



## PROJECT BACKGROUND

The Joint Tempus Project “Modernizing the 3rd cycle at the University of Prishtina and Developing a PhD Program at the Faculty of Economics” has the aim of supporting curricular reform and capacity building at UP with active involvement Ministry of Education and State Accreditation Agency of Kosovo. It focuses on reforming PhD curricula in accordance with the Bologna process and up to date European standards, thus supporting the integration of Kosovo into the European Higher Education area.

The following PRINCIPLES characterize the project: academic solidarity based on partnership and cooperation, sustainability and local ownership, capacity and institution building as well as quality assurance throughout the project.

The Consortium has been carefully selected and includes all relevant local stakeholders and partners from Austria, Italy and France.

### **The project addresses some of most urgent problem in HE and Kosovo’s society such as the need to:**

- Support the modernization of 3rd cycle of studies at UP in accordance with Bologna process.
- Make PhD programs of UP comparable and competitive with similar program in region and EU as well
- Revise and amend existing documents on PhD studies and develop necessary guidelines that would facilitate the development of PhD programs at UP
- Organize workshops for academic staff in advancing the 3rd level of Bologna process at UP
- Establish a scientific journal for the Faculty of Economics, thus supporting the scientific work and publications at UP
- Foster internationalization of research and teaching process
- Strength the quality assurance process at UP

These problems are targeted because they have been identified as urgent by the beneficiaries from KS, and are defined as such in various national and international policy and strategy documents. Those problems and possible solutions have been discussed in many preparation meetings and consultations among consortium partners. This makes the consortium partners believe that now is the right moment to address these issues and support UP and Kosovo society.

## The project consists of **SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES:**

- Supporting the modernization of 3rd cycle at the University of Prishtina, in accordance with the Bologna Process,
- Revision and amending the legal documents, development of guideline for setting up the modern PhD studies in accordance to the latest trends of the Bologna Process,
- To develop, accredit and implement a pilot PhD program at Faculty of Economics of the University of Prishtina, and
- Supporting the scientific work and publications, through establishing a scientific journal for the Faculty of Economics of the University of Prishtina.

## **Project Outcomes & Outputs:**

The Project is divided in nine development work packages:

<b>• WP1: Development of Gap and Need Analysis Report</b>
<b>• WP2: Modernization of PhD regulation at UP</b>
<b>• WP3: Development and Accreditation of PhD program</b>
<b>• WP4: Implementation of the PhD Program at Faculty of Economy</b>
<b>• WP5: Purchasing the Scientific Literature</b>
<b>• WP6: Management of the Project</b>
<b>• WP7: Quality Control</b>
<b>• WP8: Dissemination</b>
<b>• WP9: Sustainability</b>

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The University of Prishtina was established by the “Law on the Establishment of the University of Prishtina,” which was approved by the Assembly of the Socialist Autonomous Province of Kosova, on November 18, 1969. The establishment of the University of Prishtina was an historical event for the people of Kosova and the Albanian nation as a whole.

The Founding Assembly of the University of Prishtina was held on February 13, 1970. Two days later, the meeting was held marking the beginning of the university’s existence.

### **The University of Prishtina has the following academic units:**

1. Faculty of Philosophy
2. Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences
3. Faculty of Philology
4. Faculty of Law
5. Faculty of Economics
6. Faculty of Engineering and Architecture
7. Faculty of Electrical and Computer Engineering
8. Faculty of Mechanical Engineering
9. Faculty of Medicine
10. Faculty of Arts
11. Faculty of Agriculture and Veterinary
12. Faculty of Sport Sciences
13. Faculty of Education
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The Johannes Kepler University Linz (JKU) was founded in 1966 and has since then become a major institution for scientific research and education in Austria. About 19.000 students are currently enrolled; more than half of them in studies offered by the Faculty of Social and Economic Sciences (SoWi, the other faculties are the Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Engineering and Natural Sciences). The SoWi Faculty offers an extensive range of academic programs in the areas of Social Sciences, Economics and Business Administration in accordance to national and international guidelines and quality standards. Faculty members are highly engaged in scientific research in these disciplines. In particular, the Department of Economics is a very successful research institution, as is documented by a large number of publications on an international level.

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The "G. d'Annunzio" University of Chieti-Pescara (UdA) was first established as an independent university in 1960. In 1982 it gained the status of State University and has grown exponentially since then. Currently it has 36.000 students and twelve faculties located on two campuses: one in Chieti, with the Registered Office, the Rectorate and the Central Administration, and another in Pescara. Also part of UdA is the Center of Excellence for Aging Sciences (Ce.S.I.); the Institute of Advanced Biomedical Technologies (ITAB); the Center for Continuing Education (CE-DUC); the Leonardo da Vinci On-line Distance University, the Museum of BioSciences. Several agreements with foreign Universities, Erasmus projects and international research projects are in progress, under the programmes of Italian Ministry of University and Research and Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 7th European Framework and INTERREG, with the aim of a strong internationalization.

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The University of Nice - Sophia Antipolis (France) was officially instituted in October 23, 1965. The University of Nice – Sophia Antipolis (UNSA) is the second multi-field university of France. The re-entry 2005 saw the University accommodating 25,963 students including 17,3% from abroad (foreign students). In September 2010, the High school of economics and management has been created in the campus Saint Jean d'Angely. There are 2500 students in economic sciences, decomposed as follows: 1600 bachelor students – “licence”, 650 Master students and 250 PhD students.

The international relations office of ISEM is in charge with Basileus project, and Tempus projects, double diploma programs, Erasmus mobilities and foreign languages certificates.

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WUS KS is a Kosovar non-governmental organization located in Prishtina established in March 2010. Our organization engages itself on promoting and facilitating implementation of Europe 2020 Strategy in Kosovo. It supports the process of promoting the EU targets for 2020 in Kosovo and their translation into national targets through local and regional cooperation. Through different international funded projects, it offers services/expertise on: curriculum development in the line of the Bologna conformity ; facilitate the cooperation on innovative based approach between HE-Economy, offer different trainings; academic mobility; quality assurance in teaching, learning, research and student support services; national qualification framework; introduction to the contemporary teaching methodologies/technologies; research and development activities etc. The management of WUS Kosova is represented in the main responsible Bodies for the Reforming Process of the HE System of Kosovo.



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Ministry of Education, Science and  
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## **The Higher Education Department's scope of the work at the national level is also:**

- a. Establishing the Agencies and Centers, as well as other educational advices in the country level for better implementation of the legislation and policies in higher education;
- b. Developing and harmonizing new policies for accomplishing the obligations which comes out of the Bologna Process and integration of Kosova Higher Education into European Higher Education Area as well as international standards;
- c. Initiating and developing cooperation programs in higher education with other countries;
- d. Ensuring a regular coordination and harmonization of contributions of partners and donors towards synergies and harmonization with national strategies and country needs in higher education.

# KOSOVO ACCREDITATION AGENCY



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KAA was established by the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MEST) in accordance with the Law on Higher Education - LHE (2003/14) in Kosovo, as the Agency that guarantees the quality of educational and scientific research work in Higher Education Institutions in Kosovo.

The Kosovo Accreditation Agency is a public agency for the evaluation of quality at public and private institutions of higher education. Through the accreditation process, it supports the development of quality in these institutions.

The Kosovo Accreditation Agency has a legal basis for the accreditation of all higher education institutions that offer or propose to offer higher education programmes that lead to the award of academic degrees.



## **KOSOVA CENTER FOR INT. COOPERATION IN HIGHER EDUCATION**

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K-CIRT's scope focuses on awareness raising for the importance of higher education and research; agenda setting in these policy areas and respective lobbying activities; promotion of regular dialogue, information exchange and coordination of activities, where appropriate, between the area of higher education and research in the Kosovo and the formulation of recommendations for the higher education and research institutions; coordinates networks, participates in the building up of comprehensive databases and designs interactive information modules facilitating new governance structures on behalf of, and in cooperation with, Kosovo public authorities and international organizations; support knowledge exchanges among different partners (private sector, academia etc.); create partnerships (bilateral, multilateral, regional, international); facilitate information exchange; provide a platform for sharing expertise, good practice examples, facilitate education experts in different fields.

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