

Editorial

Dear readers,

We sincerely hope that you all enjoyed a happy summer! We used the summer break at the educational institutions to wrap up activities and prepare new ones in order to get ready for the start of new projects in fall.

Tempus IV - results of the 4th call. We are involved in five new projects launched by Tempus IV/4th Call ([results at EACEA homepage](#)) which are due to start in October this year:

- *Embedding Quality Assurance in Doctoral Education*
- *Development of Regional Interdisciplinary Post-Graduate Energy and Environmental Law Studies*
- *Migration and Higher Education - Building Skills and Capacity*
- *Quality in Research*
- *Strategic Support for the Development of Sustainable QA Structures at the Newly Public Founded University in Kosovo, University of Prizren*

On the other hand some currently running projects are in their final phase, and will be closing in January/February 2012. This also means that we will be open for new cooperation opportunities and are looking forward to new challenges!

Feasibility Study for Science and Technology Park in Montenegro. WUS Austria, together with its Consortium partners (Austin Pock + Partners, SFG Innofinanz GmbH, Foundation Educational Business Start up Centre Zenica, the Entrepreneurship and Innovation Centre at the University of Zenica), supported by individual experts from Italy, Spain and Slovenia, have conducted a "Feasibility Study for Setting Up a Science and Technology Park (STP) in Montenegro", commissioned by the Ministry of Science and the Ministry for Information Society and Telecommunications of Montenegro.

The study recommends the establishment of the first STP in Montenegro with the main unit in Podgorica and two impulse centers in the northern and southern part of the country. The results of the research indicate that the establishment of such a Park will have a great mid- and even greater long-term impact on the measurable economic development of the country. It will furthermore be an important step in the establishment of the National Innovation System, which constitutes an essential component in the further economic development of the country, based on sustainability, diversification and creation of added value.

The concept for the establishment of the first Montenegrin STP was presented by the Consortium partners at the Ministry of Science and before other relevant stakeholders in Podgorica on September 9th.

Find related news at the [Ministry's website](#) (in Montenegrin).

Children's University will take place in October in Sarajevo. One of our new flagship projects is the Children's University (CU) which is being organized in Sarajevo from 12th-14th October 2011. The overall objective of the action is to increase the interest in science, research and technology from a very young age and to engage children in exciting, interactive, real-world learning experiences. This way the children develop academic talent and knowledge, creativity and personal growth, and they are encouraged to be curious and to think critically. The program for the Children's University is developed by professors and teaching assistants from the participating universities in close cooperation with the participating schools from all regions of Bosnia and Herzegovina. All lectures will be tailor-made for the children and will be adapted to the age level accordingly. Check out our sub-site for further information (<http://www.wus-austria.org/project/0/88.html> ; www.children.enigma.ba) or contact our office in Sarajevo (sarajevo@wus-austria.org) in case you are interested in sponsorship of this action.

We wish you a good start into the new academic year!

Best regards,

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Thematic Article

PATTERNS_Lectures - Final Conference

On the 27th and 28th of June more than 30 lecturers, university management representatives, and people actively involved in the area of higher education met in Prague to do a “Reality Check” on Higher Education in Central and South Eastern Europe. The discussions which took place in the course of these two days covered a wide range of subjects - from the comparison of higher education systems in different countries and regions and the issue of privatization of universities to the questions of massification of higher education and the future of so-called “luxury subjects”.

The conference began with a public event that was organized on the 27th, and which started with a very inspiring and interesting keynote speech by Renata Salecl, a philosopher and theorist based in London and Ljubljana. She talked about a wide range of changes that took place in the period of transition from socialism to capitalism as well as about the feelings of anxiety and freedom that could be felt then and that are being experienced nowadays, yet in very different ways. Salecl ended her speech with the appeal to universities to “have the courage to social critique and imagining alternative futures”.

The panel discussion that took place after the keynote included representatives of all stakeholders of the PATTERNS_Lectures project: university management, lecturers, students, Academic Advisory Panel of the project, the ERSTE Foundation, as well as the keynote speaker herself. The discussion concentrated mostly on the changes which were experienced in the field of higher education in the last two decades, with particular emphasis on the implementation of the Bologna process and the increasing commercialization of higher education.

On the second day, an internal meeting was organized for all project partners, during which the participants exchanged experiences from the project implementation over the last year. The presentations of lecturers and university representatives provided many interesting insights and inspired discussions for the improvement of the project.

The conference was organized by ERSTE Stiftung and WUS Austria and was hosted at the Academy of Arts, Architecture and Design in Prague.

The program of the conference is available [here](#).

For more information about the PATTERNS_Lectures project and the courses supported within it please check the project website (www.wus-austria.org/patterns_lectures).

Recent News & Events

19.09.2011

Feasibility study for Technology Park presented in Montenegro



Montenegro. On Friday, 9th September 2011, the WUS Austria Consortium (including Austin Pock + Partners, SFG Innofinanz GmbH, Foundation Educational Business Start up Centre Zenica, the Entrepreneurship and Innovation Centre at the University of Zenica, and individual experts from Italy, Spain and Slovenia) presented the Feasibility Study for the establishing of a *Science and Technology Park* (STP) in Montenegro.

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08.09.2011

Creating R&D Capacities: Workshop for developing the R&D Strategy for the UP



Bogë, Peja. Within the TEMPUS Project: “Creating R&D and Instruments for boosting Higher Education - Economy Cooperation”, from 2 - 4 of September a workshop was held in Bogë, Peja Region, for developing the Strategy for R&D for the University of Prishtina. [read more](#)

29.07.2011

Support to the Higher Education Reforms in Kosovo 2008-2011: Closing and CDP+ Award Ceremony



Prishtina. After three years of project implementation, a Closing Ceremony for the Project “Support to Higher Education Reforms in Kosovo 2008-2011” was held at the premises of the Rectorate of the University of Prishtina (Senate Hall). Additionally, the best implemented projects within the CDP+ component were awarded. [read more](#)

08.07.2011

QA@PHEP: Workshop organized in Prishtina



Prishtina. Within the TEMPUS Project: “Supporting and Developing the Structures for the Quality Assurance at the Private Higher Education Providers in Kosovo”, financed by the European Commission, a workshop was organized for QA officers of the ten Kosovar private higher education providers, on July 5th - 6th.

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07.07.2011

Lifelong Learning at the University of Montenegro



Podgorica. A two-day workshop within the project “Development of the Lifelong Learning Concept at the University of Montenegro” took place on 23-24 June 2011 at the University of Montenegro. Presentations and discussions on the first day evolved around the issues of the historical development of the Lifelong Learning (LLL) concept and knowledge-based society, the role of universities in LLL - widening access, flexible learning paths and recognition of prior learning, existing legislation and offers in the area of adult learning, presented by the representatives of the University of Montenegro and local partners. [read more](#)

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