

## PARTNERS

The Research Project Support Unit at the UP works very closely with a range of organizations, at national, regional and international level:

### 1) National partners

- Centre for Innovation and Technology transfer
- Ministry of Education Science and Technology
- K-CIRT – Kosovo Centre for International Higher Education, Research & Technology Cooperation, Kosovo.

### 2) International partners



### 3) Names of the other R&D SC centers



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## Research Project Support Unit R&D Capacities



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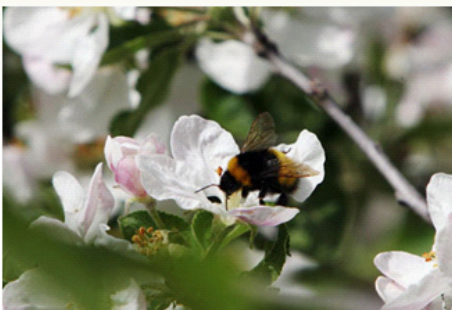
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## Introduction

The University of Prishtina is the largest public provider of higher education and the main driving force in the effort to foster, consolidate and maintain excellence in research and innovation in Kosovo.

Due to many factors, the University of Prishtina is currently not in the position to fully achieve its potential in the research and technological development fields in order to boost strong development, and an up-to date, competitive and knowledge based economy.

However, the activities of the last years show a comprehensive ability to perform well, and the willingness to demonstrate and continuously improve the university's research and development performance.



### Our main service areas are:

- Mathematics and Natural Sciences;
- Agriculture and Veterinary;
- Medicine;
- Philology;
- Civil Engineering and Architecture;
- Economics;
- Law;
- Philosophy;
- Mechanical Engineering;
- Electrical & Computer Engineering;
- Arts;
- Mines and Metallurgy.

## RPSU Objectives

Our aim, in RPSU, is to facilitate research and knowledge transfer activities.

We work in cooperation with national and international partners, and other organizations and institutions to help:

- Researchers to secure funding and negotiate collaborations;
- Support knowledge exchange;
- Build partnerships with academic, governmental, business and charitable organizations;
- Promote externally funded research activities;
- Increase grant application success rate at UP and academic units;
- Provide strategic and operational assistance to UP academic units;

### Future challenges:

In the light of the successful implementation of the Bologna Process at the University of Prishtina, there are a number of problems related to research on which the UP currently focuses on:

- o A better link between teaching and research;
- o Develop a better research infrastructure for specific fields in which basic research can be carried out;
- o Catch up with scientific progresses;
- o Develop a clear research strategy;
- o Further development of research cooperation and internationalization regarding cross cutting issues of the Bologna process.



## Research Project Support Unit

Knowledge creation through scientific research activity is a key criterion in the performance of a higher education system's success.

In order to increase capacities to be able to enter a new era of research in the 21st century, catch up on the time lost throughout the 1990s, and boost scholarly research activity at institutional level, the University of Prishtina took the decision to establish a Research Project Support Unit (RPSU) on 19th December 2008. The RPSU operates since June 2009 within the Academic Development Office (ADO),

The research project support unit will be working closely with each UP academic unit to provide support for services and instruments for researchers.

These services and instruments are specifically aimed at fostering collaboration with the industry and other national and international institutions.



## "Creating R&D Capacities and Instruments for boosting Higher Education - Economy Cooperation"

The project aims at addressing the immediate individual research needs of the following countries: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia, and Montenegro.

The most significant universities in each country will each receive intensive support, helping them to establish R&D capacities and instruments which offer long-term benefits. The aim is to enable the universities to assume a central role in the national R&D system, thereby strengthening the role of HE institutions as a whole and acting as a driving force for regional economic development.

### Main objectives:

- Evaluation of R&D Situation
- Development and implementation of a comprehensive R&D Strategy
- Creation of R&D Service Centers
- Implementation of R&D pilot projects
- Validation of sustainability and quality control