

## PROFILE OF THE PUBLIC UNIVERSITY “GOCE DELCEV” – FACULTY OF LAW - STIP

Public University "Goce Delchev" - Shtip was established as first university in Eastern Macedonia by the decision of the Parliament of FYR of Macedonia in 2007. As a public non-profitable higher education institution, the mission of the University "Goce Delchev" is to meet the demands of higher education in a space that is much broader than the eastern region of FYR of Macedonia. Today, the University integrates the 13 faculties and one high school, organized in 4 campuses. All these institutions are located in different cities in Eastern FYR of Macedonia. Currently the number of enrolled students in first and second cycle of studies at the University is approximately 13,000 students.

Faculty of Law, as the youngest public higher education institution established in academic year 2007/2008, is composed of 4 Departments such as:

- Judicial Department
- Department of Applied Policy and Diplomacy (European Law module)
- Public Administration Department
- Department of Journalism and Public Relations

All these 4 departments are accredited for first and second cycle of studies according to the model 3+2. Despite of the accreditation for 2 years duration of the second cycle of the studies, there is also accreditation of the second cycle of studies with 1 year duration, where students with 4 years Bachelor studies should be admitted. In the academic year 2009/2010 the first generation of students graduated at the Faculty of Law. The Faculty is in procedure for accreditation of the third cycle of studies. Total number of students at the first cycle at the Faculty of Law is 1.162 and at the second cycle is 98.

One of the compulsory subject at the third year for all students at first cycle of the Faculty of Law is: Introduction to the EC Law. Despite of this subject at the Department of Applied Policy and Diplomacy (European Law module) other compulsory subjects are: Politics of the EU, Project Management of EU funds, European Financial Law and European Business Law.

At the second cycle of the studies subjects related to the process of EU integration are: Contemporary European Administrative Systems, EU Law, Justice and Home Affairs, Political History of Macedonia, Balkan and Europe, Republic of Macedonian and EU Integration Process.

The FYR of Macedonia signed the Stabilization and Association Agreement with EU in 2001 and is candidate country for EU membership, since 2005.

#### PROFILE OF KEY ACADEMIC STAFF:

Doc. d-r Ljupco Sotirovski has a doctoral degree in legal studies, in the field of International law. His specific area of interest is EU transport policy. D-r Sotirovski defended PhD thesis entitled "Safety and Single European Sky". He is permanently employed at the University "Goce Delchev" – Faculty of Law, with teaching assignments at the first and second cycle of studies at the Department of Applied Policy and Diplomacy (European Law module). Under his responsibility are the following subjects: Introduction to the EC Law, Politics of EU, Project Management of EU funds, Contemporary European Administrative Systems and EU Law, Justice and Home Affairs. In the same time he is on position of vice-dean for academic affairs and head of Cathedra for European Law.

He participated in more than 50 scientific and professional conferences with own papers and presentations. Currently he is a project coordinator of Jean Monnet Teaching module project entitled: "Policy and Politics of EU enlargement". D-r Sotirovski is team member in 2 COST actions and 1 national research project. He has more than 15 publications and published scientific and professional articles in the relevant EU issues.