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EU standards for accreditation
of study programs on BH Universities



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Structure of the consortium



- **Contractor:** Kaho Sint Lieven Ghent

- **BH partners:**
 - 8 BH universities (University of Banja Luka, University of Bihac, University of East Sarajevo, University Dzemal Bijedic, University of Mostar, University of Sarajevo, University of Tuzla and University of Zenica
 - SUS B&H
 - Agency for development of Higher Education and Quality Assurance in BH,
 - Ministry of Civil Affairs BH

- **EU partners:**
 - 2 EU universities (IPP Porto, Brasov University),
 - WUS Austria
 - Catalunyan Accreditation Office (AQA) and the Council of Flemish University Colleges (VLHORA)

Main facts about project



Project Duration 3 years 02/2010 –
02/2013

Project Type: Structural measures

Project Grant: € 800 000,00



Main aim

- Main aim of the project concerns the introduction of European standards in evaluation and accreditation procedures of study programs in BH Universities.
- In this way this Structural Measures proposal focused on Governance Reform fully supports the structural reform of Higher Education in the whole country of Bosnia and Herzegovina.



Specific project objectives

- Compare the existing procedures for evaluation and accreditation in Europe in view of implementation in BH
- Selection of procedures for evaluation and accreditation of study programs for BH
- Professionalization of the members of University quality offices in QA procedures
- Training of University staff and Accreditation office
- Development of self-evaluation report of selected study programmes
- Introduction of code of good practice on evaluation and accreditation of study programs
- Dissemination and sustainability of project results

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Main outcomes of the project

- Evaluation of present situation in BH and EU
- Procedures for evaluation and accreditation of study programmes
- Improving competencies of University staff
- Capacity building of Universities in BH
- Pilot project
- Dissemination and Sustainability
- Quality control and monitoring
- Management of the project

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I. Evaluation of present situation in BH and EU-main activities

- I.1 Evaluation of present situation on evaluation and accreditation procedures and legislation in EU
- I.2. Evaluation of present situation on evaluation and accreditation procedures and legislation in BH
- I.3. Conference and result presentation, road map definition

II Procedures for evaluation and accreditation of study programmes



- 2.1 Developing of guidelines with basic procedures for evaluation and accreditation
- 2.2 Development of specific questionnaires for SER
- 2.3 Translation of procedures into templates to be used for internal and external evaluation of study programs

Improving competencies of University staff



- 3.1 Training of the quality officers for evaluation and accreditation procedures
- 3.2. Study visits to the EU partner institutions
- 3.3. Knowledge transfer to the university departments/faculties
- 3.4 Training of University staff for self evaluation procedures of study programs
- 3.5 Introductory seminar for external assessors
- 3.6. Final seminar for external assessors

Capacity building of Universities in BH



- 4.1 Training of University staff and Agency staff in evaluation and accreditation procedures
- 4.2 Purchase and instalment of the equipment for participating Universities
- 4.3. Tuning of procedures and methods-joined work of Universities and Agency.
- 4.4.Improvement of legislation for evaluation and accreditation procedures in BH Higher Education.

Pilot project



- 5.1 Pilot projects selection
- 5.2 Self evaluation of selected study programs in BH Universities
- 5.3 External evaluation of selected study programs in BH Universities
- 5.4 Accreditation of selected study programs in BH Universities



Dissemination and Sustainability

Quality control and monitoring

- 6.1 Development of project website
- 6.2. Newsletter administration
- 6.3 Dissemination conference
- 7.1 Preparation of long term strategic action plans
- 8.1 Annual quality expert report
- 8.2 Assessment of project management results

Management of the project



- 9.1 Implementation of project management
- 9.2 Organisation of project management meetings of steering group.



Conclusions

- Close cooperation of Universities with Agency for Development of Higher Education and Quality Assurance in BH and fine tuning of developed procedures
- Education of specific target groups in QA process
- Putting of existing and developed QA procedures into practice through pilot projects



Conclusion

- By achieving the planned project goals and outcomes the project consortium intends to improve compatibility and comparability of BH higher education with EU standards : evaluation and accreditation of study programmes are an essential step of the Bologna process.
- In this way the project proposal fits very well in the development strategy for education in BH and will contribute to prepare the pre-accession of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

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