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POSITIVE EFFECTS OF THE RE@WBC ON THE RESEARCH COMMUNITY IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA



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RESEARCH CAPACITY IN THE WESTERN BALKANS

(“SUPPORT AND PROMOTION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION RESEARCH EXPERTS” – REPORT DATED DECEMBER 2017, FUNDED BY ERASMUS+ PROGRAMME OF THE EUROPEAN UNION)

○ **A) Funding**

- Low investment in R&D (AL 0,4% of GDP, BiH 0,3% (target 1% set for 2020) of GDP, ME 0,38% of GDP, Serbia 0,89% of GDP) (AL, BiH are not covered by EUROSTAT)
- EU average 2,04%
- Research funding is often tied to teaching activities (which are predominant) and number of enrolled students, rather than to research needs and merits

○ **B) Infrastructure**

- There is a lack of research infrastructure
- National funds for purchasing new and maintaining existing equipment are very limited

○ **C) Administrative support for research**

- There is a lack of institutional research support and sufficiently qualified and experienced administrative staff
- Researchers spend time developing their own proposals alone rather than working as a project team



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○ **D) Research careers**

- Teaching dominates in the workload of academic staff
- Pressure to publish can result in researchers publishing in journals of poor quality without peer review

○ **E) Doctoral education**

- Outdated system of doctoral education in WB compared to EU
- Poor monitoring of the quality of doctoral education
- No formal recognition or appreciation for the holders of PhD degree
- Low employability of PhD holders outside of academia

○ **F) Internationalisation**

- International research collaboration is at low level across the entire region
- International mobility of young researchers needs to be enhanced and receive proper institutional support, as a part of cross border research capacity building strategy



POSITIVE IMPACT OF THE RE@WBC ON THE SITUATION IN BIH

- **Activities to enhance research/teaching capacities at the University of Sarajevo and the University of East Sarajevo**
- HR offices and centres equipped
- Universities have adopted the Rulebook on Procedures to use Plagiarism Detection Software
- The UNSA is undertaking activities to establish Centre for Coordination of Research Activities. The centre is envisaged by the University Statute, and the Senate adopted draft document entitled “Preconditions and Organisational aspects of R&D Centre Establishment”
- The UES has adopted the Rulebook on the Work of Scientific-Research Centre of the Organizational Units of the University of East Sarajevo
- Universities have adopted HRS4R and the action plans for its implementation
- University of East Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina – obtained label “HR Excellence in Research” in May 2017
- University of Sarajevo submitted revised application in June 2018
- The new Law on Higher Education in CS and the Statute of the University of Sarajevo foresees the adoption of the Rulebook on Procedures to Acquire Academic Titles with points awarding system (although the UNSA already has the forms that are being used within the procedure of academic career advancement).



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- Adoption of the new Rules of Procedure for III cycle Studies at the UNSA (with new criteria, and following the Statute adoption).
- Adoption of the Rulebook on amending the Rulebook on the Procedure and Conditions for the Election of Academic Staff at the University of East Sarajevo
- Enhancement of the Ethical Committee roles and responsibilities in the new UNSA Statute (May 2018, University of Sarajevo)
- Increase of the Alumni network members of the University of Sarajevo (which exists since 2015). It currently has 9002 members, which is increase of 40% since October 2016 (6389) when alumni network report is generated for the project. Network data available at <https://www.linkedin.com/school/university-of-sarajevo/alumni/>
- Ongoing activities at UES to establish centralised alumni network
- Significant improvement of the new website of the University of Sarajevo
- Activities to pilot “Councillor for teaching newcomers” and to introduce this role within the responsibilities of department vice deans
- Adoption of the Rulebook on Awarding the UNSA staff for Results in Research and Arts by the UNSA Research and Arts Council (advisory body of the Senate)
- Adoption of the decision on improvement and sustainability of the TRAIN Programme at the UNSA (*Training and Research for Academic Newcomers*, continuous training for young staff members (researchers and teachers) since 2013)
- Adoption of the Rulebook on Amendments to the Rulebook on Organization and Implementation of the Lifelong Learning Programmes, 25/01/2018-University of East Sarajevo





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- Seminar on the role and significance of C&C and HRS4R, 14th December 2016, University Sarajevo
- Seminar on the role and significance of C&C and HRS4R, 22nd December 2016, University of East Sarajevo





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- Training for the young researchers on research methodology, 05 - 06 June 2017, University of Sarajevo, Sarajevo



- Training for the young researchers on research methodology, 21 June - 14 July 2017, University of East Sarajevo





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- Training for the young researchers in various skills, 15-16 September, University of East Sarajevo, East Sarajevo
- Training on the teaching methodology, 22-23 February 2018, University of Sarajevo





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- Training on the teaching methodology, 06 March, 2018, University of East Sarajevo
- Training on the teaching methodology, 16 March, 2018, University of East Sarajevo





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- Seminar on multidisciplinary in research at the University of East Sarajevo, 19-20. April, 2018, University of East Sarajevo
- 2nd Steering Committee meeting and 2nd Quality Assurance Committee meeting, 6-7 October 2017, University of Sarajevo, Sarajevo



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