

WUS AUSTRIA IN KOSOVO

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



2007, Pristina - Dr. Johannes Hahn, Austrian Federal Minister of Science and Research and But Dedaj, Regional Manager of WUS Austria Pristina Office after a meeting in WUS Austria Pristina Office



2007, University of Pristina - Dr. Johannes Hahn, Austrian Federal Minister of Science and Research with his delegation accompanied by But Dedaj, Regional Manager of WUS Austria Pristina Office

1998

Establishment of WUS Austria Pristina office. Start of the first support to students and academic staff of the University of Pristina (books, language, computer trainings, academic travel grants, counseling services, etc)

March 1999

NATO air strikes in the Kosovo region. Temporary reallocation of the WUS Pristina office to Tetovo in Macedonia.

July 1999

Return of the WUS Austria office to Pristina. Start of first infrastructure support programs for the University of Pristina. Support to re-establish international links with the rest of the world (CRE, Academic Task Force).

1999/2000

Emergency measures. Since the university staff was left without income, WUS Austria paid stipends provided by the Austrian Ministry of Science to all University of Pristina staff. Each faculty and college received a technical start-up package (computers, printers, a copy-machine, a fax-machine, and an overhead projector).

CURRENTLY

WUS Austria implements higher education development projects at and with the University of Pristina:

- Development of 4 labor market relevant Master Programs at the University of Pristina
- Setting up a Higher Education development Unit at the University of Pristina
- Setting up the eLearning Centre at the University of Pristina
- eContent based courses at the University of Pristina
- Finishing the reforms of the Law Faculty at the University of Pristina
- Providing counseling and information services for students academics and researchers from Kosovo
- Design and implementation of probably largest students' case study based competition in Europe – Balkan Case Challenge

The most of our projects in Kosovo have been financed by the Austrian Development Cooperation and the European Commission.



2004, Pristina - Enver Hoxhaj, Minister of Education, Science and Technology of Kosovo and previous WUS Austria Regional Manager (2nd from the right), with Prof. Wolfgang Benedek, WUS Austria Chairman and But Dedaj, current Regional Manager of WUS Austria in Kosovo

Since then ...

WUS Austria is highly involved in the reforms and in the coordination of international initiatives dedicated to higher education in Kosovo and it has become more or less a key pillar for the prosperous development of the University of Pristina and Kosovo Higher Education in its near future.



2004, Pristina - Prof. Wolfgang Benedek was awarded with the title "Doctor Honoris Causa" by the University of Pristina on September 21st, 2004

The list of awarded persons by the University of Pristina with the title "Doctor Honoris Causa". Among the award receiver is also Prof. Wolfgang Benedek.

Nr.	Emri i mbanës	Shkollë	Institucioni	Tsilli	Vite shërbimi	Nevshkrimi
1	Michael Wenzinger	Austria	Universität Wien	1970-1975	1975-1980	
2	Dr. Donald Hoxhaj	France	Université de Poitiers	1970-1975	1975-1980	
3	Dr. William Hoxhaj	USA	State University of New York at Binghamton	1970-1975	1975-1980	
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5	ISMAIL KADARE	Shqipëri	Shkrimtar	21.11.2005		
6	Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Benedek	Austria	Universität Wien	1970-1975	1975-1980	
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2008 - The Inaugurating Ceremony of the Videoconference Room at the University of Pristina – joint project of the Austrian Development Cooperation and European Commission designed and implemented by WUS Austria. Andreas Fritz as the representative of the Austrian Development Cooperation, Prof. Dr. Enver Hasani, Rector of the University of Pristina and But Dedaj, Regional Manager of WUS Austria Pristina Office.

2008 – A view from the other side of the videoconference: Prof. Benedek, Chairman of WUS Austria, Adi Kovacevic, Executive Director of WUS Austria and Rupert Beinhauer from the FH Joanneum in Graz

