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Cooperation Possibilities with Austrian Universities in the frame of Higher Education Support Projects in South Eastern Europe

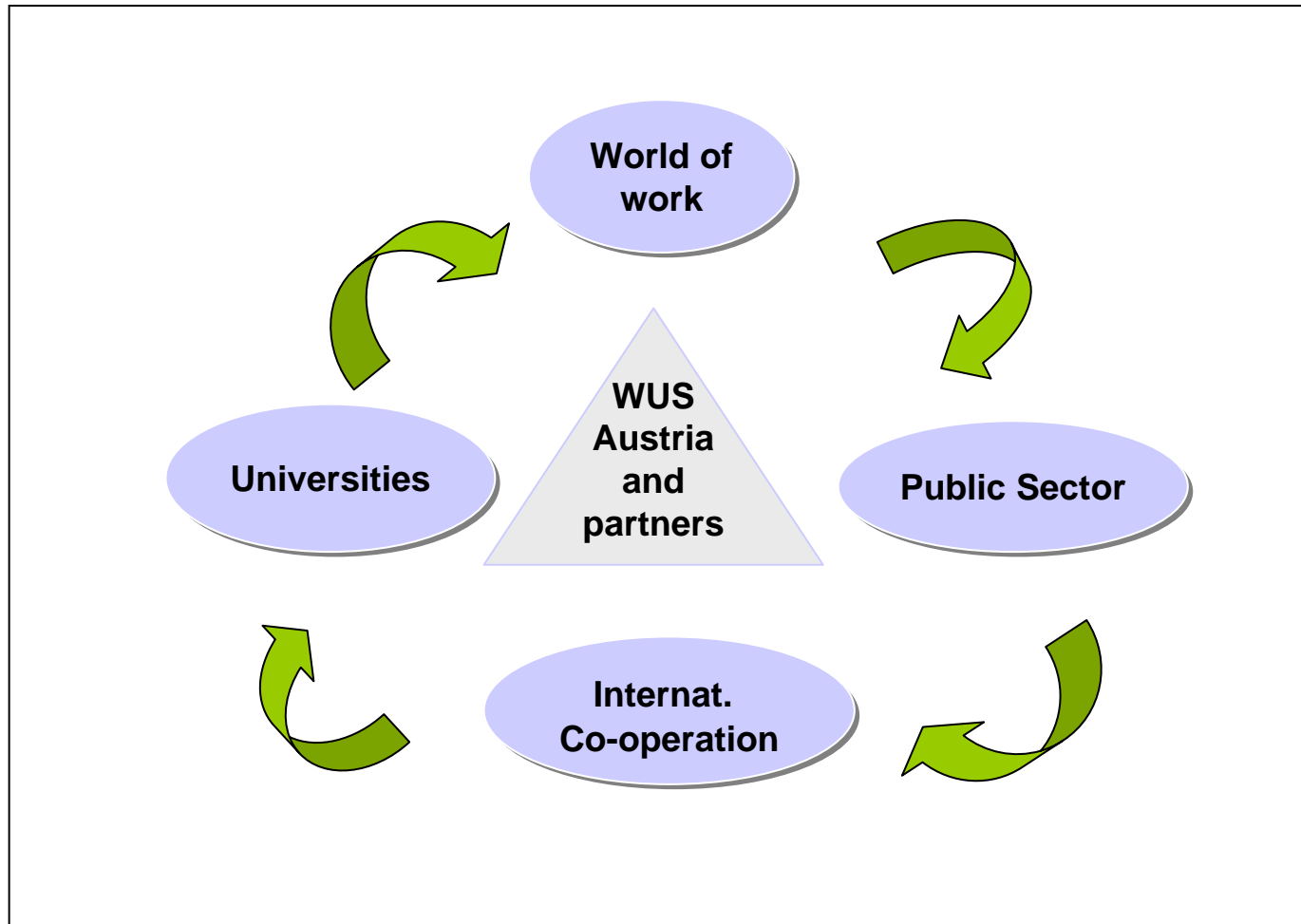
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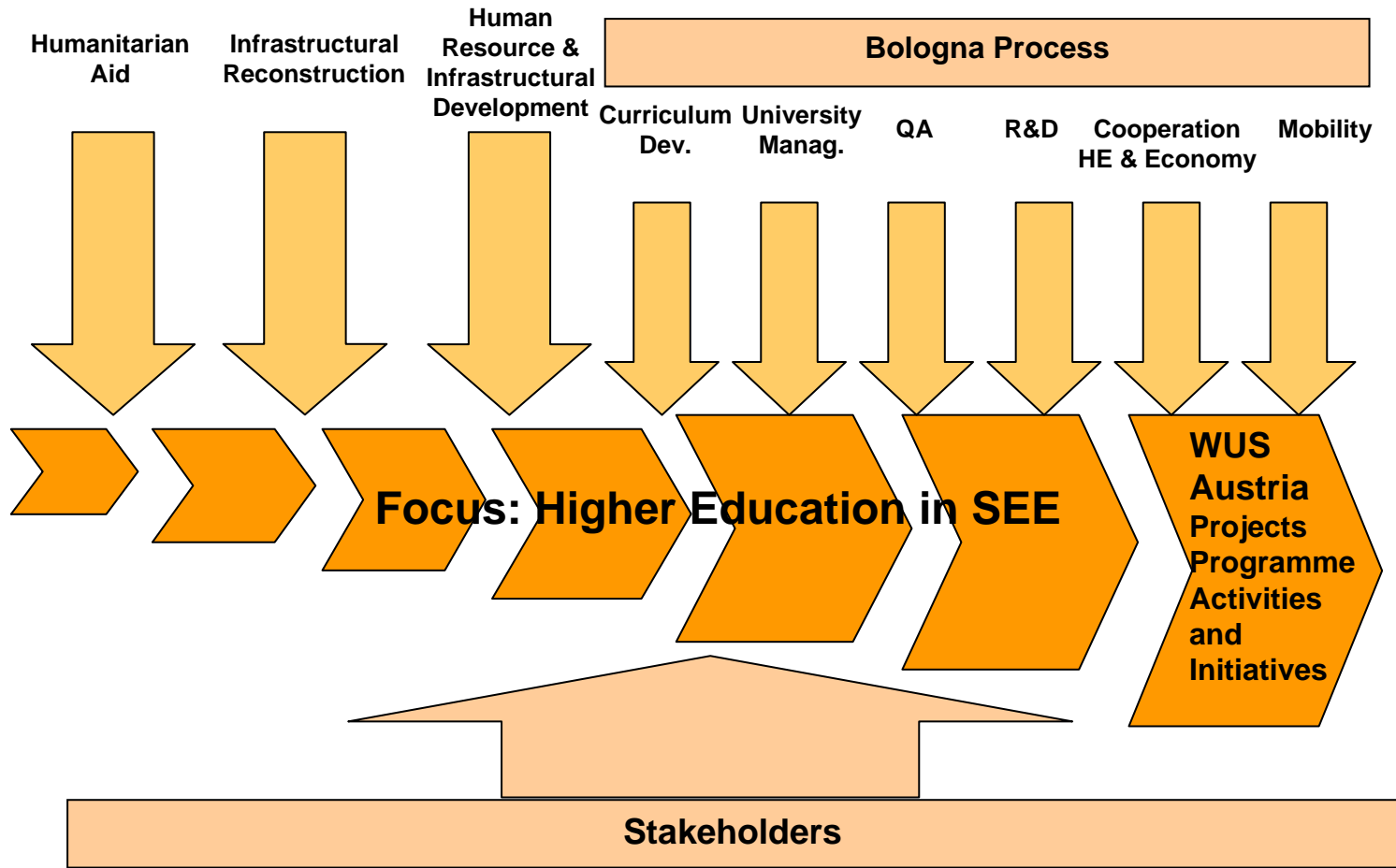
World University Service (WUS) Austria

- A non-profit association committed to the promotion of the human right to education on the basis of academic freedom and university autonomy
- Head Office in Graz (since 1983), 4 local offices in Belgrade, Podgorica, Prishtina and Sarajevo, contact points in 7 other SEE countries
- Specialized in project implementation aimed at direct support to the reform and development of HE in SEE
- Long-term goal: Harmonization with the *European Higher Education and Research Area*
- Acts as facilitator of cooperation and knowledge transfer between SEE and EU universities





Trends and Developments in Higher Education





WUS Austria's work focuses on the following fields:

1. Higher Education Development
2. Linking Higher Education and Economy
3. Architecture and Culture



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1. Higher Education Development

- **Curriculum Development:** courses, modules, study programs, faculty Curriculum
- **Quality Assurance:** setting up of QA system, development and use of QA instruments, analysis and strategy development
- **New Teaching Methodologies and Technologies:** eLearning
- **Higher Education Management:** HR development, organisation development, strategic planning, internationalisation
- **Mobility:** of students and academic staff, counselling and information services

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WUS Austria's work focuses on the following fields:

2. Linking Higher Education and Economy

- **Research and Development:** Knowledge and Technology Transfer
- **Development of Applied Curricula**
- **Human Resources Development:** increasing employability of young graduates and high potentials

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WUS Austria's work focuses on the following fields:

3. Architecture and Culture

- **Project Development**
- **(Event) Implementation**
- **Fundraising**

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WUS Austria Programm Scheme in SEE ADA 2008-2011

Study Program Development	Institutional Building	BGP+	QA	Support to the Accreditation Agency	Counseling and Information Service	University Cooperation MN-EU	BCC
BiH		BiH					BiH
KS	KS	KS			KS		KS
MN		MN	MN			MN	MN
SRB	SRB	SRB	SRB	SRB	SRB		SRB
							ALB
							AUT
							BL
							CRO
							MAK
							MOL
							ROM
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Study Program Development Projects

To enhance employment and employability, these projects encourage university institutions in BiH, Kosovo, Montenegro and Serbia to introduce **labour-market oriented degree programs** and curricula in cooperation with a local company/institution and *an Austrian partner university institution.*

- **Master Studies Development Program (MSDP):**
Kosovo, Serbia
- **Degree Development Structure (DDS):**
Bosnia and Herzegovina
- **Labour Market Oriented Curriculum Project (LMOCP):** Montenegro
- **Course Development Program+ (CDP+):** Kosovo, (BiH)



Study Program Development Projects

The Austrian HE institutions can act as

- a) cooperation partners** („loose“ partnerships)
- b) twinning partners** (more formal and long-term commitment)

Austrian partners should:

- Share knowledge and experience in study program and curriculum development, including eLearning courses
- Invite course lecturers for study visits
- Conduct majority of peer reviews (course syllabi and scripts)
- Send guest lecturers to partner institution in SEE
- Take over supervision of final theses/projects
- Initiate exchange possibilities for students of both programs



Study Program Development Projects

Call for applications	Open
Submission deadline for appl.	September 2008
Evaluation / peer reviews	September – December 2008
Selection panel	December 2008
Curriculum development, study visits, script publishing	February 2009– April 2010
Start of the new programs	Fall / Winter 2009 / 2010



Brain Gain Program + (BGP+) (in BiH, Kosovo, Montenegro and Serbia)

Aim: to close the gap in the local teaching and research capacities and enhance institutional cooperation

Types:

(1) BGP+ Classic (1-3 weeks teaching assignment)

(2) BGP+ with extended period of stay
(up to 1 semester)

(2a) Teaching and Mentoring

(2b) Teaching, Mentoring and Research

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