level. We cooperate with many different partners such as higher education institutions, companies and individual experts on a national, regional, European and international level. The main principles guiding all our activities are:

- Ensuring sustainability and local ownership
- Ensuring a high level of cooperation and partnership
- Fostering sustainable development through capacity and institution building
- Promoting academic solidarity, human rights as well as peace and stability

"Over the years, I have witnessed WUS Austria developing into a leading and highly successful coordinator of programs and projects. What impressed me the most is the high level of commitment, enthusiasm and tenacity of all WUS Austria members."

Barbara Weitgruber

*Senior Advisor for Strategy and Coordination,
Austrian Federal Ministry
of Science and Research*

"For many years, WUS Austria has supported the universities in South-Eastern Europe in their efforts to reform their education."

Radmila Marinkovic-Neducin

Rector of the University of Novi Sad

"The development and dissemination of European values in their best sense in the respective countries would not be possible without WUS Austria."

Erhard Busek

Former Austrian Vice-Chancellor, Coordinator of the South-Eastern Cooperative Initiative

some facts & figures...

- Over 25 on-going projects
- More than 100 finalized projects
- Activities in 22 countries
- Over 45 staff members
- Head Office in Graz
- 4 regional offices in Belgrade, Podgorica, Prishtina and Sarajevo
- An annual project budget of around 2.8 Mio EUR

"We will never forget what WUS Austria, successful for already over 25 years, has done for our university and our employees."

Faruk Caklovica

Rector of the University of Sarajevo

„WUS Austria is clearly a valuable element of the Austrian and European educational system."

Roberta Maierhofer

*Vice Rector of the Karl Franzens
University Graz*

interested...?

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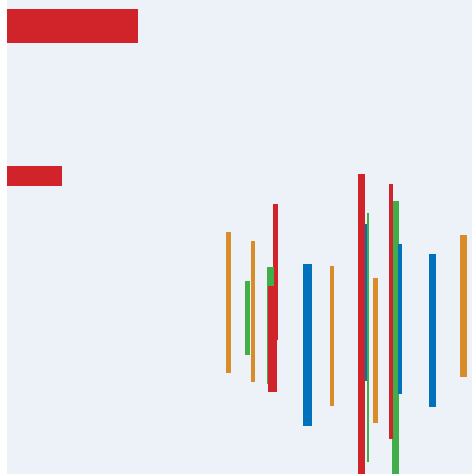
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Since its foundation in Graz in 1983, WUS Austria remains committed to the development of higher education.

who we are...

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.

Since its establishment in Graz in 1983, WUS Austria has been working on the promotion of this aim in various countries all over the world. Today the organization has a strong regional focus on the countries of South-Eastern Europe. While this area remains at the centre of WUS Austria's work, the organization is now transferring its knowledge and experiences to projects in other regions of the world.



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