

Austria

PROGRESS REPORT¹

on recent developments regarding S&T cooperation in/with the WBC (June 2013 / Budva till December 2013 / Zagreb)

Multilateral cooperation:

The Austrian Federal Ministry of Science and Research is an active partner in European initiatives and cooperation projects within the EU Framework Programmes dedicated to foster and further develop the research cooperation with the Balkan region (i.e. **Steering Platform on Research for the Western Balkan Countries; Western Balkan Countries INCO.NET (WBC-INCO.NET)**(coordination ZSI, partner FFG), **Southeast European ERA.Net PLUS (SEE-ERA.NET PLUS)**(coordination ZSI).

EU Strategy for the Danube Region

Austria is strongly involved in the implementation of the EU-Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR) and participates in several of its 11 Priority Areas (PA). Austrian partners are coordinating PA 1 “To improve mobility and intermodality”, PA 9 “To invest in people and skills” and PA 10 “To set up institutional capacity and cooperation”.

The Austrian Federal Ministry of Science and Research (BMWF) is member in the Steering Group of the Priority Area 7 “To develop the knowledge society (research, education and ICT)” coordinated by Slovakia and Serbia. The Steering Group is at the moment focusing its efforts on one main ‘Flagship Activity’ the so-called “Danube Region Research and Innovation Fund” (DRRIF), which aims at the coordination of national and regional research and innovation funds in the Danube Region. The BMWF was entrusted by the Steering Group of the Priority Area 7 to lead a Working Group for setting up and implementing the DRRIF. This Working Group was established by the Steering Group in its meeting in Bratislava on 14th February 2013.

The Austrian Minister for Research and Science Mr. Töchterle invited his colleagues in 18 countries (EUSDR + Poland, Italy, Albania, Macedonia, Kosovo* and Albania and especially Germany on the federal level) to nominate members for the PA7 Working Group on the DRRIF.

15 countries followed this invitation and finally 8 countries were represented in the 1st meeting of the group in Vienna on 13th November 2013. There is strong interest to explore different routes of a better coordination of research activities in the region and on decreasing current barriers for cross-border co-operation.

As a first step the opening-up of bilateral cooperation programmes, especially in the area of mobility, will be further encouraged. It is also expected that the Working Group will play a role in identifying relevant programmes and thematic areas for research co-operation.

¹ The progress reports are collected in preparation of the meetings of the Steering Platform on Research for the Western Balkan Countries and will be provided for download from the WBC-INCO.NET homepage (www.wbc-inco.net) about one week before the meeting takes place. Therefore please submit your report to office@wbc-inco.net until December 5, 2013.

In addition it has been agreed that related activities on EU and national levels (e.g. Western Balkans Region R&D Strategy, national and regional Smart Specialization Strategies etc.) and their potential impact on co-operation have to be monitored continuously.

Activities will be supported by a EU FP7 Danube-INCO.Net project that starts in January 2014 as well as a Feasibility study on a Danube Research and Innovation Fund which is currently in its procurement phase and which envisaged to start in February 2014.

ZSI – Centre of Social Innovation

Danube-INCO.NET starts 1.1.2014, WBC countries covered by the EU Strategy for the Danube Region: Serbia, BiH, Montenegro (and Croatia), partners from the region in the project: Mihajilo Pupin Institute, University of Novi Sad, Ministry for Civil Affairs BiH, EKO-SUSTAV from Vukovar.

HigherKOS project Promoting Institutional Development in Higher Education and Research in Kosovo*, <http://www.higherkos.info>, implemented by WUS Austria, ZSI, OeAD, funded by Austrian Development Agency and Kosovo, currently supporting set-up of a research funding agency

ESSle - Enhancing Social Scientific Research in Kosovo and its Integration into the European Research Area, co-organises a launch conference in Prishtina on Horizon 2020, finished a series of training courses and started a mentorship programme for selected PhD students from Kosovo - coordinated by Kosovo Education Center in cooperation with University of Vienna and ZSI from Austria

WBC-INCO-NET

Workshops and events organized in this period (with ZSI involvement in preparation phase) within the project:

- Meeting of CEI National Focal Points for Science and Technology (09.07.2013 - Trieste - Italy)

The event aimed at providing an in-depth analysis of the CEI pilot projects ideas to promote research and innovation through centers and groups of scientific excellence in the West Balkans, the Danube Region and other CEI countries. WBC-INCO.NET represented by ZSI attended the event in order to promote its dissemination channels and last important results, as well as to investigate about general interest and possibilities for future project sustainability.

- “Surviving the EC Audit” – Pitfalls and Problems, Survival and Success Stories (WBC-INCO.NET capacity building workshop)

In the frame of capacity building activities of the WBC-INCO-NET the project workshop on financial regulations in EU-funded programmes “Surviving the EC Audit” was organized in Belgrade on 10 September 2013. The workshop addressed the needs of financial project managers and successful researchers in FP7. 43 participants from different counties, which were nominated by the respective Ministries in charge of Science, visited the workshop; in addition many project managers from the region joined the workshop on their own initiative.

- “2nd WBC-INCO.NET Training Workshop on Smart Specialisation for South East European countries”

Only EU member states and their regions are obliged to present an S3 strategy in order to be able to access structural funds of the next programming period and WBCs do not have such an official obligation at the moment. However S3 development is strongly encouraged for the

WBCs and offers a good opportunity to prepare for innovation development. It is a valuable tool on the road to EU accession. Therefore RIS3 assessment which created a useful foundation document to be used when preparing the RIS3 strategy in the future was prepared for FYR of Macedonia as a pilot country (acting as a region) in WB region (FYROM in cooperation with SEERC as task leader), while it was presented and further discussed at the workshop which took place in November 20/21 2013 in Skopje. This workshop was organized in cooperation with the World Bank Team (Regional R&D Strategy for Innovation in WBC) in order to discuss methodological and procedural recommendations for all WBCs. S3 strategies / preparations of Slovenia, Croatia and Estonia were presented and discussed as well. This workshop built also upon the results of the previous WBC-INCO.NET workshop on RIS3 organised in April 2013 in Belgrade.

ZSI as coordinator and WP7 Communication and Dissemination leader promoted WBC-INCO.NET activities at different events:

Information stands with WBC-INCO.NET dissemination material:

SEE Annual Event 2013 (South East Europe Transnational Cooperation Programme annual conference) (Bucharest, June 19, 2013)

Neighbours.HigherEducation.Cooperation. Conference on Higher Education Cooperation in Central, Eastern & South-Eastern Europe (Vienna, 3 – 5 July 2013)

Panel discussion:

“New Challenges for Democracy – Exploring the Crisis of Trust and Democratic Legitimacy in Europe” (Inaugural Conference of the Center for Advanced Studies – Southeast Europe) held in Rijeka, October 16-18, 2013. WBC-INCO.NET coordinator participated in the panel on the topic: “Democracy in the Danube Region – EU’s Danube Strategy and its Vision of an Integrated Danube Region”

EVAL-INNO

The project EVAL-INNO (Fostering Evaluation Competencies in Research, Technology and Innovation in the SEE Region), funded under the SEE TCP and with national co-financing from the involved 6 partner countries organized two RTDI Evaluation training weeks, one in Podgorica and one in Belgrade. Overall, since April 2013 the number of 125 trainees from 16 countries have attended the trainings, coming from all Western Balkan countries, Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Hungary, Moldova, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, and the Ukraine. During the trainings a varying number of trainers from Austria contributed, up to 6 professionals from Austria contributed, the Centre for Social Innovation (ZSI) acts as Lead partner of the project. Also the Austrian RDTI Evaluation platform FTEVAL was presented. EVAL-INNO will conclude its activities mid 2014 and looks actively to establish ownership in the region. At the STICON in Vienna, 14-15 Oct 2013, a post conference event focusing on possible future actions in the RTDI evaluation domain for the SEE region was organized.

Upcoming events are a 2-days workshop taking place in Budapest 15-16 January 2014 covering the pilot evaluation activities (three programme evaluations and a benchmarking of six RTDI organisations) and the final conference taking place in Vienna 25-26 March 2014. Travel grants will be provided for public organisations from the WBC for both events.

SEE-ERA-NET PLUS

The final report of SEE-ERA-NET PLUS was delayed as last payments from the final beneficiaries are to be clarified, these are mainly repayments to the Joint trust account that remain unused by the final beneficiaries, the funded partners in the 23 funded JERP-projects.

Overall, at termination of the joint funding the 95.7% of the contracted funding of JERPs was spent by the beneficiaries, this sums up to a total of 2,876,315.40€. The balance with the funding partners is under discussion. WBC countries have utilized fully their national

contributions and their high share of EC top-up funding. The results are presented in the recent journal where also data about the outcomes are presented. Concluding activities after Final reporting to the EC could be potentially the publication of project results or an evaluation, whereas the focus has to be defined. Remaining national contributions can provide substantial funding for such activities.

ADA - Austrian Development Agency

The project „Higher KOS – Promoting Institutional Development in Higher Education and Research in Kosovo*“ contributes to the well-functioning of the higher education and research system in Kosovo* along European values, practices and standards.

Its purpose is to effectively and sustainably implement the principles of the European Higher Education Area (EHEA) in the public Kosovar Higher Education (HE) institutions and to sustainably enhance Kosovo's* integration into the European Research Area (ERA).

The project is supported by the Austrian Development Cooperation and the Kosovar Ministry of Education, Science and Technology.

A pooled fund has been established by a group of development partners (e.g. Austria and Sweden) to Kosovo as a joint mechanism for these partners to channel resources in support of the further development of education in Kosovo. Support provided through this joint funding will initially focus on the components in the “Kosovo Education Strategic Plan 2011-2016” (KESP) for capacity building of the Ministry of Education, Science, and Technology.

WUS Austria

WUS Austria implements a variety of projects in the Western Balkan Region; the main activities carried out/ developments which occurred in the last 6 months are listed below, a list of all running projects can be obtained from here: <http://www.wus-austria.org/allprojects/38/15.html>.

KOSOVO*

SUMMARY: Since June 2012 the project Higher KOS implemented WUS Austria in consortium with ZSI and Oead-GmbH has progressed from the Inception Phase of the project Higher KOS towards implementation of several activities. In other projects study programs have been accredited and equipment for scientific work has been bought for the University of Prishtina.

- HIGHER KOS (Higher KOS – Promoting Institutional Development in Higher Education and Research in Kosovo; <http://www.wus-austria.org/project/0/95.html>): start of the project Higher KOS in December 2011 with official launch in March 2012; the project is implemented by WUS Austria (Consortium leader) together with ZSI and OeAD GmbH, with funding from the ADC and co-financed by the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology of Kosovo. The projects consists of 3 components:
- Education Quality
- Research Promotion
- Quality Management and Governance

Outlook:

- Four programmatic partnerships between Kosovar and Austrian higher education institutions were granted, the activities started in February 2013.
- Ten collaborative research projects were granted
- 12 PhD fellowships have been granted.
- 3 PostDoc fellowships have been granted
- The first Workshop for EIFL- Electronic Information for Libraries took place in Prishtina in January 2013 (15.01.-16.01.2013) with the aim to raise awareness about the importance of access to e-resources for education and research.
- A Study Visit and workshops on quality assurance, curricula development and gender fair curriculum development took place at the University of Graz
- Job shadowing on performance and quality management and quality assurance, research evaluation and evaluation of curricula took place at the University of Graz.
- A workshop on Curriculum development in Higher Education took place at the University of Prishtina with a special focus on the link between curriculum development and quality assurance and its implications and consequences for undertaking curriculum development.
- A workshop on performance management, performance budgeting, gender monitoring and budgeting took place at Ministry of Education, Science and Technology of Kosovo, for the respective representatives of University of Prishtina and Prizren, MEST and KAA
- A study visit and workshop on performance based budgeting and performance based contracting at highly ranked Austrian institutions such as Federal Chancellery, Federal Ministry for Finances, Federal Ministry for Science and Research, University of Vienna, Vienna University of Economics and other for financial directors and other financial officers of the respective institutions UP, UPZ, MEST and KAA was organized in June 4-7, 2013.
- A study visit for the NARIC Centre Kosovo took place in Austria with the aim to give the Kosovan partner an updated insight view into the mode of working of ENIC NARIC Austria, to exchange topics of common interest, and to give practical recommendations for the further work of NARIC Kosovo in the European context.

□ PhD@UP (PhD in Food Science & Technology & Creating Capacities for PhD Reform at the University of Prishtina/Kosovo; <http://www.phdatup.org/>); PhD program has been developed and accredited and the enrollment of students was completed with 15 students selected to attend the PhD programme in conformity with European/Bologna standards. The students had the possibility to choose the modules for the first semester and the seminars for the second one that will be lead by the local and professors from the partner international universities. Two labs have been equipped from the project, so that students can implement their research projects. Students will also conduct a research stay at the partner university – Technical University Munich – in order to create cooperation and acquire additional methods.

Moreover, recommendations for the improvement of the PhD system at the University of Prishtina are currently being prepared by the project consortium, i.e. EU universities and major stakeholders from Kosovo.

□ KIKT (Kosovo Interdisciplinary Knowledge Triangle Center – PhD based Education, Research and Training for Medical and Natural Sciences; <http://www.wus-austria.org/project/0/77.html>): This project aims at improving the conditions for the development of professional research capacities and PhD study programs for Medical & Natural Sciences at the University of Prishtina (UP). This includes the establishment of a center for PhD studies, research, innovation and training and the development of a PhD program. On March 30, 2012, the official opening of the IKTC_ Interdisciplinary Knowledge Triangle Center for PhD studies, research, innovation and training in Medical and Natural Sciences took place in the premises of the University Clinical Center of Kosova. The PhD program in the framework of the TEMPUS

project KIKT has been accredited for three years by the Kosovo Accreditation Agency (KAA). The PhD students have been selected and the PhD has started with the spring term 2013.

Currently the study visits of the PhD students to the Partner Country Universities Edinburgh Napier, Medical University of Vienna and the University of Ghent are underway. The Final Conference takes place Dec. 3-4, 2013 in Prishtina.

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

SUMMARY: In the last half year/currently WUS Austria was/is involved in projects which contribute to the enhancement of the PhD structure, with WUS Austria as one of the driving figures. Furthermore, the further enhancement of quality management structures at the 8 public universities remains a key issue.

□ **ESABIH** (European Union Standards for Accreditation of Study Programmes at BiH Universities; <http://www.wus-austria.org/project/0/86.html>): project implementation has been successfully brought to an end.

□ **EQADE** (Embedding Quality Assurance in Doctoral Education; <http://www.wus-austria.org/project/0/89.html>): The previously established Units for Doctoral Education (UDEs) at 8 BiH public universities were equipped with office equipment necessary for efficient functioning of the units and installment of pilot PhD study groups. Additionally, the Springer publisher gave permission to the members of the BiH universities online access to all Springer publications over a period of 1-2 years.

University management representatives and members of the established UDEs at 8 BiH universities participated and contributed to the Training on QA in PhD which was organized at the University in Palermo, March 18 – 20, 2013. The Training focused on the following topics:

- Elaboration of procedures, systems and processes of quality assurance and advancement in PhD education
- Institutional experience (as case studies) with regard to how the University of Palermo manages quality of PhD education
- The standards in dissemination and mentorship
- How to measure the impact of scientific work, etc.

Furthermore, the 8 universities finalized their Road-maps as strategic documents which define concrete steps involving all scientific affiliations in order to create a positive environment for creation of new doctoral programs, based on institutional (not only Faculty) research capacities to the aim of initiating modern (integrated) research education aligned with BiH society needs. In the upcoming period, EU Partner institutions will provide their expertise and review of Road-maps, especially focusing on feasibility of proposed action, quality, methodology, appropriateness of QA mechanisms, and conditions to create up-to-date PhD education. The aim will be achieving alignment between actions proposed by 8 BiH universities and good practice models from EU universities.

□ **CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA – II PHASE** (<http://www.wus-austria.org/childrens-university/>) The Children's University in Bosnia and Herzegovina aims 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 Children's University provides knowledge transfer for 10 to 12 year old children. Through this project many children experience their first encounter with the university and learn more about their future educational choices.

After the successfully implemented first (pilot) project phase within which the Children's University was held at five faculties of the University of Sarajevo with participation of 96 pupils of 9 schools from different parts of BiH, the implementation of the second project phase is currently in preparation, in terms of securing the necessary funds. Within this phase, the Children's University will be held at the faculties of the University of Mostar in autumn of 2013.

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□ QinR (Quality in Research; <http://www.wus-austria.org/project/0/92.html>; BiH, Albania, Montenegro, Serbia): 1st workshop for drafting of guidelines held in September 2012 in Novi Sad, 2nd workshop for drafting of Quality in Research Guidelines /study visit held in Paris in November 2012> guidelines are planned to be finalized throughout 2013. Together with the new management at the University of Sarajevo (coordinator of project) a new project management team has taken up the coordination of the project at UNSA in January 2013. The mid-term conference was held in Novi Sad in April 2013 -the Standards and Guidelines for Quality in Research have been finalized and published in April 2013 on the occasion of the midterm-conference.

Currently, young scientific researchers from the participating Balkan universities are being selected to go on a study trip to one of the three EU universities in the project. The selection process should be finished by the beginning of 2014 (on the subject of supporting young scientific researchers see also <http://www.qinr.ac.me/>).

CEEPUS - Central European Exchange Program for University Studies

Operation of the CEEPUS network of approx. 1000 participating units

Oct 24, 2013: 1st CEEPUS III Experts' Meeting, Baia Mare

Nov 19, 2013: Signing of an inner – state Agreement in BiH to ensure smooth payment of CEEPUS incoming grants (Minister of Civil Affairs, Entity Ministers of Education, Rectors)

Dec 12, 2013: 19th General CEEPUS Evaluation Conference, Prague

Dec 13, 2013: 3rd CEEPUS III Senior Officials' Meeting, Prague

Development of an instant survey tool to address CEEPUS participants. First survey conducted on interest in networks dedicated to climate change issues.

University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna

(Universität für Bodenkultur Wien)

Central and South Eastern Europe (including the Western Balkans) is one of the focus areas of BOKU's strategy for Internationalisation, therefore BOKU actively co-operates with Institutions in those countries in the framework of the following networks:

1) ICA- CASEE (www.ica-casee.eu):

In 2010, Rector Gerzabek initiated the founding of this Regional Network of Central, Eastern and South Eastern European Life Science Universities (ICA-CASEE). The Network has 30

founding members and is actively involved in Priority Area 7 (Knowledge society) of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region. Further objectives of CASEE are – among others - the development of joint research, educational and other projects (e.g. joint curricula, joint continuous educational offers, structural development, human resource development, QA, know-how-transfer, e.g. via an e-platform).

Two main CASEE activities with regard to the EU Strategy for the Danube Region include

- a) The **“DREAM”-Project (Danube River REsearch And Management – DREAM)**, which was nominated as **Flagship project by Priority Area 7** of the EUSDR:

Objectives of the project:

- Building two large Responsible River Modelling Centers/hydraulic engineering laboratories (10000 l/s)
- Establishing a network of field study sites for model calibration and validation;
- Construction of a research vessel with a diving shaft for the whole Danube
- Establishment of a network of existing and extended Danube River Research Institutions throughout all riparian countries

- b) **The “Danube AgriFood Master”: Sustainable Agriculture, Food Production and Food Technology in the Danube Region**

A Joint Degree is issued by BOKU and St. Istvan University Gödöllő, Hungary

Further partners in the Master program: CULS Prague, WULS Warsaw, University of Zagreb, University of Novi Sad, USAMVBT Timisoara, SAU Nitra, Corvinus University Budapest

Further information: <http://www.boku.ac.at/int-master-omp-dafm.html>

Current CASEE members of the West Balkan countries include the following **Croatian** Institutions: **Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek, University of Zagreb, and the Serbian institutions: University of Belgrade and University of Novi Sad.**

2) **Danube Rector’s Conference** (<http://www.drc-danube.org>):

BOKU currently has the vice-presidency of this Network, which is also actively involved in PA7 of the EUSDR. The general aim of the Conference is the improvement of higher education in teaching and research in the region, and in particular the advancement of member universities, by establishing and facilitating bilateral and multilateral contacts between the universities.

Currently, **the following West Balkan Universities are DRC-Members:**

- **BiH:** University of Mostar, University of Sarajevo
- **Croatia:** Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek, University of Zagreb, University of Zadar, University of Dubrovnik, Center for Academic Development and Cooperation (CADAC), Juraj Dobrila University of Pula, University of Split
- **Serbia:** University of Novi Sad, University of Nis, Megatrend University, University of Belgrade
- **Kosovo:** University of Prishtina

3) **EFICEEC** (<http://www.eficeec.efi.int/portal/>)

The European Forest Institute Central-East European Regional Office (EFICEEC) aim to is to foster forest and land-use policy, as well as, innovative and sustainable forest management practices through internationally recognized and practice-oriented research, networking and capacity building, with a special focus on Central and Eastern European (CEE) countries.

EFICEEC is based at BOKU; and has e.g. the Faculty of Forestry, University of Zagreb or the Faculty of Forestry, University of Belgrade, among its partners

BOKU-Co-operation details with the different countries:

1) **Albania**

- a) **Co-operation agreements at university level:** Currently, none; but a co-operation agreement for student and staff exchanges with the **Agricultural University of Tirana** is in process of negotiation

- b) **Co-operation in Educational Projects:**

BOKU is involved in the following CEEPUS networks which include also partner institutions from Albania:

- Landscape management - Sustainable land use perspectives in the Central European Region (CIII-CZ-0311-06-1314)
Co-ordinated by the Mendel University Brno
Albanian partner: University "Fan S. Noli" KORCA
- Agriculture + Environment in the 21st Century - @groen (CIII-HU-0003-09-1314)
Co-ordinated by St.Istvan University Gödöllő
Albanian Partner: Agricultural University of Tirana
- New directions for forestry sciences in Central Europe (CIII-PL-0114-08-1314)
Co-ordinated by Koszalin University of Technology, PL
Albanian Partner: Agricultural University of Tirana
- Applied Economics and Management CIII-SK-0044-08-1314
Co-ordinated by Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra
Albanian Partner: University "Fan S. Noli" KORCA

c) **Co-operation in Research Projects:** currently, two projects are carried out with the [Agricultural University of Tirana, Koder Kamez, 1029 Tirana, Albania](#) :

- [Analysis of Fusarium ear rot on different maize genotypes in Kosovo and Albania](#)
Project Leader: [Kaul Hans-Peter](#) ; [Shala-Mayrhofer Vitore](#) ;
BOKU Research Units: [Division of Agronomy](#) ; [Institute for Biotechnology in Plant Production](#) ;
Duration: 01.03.2013-28.02.2014
- [Mycorrhizal fungi as biological components of cucumber production in the Western Balkan region - impact on plant performance under mal-nutrition and excess salinity](#)
Project Leader: [Rewald Boris](#) ;
BOKU Research Units: [Institute of Forest Ecology](#) ;
Duration: 01.04.2013-30.06.2014

2) **Bosnia-Herzegovina**

- a) **University-wide co-operation agreements with BiH:** Currently, none
- b) **Educational Projects with BiH:**Currently, none
- c) **Research projects with BiH:** Currently, none

3) **Croatia**

- a) **University-wide co-operation agreements with Croatia:**
 - **University of Zagreb**
Co-operation agreement since 1997, renewed in 2002, 2006, 2009 and 2013
For student and staff exchanges and co-operation in research and education;
 - **Josip-Juraj Strossmayer University Osijek**
Co-operation agreement since 1995
For student and staff exchanges and co-operation in research and education.

Additional **bilateral agreements** under ERASMUS conditions for student and staff exchange with:

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| HR ZAGREB01 | University of Zagreb |
| HR SPLIT01 | University of Split |

b) **Educational Projects with Croatia:**

Four CEEPUS-Networks with the following Croatian partners:

CEEPUS Network Title: Applied Economics and Management

Project Number: CIII-SK-0044-08-1314

Croatian Partner universities: University of Zagreb

CEEPUS Network Title: Agriculture and Environment in the 21st Century - @groen

Project Number: CIII-HU-0003-09-1314

Croatian Partner universities: University of Zagreb and J.J.Strossmayer University in Osijek

CEEPUS Network Title: Rural tourism programs network

Project Number: CII-SK-0505-04-1314

Croatian Partner universities: University of Zagreb

CEEPUS Network Title: For Safe and Healthy Food in Middle Europe

Project Number: CII-HR-0306-06-1314

Croatian Partner universities: University of Zagreb and J.J.Strossmayer University in Osijek

and one **TEMPUS** project:

University of Zagreb , Faculty of Agriculture, Svetosimunska 25, 10 000 Zagreb, Croatia

[Improving Academia-Industry Links in Food Safety und Quality](#)

Project Leader: [Schreiner Matthias](#) ;

BOKU Research Units: [Institute of Food Science](#) ;

Duration: 15.01.2010-31.03.2014

c) **Research projects with Croatia:** Currently, BOKU is carrying out the following 2 research projects with a total of 2 Croatian partner institutions:

Srebrnjak Children´s Hospital, Croatia

[Integrated Approaches to Food Allergen and Allergy Risk Management](#)

Project Leader: [Baumgartner Sabine](#) ;

BOKU Research Units: [Center for Analytical Chemistry](#) ;

Duration: 01.03.2013-01.03.2017

University Zagreb, Zagreb, Croatia

[Safe food for Europe - Coordination of research activities and dissemination of research results of EC funded research on food safety](#)

Project Leader: [Kneifel Wolfgang](#) ;

BOKU Research Units: [Institute of Food Science](#) ;

Duration: 01.06.2011-30.04.2014

4) **Kosovo*:**

a) **University-wide co-operation agreements with Kosovo*:** Currently, none

b) **Educational Projects with Kosovo* :** Currently, **two CEEPUS Networks:**

- Agriculture and Environment in the 21st Century - @groen

Project Number: CIII-HU-0003-09-1314

Kosovo* Partner: University of Prishtina

- New directions for forestry sciences in Central Europe (CIII-PL-0114-08-1314)
Co-ordinated by Koszalin University of Technology, PL
Kosovo* Partner: University of Prishtina
- c) **Research projects with Kosovo***: Currently, **three research projects are carried out with the University of Prishtina**:
- [Analysis of Fusarium ear rot on different maize genotypes in Kosovo and Albania](#)
Project Leader: [Kaul Hans-Peter](#) ; [Shala-Mayrhofer Vitore](#) ;
BOKU Research Units: [Division of Agronomy](#) ; [Institute for Biotechnology in Plant Production](#) ;
Duration: 01.03.2013-28.02.2014
 - [ANIMAL WELFARE RESEARCH FOR CATTLE PRODUCTION IN KOSOVO AND MACEDONIA](#)
Project Leader: [Winckler Christoph](#) ;
BOKU Research Units: [Division of Livestock Sciences](#) ;
Duration: 01.04.2013-31.08.2014
 - [Mycorrhizal fungi as biological components of cucumber production in the Western Balkan region - impact on plant performance under mal-nutrition and excess salinity](#)
Project Leader: [Rewald Boris](#) ;
BOKU Research Units: [Institute of Forest Ecology](#) ;
Duration: 01.04.2013-30.06.2014

5) **Montenegro:**

- a) **University-wide co-operation agreements with Montenegro**: Currently, none
- b) **Educational / Mobility Projects with Montenegro** :**Two CEEPUS Networks**
- Title: Agriculture and Environment in the 21st Century - @groen
Project Number: CIII-HU-0003-09-1314
Montenegrin Partner universities: University of Montenegro and University Sts.Cyril and Methodius, Skopje
 - Title: Applied Economics and Management
Project Number: CIII-SK-0044-08-1314
Montenegrin Partner universities: State University of Tetovo
- c) **1 WTZ-Project with the University of Montenegro**
- d) „Genotypic and phenotypic characterization types of some varieties in Montenegrin ampelographic collection“
Project Leader: Prof. Astrid Forneck
BOKU Research Units: Institute of Horticultural Sciences
Duration: 1. Jänner 2013 - 31. Dezember 2014
- c) **Research projects with Montenegro** :Currently, none

6) **FYROM Macedonia:**

- a) **University-wide co-operation agreements with FYROM**: Currently, none
- b) **Educational Projects with FYROM** : Currently, one TEMPUS Project with 2 FYROM partners:
Technological Educational Institute of Western Macedonia, and University St.'s Cyril and Methodius Skopje,
[Improving Academia-Industry Links in Food Safety und Quality](#)
Project Leader: [Schreiner Matthias](#) ;
BOKU Research Units: [Institute of Food Science](#) ;
Duration: 15.01.2010-31.03.2014
- c) **Research projects with FYROM** : Currently, one research project is carried out with the **University St.'s Cyril and Methodius Skopje**:

[ANIMAL WELFARE RESEARCH FOR CATTLE PRODUCTION IN KOSOVO AND MACEDONIA](#)

Project Leader: [Winckler Christoph](#) ;

BOKU Research Units: [Division of Livestock Sciences](#) ;

Duration: 01.04.2013-31.08.2014

7) SERBIA

a) **University-wide co-operation agreements with Serbia:** Currently, none

b) **Educational / Mobility Projects with Serbia :**

Four CEEPUS Networks

- Landscape management - Sustainable land use perspectives in the Central European Region (CIII-CZ-0311-06-1314)

Co-ordinated by the Mendel University Brno

Serbian partner: University of Belgrade

- Title: Agriculture and Environment in the 21st Century - @groen (CIII-HU-0003-09-1314)
Serbian Partner universities: University of Novi Sad
- Title: Applied Economics and Management (CIII-SK-0044-08-1314)
Serbian Partner universities: University of Novi Sad
- Title: Rural tourism programs network (CII-SK-0505-04-1314)
Serbian Partner universities: **University of Novi Sad, University of Belgrade**

And **one TEMPUS project with:**

University of Belgrade, Djusina str. 7, 11000 Belgrade, Serbia

[Improving Academia-Industry Links in Food Safety and Quality](#)

Project Leader: [Schreiner Matthias](#) ;

BOKU Research Units: [Institute of Food Science](#) ;

Duration: 15.01.2010-31.03.2014

c) **Research projects with Serbia :**

FINS - Institute for Food Technology , Serbia

[Safe food for Europe - Coordination of research activities and dissemination of research results of EC funded research on food safety](#)

Project Leader: [Kneifel Wolfgang](#) ;

BOKU Research Units: [Institute of Food Science](#) ;

Duration: 01.06.2011-30.04.2014

West-Balkan Projects of other CASEE member universities:

1) Czech University of Life Sciences, Prague, CZ

a. **Project: Development of breeding meat cattle in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia (2013-2016)**

The project aims to increase the production and the quality of cattle breeding through institutional support and the support of small and middle farmers

(Funded by Czech development agency)

Contact person: doc. MVDr. Radko Rajmon, PhD. (rajmon@af.czu.cz)

Project website: (in Czech

<http://www.czda.cz/?ref=12&id=652&lang=cz&confirm=dd8b122aeeb1c26cb1388d2110dad0aae087401b>)

b. **Project: Delivery of Pregnant Heifers (2011-2014), Bosnia and Herzegovina**

The project aim is to meet the requirements for the delivery of pregnant heifers, Czech multicoloured cattle race to partner organizations which represent small-scale farmers in South-East Bosnia. Three partner organizations - two agricultural cooperatives („Agrotim“ and „Prunus“) and NGO „Centre for Development and Support“ (CRP) recipients of pregnant heifers.

(Funded by Czech development agency)

contact person: prof. Ing. Bohumil Haverland, CSc. (havrland@ftz.czu.cz)

c. Project: Western Balkan Rural Extension Network through Curriculum Reform (2010-2013) – Tempus project.

The project addressed the deficiency and need for rural development curriculum reform in the Western Balkan region through the training, development, and implementation of rural development programs following two streams: formal and non-formal rural development education. CULS was one of the partners in the projects.

contact person: prof. Ing. Milan Slavik, CSc. (slavik@ivp.czu.cz)

Project website: <http://www.idmalbania.org/western-balkan-rural-extension-network-through-curriculum-reform-wbren>

2) St. Istvan University Gödöllő, Hungary

a. Co-operation with Serbia:

- 1. EU SEE: Integrated management of biological and landscape diversity for sustainable regional development and ecological connectivity in the Carpathians (2011) - partner: Public Enterprise National Park Djerdap, Serbia
- 2. EU FP7: Fate and effects of cytostatic pharmaceuticals in the environment and the identification of biomarkers for and improved risk assessment on environmental exposure (2010) - partner: University of Belgrade

b. Albania:

- EU FP7: Biology and control of vector-borne infections in Europe EDENext (2011) - partner: Institute of Public Health, Albania (IPH)

c. Croatia:

- EU FP7: Fate and effects of cytostatic pharmaceuticals in the environment and the identification of biomarkers for and improved risk assessment on environmental exposure (2010) - partner: Institut za Medicinska Istrazivanja i Medicinu Rada (IMI)
- EU FP6: The nitrogen cycle and its influence on the European greenhouse gas balance (2006) - partner: Drzavni Hidrometeoroloski Zavod (MHSC)
- EU FP6: Harmonise the strategies for fighting Diabrotica virgifera virgifera (2006) - partner: Poljoprivredni fakultet u Osijeku

University of Graz

EU-Third-Country-Projects

1. TEMPUS

The University of Graz is currently or has until recently been cooperating with several institutions in the Western Balkan region in the context of TEMPUS projects:

| Programme | Project title | start | end | Project coordinator | Project partner countries |
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| TEMPUS | PhD in Food Science & Technology & Creating Capacities for PhD Reform at the University of Prishtina / Kosovo (PdD@UP) | 15.10.2010 | 14.10.2014 | University of Graz | Austria, Kosovo, Germany, Spain, Finland, |
| TEMPUS | INTERFACE: Developing and setting up measures for initiating, enhancing and sustaining Higher-Education-Society Cooperation | 15.10.2010 | 14.04.2014 | University of Graz | Austria, Bulgaria, United Kingdom, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Albania, FYR of Macedonia, Belgium |
| TEMPUS | Reforming Foreign Language Studies in Serbia (ReFLeSS) | 15.10.2010 | 14.10.2013 | University of Belgrade | Serbia, France, Austria, United Kingdom, Slovakia |
| TEMPUS | Empowering Universities to fulfil their Responsibility for Quality Assurance (EUREQA) | 15.10.2012 | 14.10.2015 | EUA | Belgium, Denmark, Slovenia, Finland, Ireland, Portugal, The Netherlands, Kosovo, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, |

Erasmus Mundus Action 2

The University of Graz is currently or has until recently been cooperating with several institutions in the Western Balkan region in the context of Erasmus Mundus Action 2 projects:

| Programme | Project title | start | end | Project coordinator | Project partner countries |
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| <i>Erasmus Mundus Action 2</i> | <i>JoinEU-SEE II: Scholarship scheme for academic exchange between EU and Western Balkan countries</i> | <i>15.07.2010</i> | <i>14.07.2014</i> | <i>University of Graz</i> | <i>Albania, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Finland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, FYR of Macedonia, Montenegro, Netherlands, Kosovo, Serbia, Spain, Czech Republic, Croatia, Slovenia, Austria</i> |

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| <i>Erasmus Mundus Action 2</i> | <i>JoinEU-SEE III: Scholarship scheme for academic exchange between EU and Western Balkan Countries</i> | <i>15.07.2011</i> | <i>14.07.2015</i> | <i>University of Graz</i> | <i>Albania, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Finland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, FYR of Macedonia, Montenegro, Netherlands, Kosovo, Serbia, Spain, Czech Republic, Slovenia, Austria</i> |
| <i>Erasmus Mundus Action 2</i> | <i>JoinEU-SEE IV</i> | <i>15.07.2012</i> | <i>14.07.2016</i> | <i>University of Graz</i> | <i>Austria, Denmark, United Kingdom, Germany, Czech Republic, Belgium, Italy, Spain, Slovenia, France, FYR of Macedonia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Serbia, Montenegro, Kosovo, Albania,</i> |
| <i>Erasmus Mundus Action 2</i> | <i>JoinEU-SEE > PENTA – EU & South Eastern Europe: Participating, Exchanging and Networking in a Transnational Alliance for Internationalization in Higher Education</i> | <i>15.07.2013</i> | <i>14.07.2017</i> | <i>University of Graz</i> | <i>Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Italy, Slovenia, Spain, the Netherlands, United Kingdom, Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, FYR of Macedonia, Kosovo, Montenegro, Serbia</i> |
| <i>Erasmus Mundus Action 2</i> | <i>Euro-Asian CEA 2: Euro-Asian Cooperation for Excellence and Advancement 2</i> | <i>15.07.2013</i> | <i>14.07.2017</i> | <i>University of Ljubljana</i> | <i>Slovenia, Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Sweden, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan</i> |
| <i>Erasmus Mundus Action 2</i> | <i>SILKROUTE: SILKROad Universities Towards Europe</i> | <i>15.07.2013</i> | <i>14.07.2017</i> | <i>Università degli Studi di Padova</i> | <i>Italy, Croatia, Romania, Spain, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan</i> |
| <i>Erasmus Mundus Action 2</i> | <i>EU-METALIC II: EU-Morocco-Egypt-Tunisia-Algeria-Libya International Cooperation II</i> | <i>15.07.2013</i> | <i>14.07.2017</i> | <i>Cardiff Metropolitan University</i> | <i>United Kingdom, Croatia, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia</i> |

Bilateral Scientific Projects

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| WISSENSCHAFT LICH- TECHNISCHE ZUSAMMENARB EIT (WTZ) des OeAD | Identity politics and democratisation in Austria and Montenegro/ Identitätspolitik und Demokratisierung in Österreich and Montenegro | 01.01. 2013 | 31.12. 2014 | University of Graz | Montenegro |
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Educational Projects

The University of Graz is currently or has until recently been cooperating with several institutions in the Western Balkan region in the context of different projects in diverse LLP programmes:

| Programme | Project title | start | end | Project coordinator | Project partner countries |
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| LLP ERASMUS | FIT: Found in Translation | 01.09.2012 | 31.08.2013 | University of Rijeka | Croatia, Poland, Italy |
| LLP ERASMUS Academic Networks | UE4SD - University Educators for Sustainable Development | 01.10.2013 | 30.09.2016 | University of Gloucestershire | United Kingdom, Spain, Czech Republic, Germany, Denmark, Estonia, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Sweden, Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Spain, Turkey, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, FYR of Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Austria, Belgium, France, Netherlands, Switzerland |

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| LLP ERASMUS Academic Networks | HOPE - Horizons in Physics Education | 01.10.2 013 | 30.09.2 016 | Université Pierre et Marie Curie | France, United Kingdom, Italy, Poland, Austria, Belgium, Sweden, Netherlands, Bulgaria, Estonia, Portugal, Romania, Turkey, Malta, Slovenia, Greece, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Switzerland, Ireland, Serbia, Croatia, Hungary, Slovakia, Denmark, Spain, Czech Republic, Cyprus, Norway, Slovakia |
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Best of South-East

Since 2008, the trainee and internship programme "Best of South-East" has been carried out in cooperation with the Steiermärkische Sparkasse bank. "Best of South-East" gives outstanding students and graduates of Economics, Business and Law from South-Eastern Europe (Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Montenegro and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (F.Y.R.O.M.)) the opportunity to obtain their first professional experiences. Students from Croatia are entitled to apply for the programme.

On 13 May 2013 the participants of the year 2012/13 were awarded their certificates by Prof. Christa Neuper, Rector of the University of Graz, and Sava Dalbokov, MBA, Chairman of the Supervisory board of the Steiermärkischen Bank und Sparkassen AG.

Go Styria

The grant programme "Go Styria!" is a cooperation between the University of Graz and the Province of Styria that has supported students from South-Eastern European universities since winter semester 2007/08. Students from Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Kosovo, Montenegro, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" (F.Y.R.O.M.), Albania, Greece, Cyprus, Turkey, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria and Moldova are entitled to apply for the programme.

Rudi-Roth Grant

The "Rudi-Roth Grant" supports academic theses that deal with topics concerning Eastern and South-Eastern Europe. Since 2001, Rudi Roth, a graduate of the University of Graz, has promoted outstanding students from his alma mater who do research on topics concerning South-Eastern Europe.

On 12 June 2013 the awardees of the year 2012/13 were awarded their scholarships by Honorary Consul Rudi Roth and Prof. Christa Neuper, Rector of the University of Graz.

Graz International Summer School Seggau

The Graz International Summer School Seggau concentrates on the focus regions of the University of Graz: South Eastern Europe and North, Central and South America.

Among the total number of 120 teachers and students, 20 participants from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia and Serbia and 1 teacher from Croatia engaged in this interdisciplinary summer school in July 2013.

Furthermore, one of the evening events focused on Serbia "Challenges and Opportunities in terms of Collective and Individual Identities within the Context of EU Accession: Serbia as a Case Study". Austrian and Serbian panelists from the fields of politics, economy and sciences participated in this discussion as well as summer school participants from Serbia.

Next year's summer school will host another evening event/panel discussion, which will concentrate on a further Western Balkan Country: Bosnia and Herzegovina. Additionally, the University of Graz offers scholarships for students from South-Eastern Europe including Western Balkan Countries.

Further Activities

Institute for Austrian and International Corporate and Commercial Law

Research-based activities relating to the Western Balkans (July to November 2013)

From July to November 2013, the following research-based activities related to the Western Balkans were carried out:

1. Hosting Doc. Dr. Aleš Ferčič from the Law Faculty of the University of Maribor (Slovenia) as a visiting research fellow at the Department within the realm of a staff exchange program, July 2013.
2. Seminar for diploma students in law on "Corporate law in South Eastern Europe", winter term 2013/14
3. Election of Prof. Dr. Tomislav Borić as head of the appointment committee for a professorship, Law Faculty of Mostar, July 2013
4. Participation in a panel discussion on "Croatia in the EU – driving force for the Western Balkans?" at the IDM General Meeting, 30 September 2013
5. Lecture on "Legal Culture and Croatian Commercial Law" at a conference on "Croatia and European Private Law" in the Hague, 31 October 2013
6. Participation in a panel discussion on the investment climate in Croatia at the Club Alpbach Croatia (Klub Alpbach Hrvatska), 7 November 2013
7. Participation in the PhD program Southeastern Europe, coordinated by the Centre for Southeast European Studies of the University of Graz, July to November 2013
8. Course on "Introduction to Croatian Civil Law: Selected Issues" at the Salzburg Summer School on European Private Law, 4 July 2013

Contact: Univ.-Prof. MMag. Dr. Tomislav Borić, Head of Department (tomislav.boric@uni-graz.at)

Centre for Southeast European Studies

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| EVENTS UNTIL NOVEMBER | There are no events in July, August and September because of university holidays |
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| Type of Event | Title | Speaker//Date/Location |
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| Visiting lecture | A Transnational Network in Central and Southeastern Europe: The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 1913-1934 | Speaker: Nadine Akhund 02/10/2013 University of Graz |
| Cafè Europa, COOPERATION with Europe direct Europa direct | KOSOVO UND DIE EUROPAPOLITIK SERBIENS - | Speakers: Florian Bieber, Jovo Bakić, Andreas Ernst 07/10/2013 Medienzentrum Steiermark |
| Brownbag seminar | Assessment of European Integration Effects: The Case of Albania | Speaker: Besa Shahini, (Faculty of Economy, University of Tirana, Albania; Visiting fellow, Centre for South East European Studies, University of Graz) 15/10/2013, University of Graz |
| Brownbag seminar | Change and Transition of Elites in Kosovo | Speaker: Raoul Ott (Universität Jena & Visiting Fellow, Centre for Southeast European Studies) 22/10/2013 University of Graz |
| Visiting lecture | Deutsch - Prestige- oder Okkupationssprache? - auf den Spuren des Deutschunterrichtes in Montenegro vor 1918 | Speaker: Neda Donat (Hochschule für Tourismus und Hotelmanagement, Kotor, Montenegro) 24/10/2013 University of Graz |
| Brownbag seminar | Why did socialist Yugoslavism fail? | Speaker: Hilde Haug |

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| | | (University of Oslo & Visiting Fellow, Centre for Southeast European Studies) 05/11/2013 Universität Graz/RESOWI University of Graz |
| Visiting lecture | Public memory in Serbia: Disputes, denial and shifts of context | Speaker: Eric Gordy (SSEES, University College London) 05/11/2013 University of Graz |
| Brownbag seminar | Fußball: Regeln außerhalb des Spielfeldes | Speaker: Hrvoje Paić (Zentrum für Südosteuropastudien) 12/11/2013 University of Graz |
| Brownbag seminar | Partisan songs and Post-Yugoslav Politics of Memory: Between (Anti)Sentimentality, Nostalgia and "New Sincerity" | Speaker: Ana Hofman (Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts & Visiting Fellow, Centre for Southeast European Studies) |
| Reading, COOPERATION with Literaturhaus Graz | War childhood. Sarajevo 1992-1995 | Speakers: Admir Kadric, Jasminko Halilovic, Florian Bieber 20/11/2013 Literaturhaus Graz |
| Policy Dialogue, COOPERATION with European Policy Center | After Croatia – Re-energizing EU enlargement policy on the Balkans | Speakers: Florian Bieber, Aleksandar A. Pejović, Tanja Miščević, Anton Nimac, Christoph Retzlaff, Christian Danielsson 25/11/2013 Scotland House, Rond-Point Schuman 6, 1040 Brussels |
| Conference, in COOPERATION with REES | Promoting Gender Equality Abroad: An Assessment of EU Action in the External Dimension | 28/11/2013 – 29/11/2013 University of Graz |

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Brownbag seminar | The new 'nostrum'- European external rule of law promotion: new evidence from EULEX Kosovo | Speaker: Lorena A. Pullumbi (IMT Institute for Advanced Studies Lucca, Visiting Fellow, Centre for Southeast European Studies) 03/12/2013; University of Graz |
| Visiting lecture | Städtische Modernisierung im osmanischen Südosteuropa am Beispiel von Nisch und Edirne | Speaker: Florian Riedler (Zentrum moderner Orient, Berlin) 05/12/2013; University of Graz |
| Brownbag seminar | Der Umgang mit dem Wald und die habsburgische Ressourcenpolitik in Siebenbürgen im 18. Jahrhundert | Speaker: Dorin-Ioan Rus (Institut für Geschichte) 10/12/2013; University of Graz |
| Conference | Rebellion and Protest from Maribor to Taksim. Social Movements in the Balkans | 12/12/2013 – 14/12/2013 University of Graz |
| Exhibition | Rebellion and Protest from Maribor to Taksim. Social Movements in the Balkans | 13/12/2013 – 07/01/2014 CunTRA – La Kunsthere, Graz |
| Brownbag seminar | Old Serbia: Historical Context and Modern Implications of the Discourse in Contemporary Serbia | Speaker: Bogdan Trifunović (University of Warsaw & Visiting Fellow, Centre for Southeast European Studies) 17/01/2014; University of Graz |
| Brownbag seminar | Social and spatial aspects of regional affiliation and multicultural identity – the case of Vojvodina | Speaker: Ksenija Perković (University of Primorska & Visiting Fellow, Centre for Southeast European Studies) 14/01/2014; University of Graz |
| Visiting Lecture: | Makedonien: Ein Land auf der Suche nach seiner Vergangenheit | Speaker: Nada Boškowska (Universität Zürich) 14/01/2014; University of Graz |
| Brownbag seminar | 1989 in Šumadija—A Serbian Town in Wake of "Antibureaucratic Revolution" | Speaker: Robert Lucic (Visiting Fellow, Centre for Southeast European Studies) 21/01/2014; University of Graz |

PROJECTS

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| Centre for Cultural and Historical Research of Socialism OEAD WTZ Programme | Research Project on the Politics of National Identity and Democratization in Austria and Croatia |
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| European Fund for the Balkans | Balkans in Europe Policy Advisory Group |
| Centre for Cultural and Historical Research of Socialism OEAD WTZ Programme | The Politics of National Identity and Democratization in Austria and Croatia |
| Zukunftsfonds der Republik Österreich | Europeanization through the Rule of Law Reform |
| OEAD | Identity Politics and Democratization in Montenegro and Austria |
| Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation | Policy Dialogue in the Field of Social Sciences in Serbia |
| Regional Research Promotion Programme | Europeanization by Rule of Law Implementation in the Western Balkans |

Institute of Educational Sciences

Activities in late 2013

Participation at the international conference: "Aspects of teacher education professionalization in Middle and South-Eastern Europe – historic and systemic aspects" with participants from Serbia, Macedonia, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The conference took place from 10th to 12th October 2013 at Liberec/Czech Republic.

Future Activities 2014/2015

The contact to these participating countries will be maintained and intensified in the next year(s). Professor Dr. Hopfner is going to plan a guest lecture as part of the *Erasmus Exchange Program*.

Research Performance

Mobility of academic staff

Since July 2013 twelve travel activities (mobility outgoing) to the West Balkan Countries in the field of research with the following institutions are reported:

- University of Zagreb (Croatia)
- Rudjer Boskovic Institute (Zagreb, Croatia)
- Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineering Inc. (IEEE) (Zagreb; Croatia)
- University of Bihac (Bosnia and Herzegovina)
- Innovation Institute (Opatija, Croatia)
- University of Podgorica (Montenegro)
- University of Sarajevo (Bosnia and Herzegovina)
- Narodna i univerzitetska biblioteka Republike Srpske (Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina)
- Croatian Philosophical Society (Croatia)

These visits are associated with the Humanities (History, Philosophy, Literature and Linguistics), Natural sciences (Biological Sciences) and Social Sciences (Economics).

Since July five guests from the Western Balkan Countries visited the University of Graz for the purpose of initiating a research project (mobility incoming). These guests came from the following institutions:

- University of Zagreb (Croatia)
- University of Belgrade (Serbia)
- University of Mazedonia (FYR of Macedonia)
- Rudjer Boskovic Institute (Zagreb, Croatia)

The visits are associated with Natural Sciences (Physics, Biological Sciences) and Educational Sciences.

Third-party Projects

Since Juli 2013 twelve ongoing third-party projects in cooperation with institutions of the West Balkan Countries are reported. The partner institutions are:

- Institute of National History Skopje (Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia)
- University of Zagreb (Croatia)
- Sveuciliste u Zagrebu (Croatia)
- Institut Ruder Boskovic (Croatia)
- Astronomicky Ustav Avcr VVI (Croatia)

Ten projects are funded by the European Commission, one by the FWF – Austrian Science Fund and one by the FFG – Austrian Research Promotion Agency. The projects are associated with the Humanities (History) and Natural Sciences (Physics, Chemistry and Biological Sciences).

Overview / Responsibilities:

| Type of Cooperation | Department / Contact |
|---|---|
| Educational Projects and Mobilities | Büro für Internationale Beziehungen / Office of International Relations A-8010 Graz, Universitätsplatz 3 / Austria Tel: +43-316-380.1249 * Fax: +43-316-380.9156 international@uni-graz.at * http://international.uni-graz.at |
| Research Performance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cooperation Projects - Mobility of academic staff - Research Projects - Third-party Projects - Research Cooperations - Participations of the University in competency centers and other research institutions | Leistungs- und Qualitätsmanagement / Performance and Quality Management A-8010 Graz, Universitätsplatz 3 / Austria Tel: +43-316-380.1807 * Fax: +43-316-380.9080 abteilung.lqm@uni-graz.at * http://www.uni-graz.at/lqm Forschungsmanagement und –service / Research Management A-8010 Graz, Elisabethstraße 27 / Austria Tel: +43-316-380.1287 * Fax: +43-316-380.9034 forschung@uni-graz.at * http://www.uni-graz.at/en/to-research/organisation/forschungsmanagement/ |