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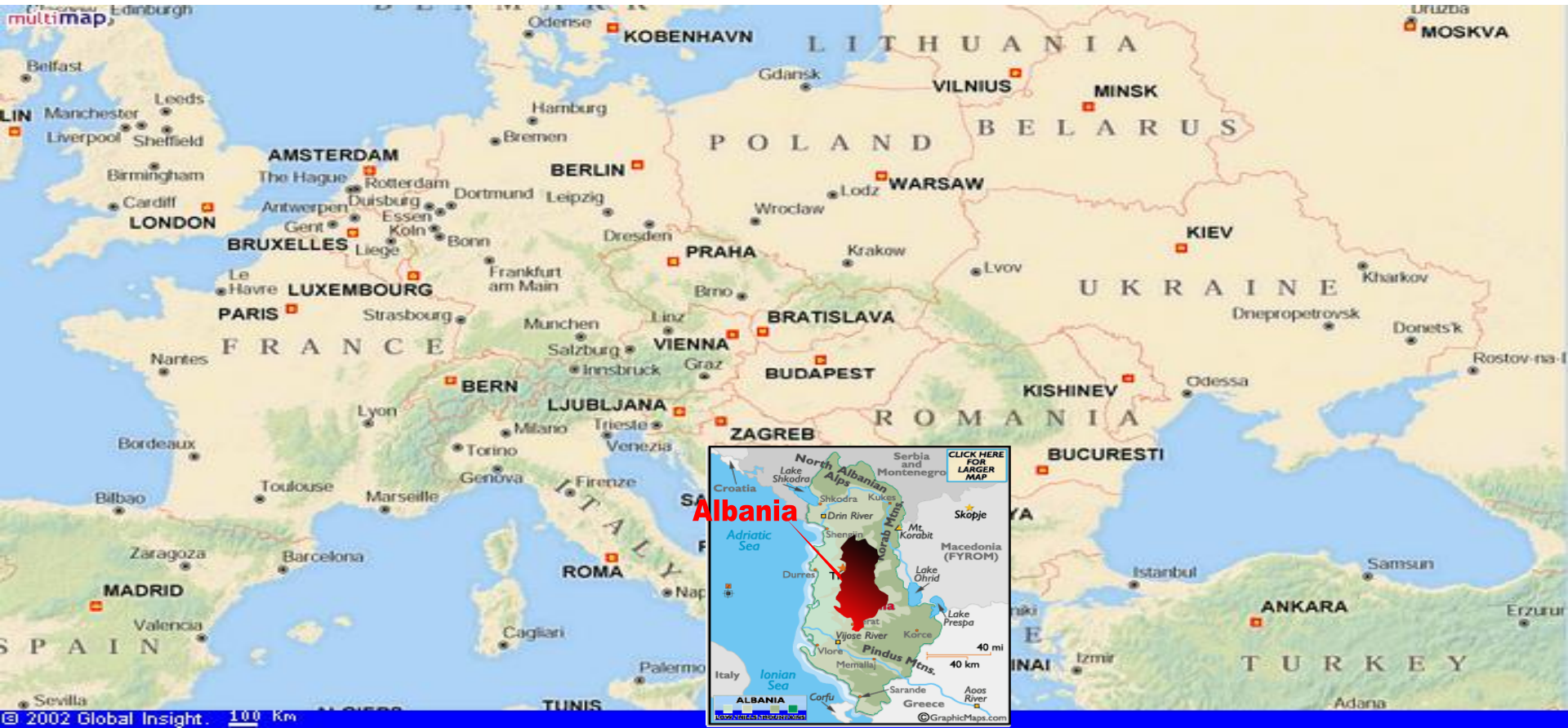


**Enhancing cooperation with  
Albanian HEIs and  
WB region HEIs**

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# We are located in Southeast Europe, in the Western Balkans region



# Welcome to Albania

Albania's surface: 28,748 km<sup>2</sup>.

Population: 3 million

Language: Albanian

Climate:

Mediterranean & Continental

Temp Avg. 7°C - 24°C

Rainfall Annual: Avg. 1371.6mm



Video of Albania

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5aW9wssIyiA>

# Mountainous Region



70% of the landmass is mountainous highlands

Highlands located in the North, East and South

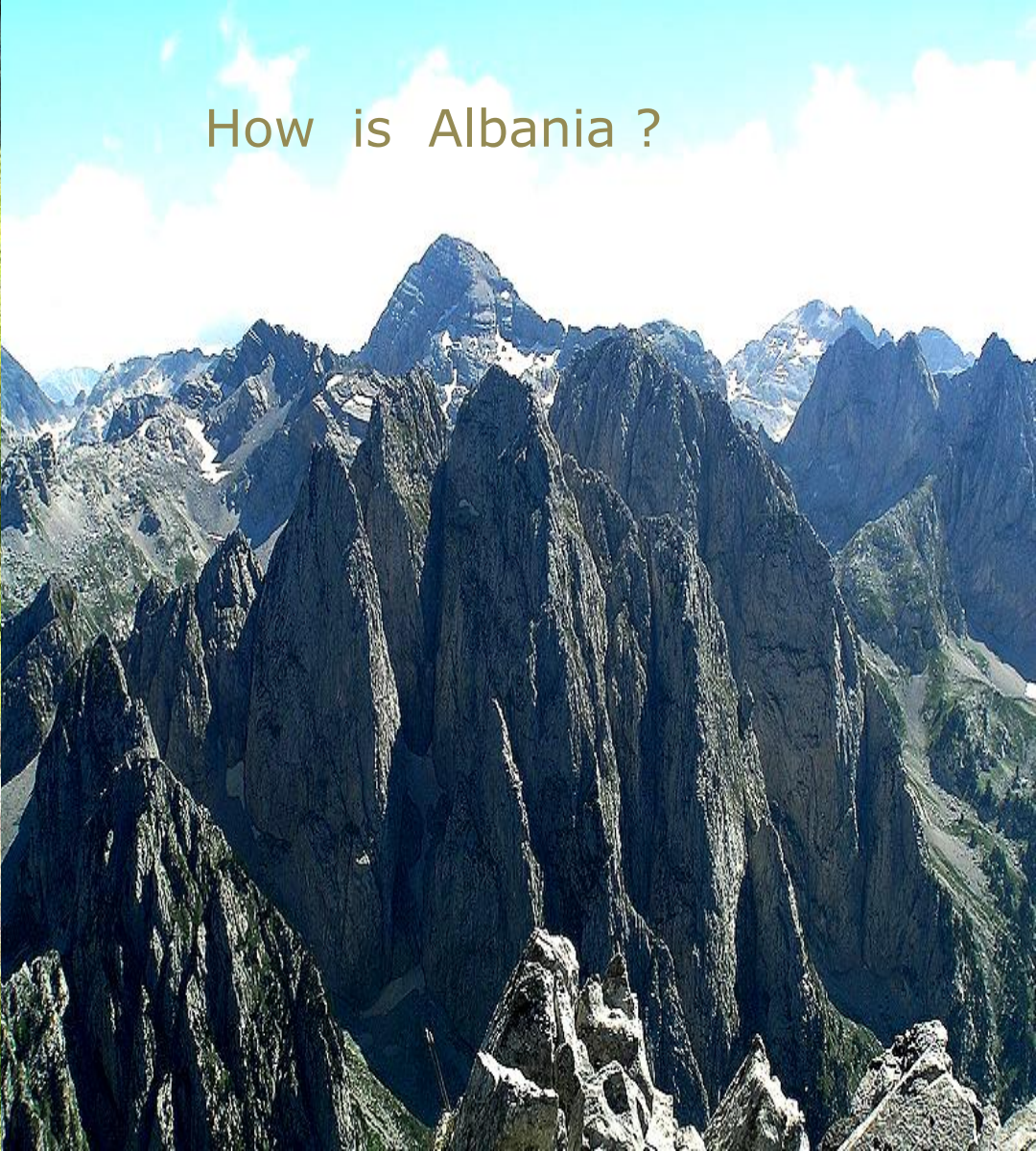
# Coastal Region

Albanian seaside has a length of 450 km.





How is Albania ?





Prespa  
Island of Maligrad





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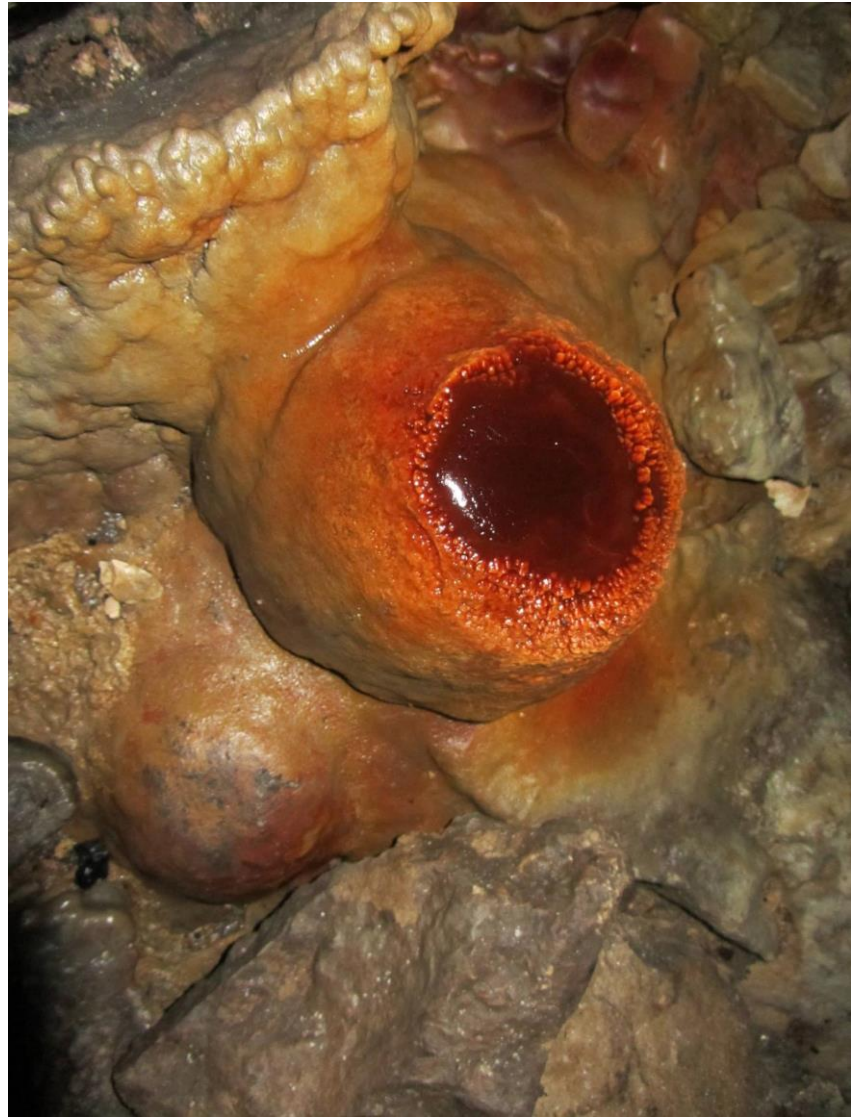














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## Albanian Higher education in *perpetual reform*

- **We joined Bologna since September 2003: so far, implementation of Bologna Charter and participation to the European Higher Education Area** (the reform process has addressed the study cycles, the introduction of ECTS, Diploma supplement, Financing of higher education, quality assurance, etc);
- **Liberalization of higher education system: private HEIs as an alternative to the state HEIs;**
- Challenges: Long way ahead to achieve **standards of quality and excellence in teaching, student services, competitive research and links of HE with socio-economic development and labor market;**
- What to improve: Relatively limited **internationalization strategies of HEIs and limited programs in foreign language**

# Current reform and new law in HE

- New **law of HE passed in October 2015;**
  - Government –active role in review, control and maintaining quality standards.
  - Target and challenge: Quality Assurance.
  - New funding scheme focused on outcome/performance.
  - New scheme of management of HEI (administrative board vs rector).
  - Internationalization: Mobility of staff and students.
- ❑ **Higher Education Institutions**  
**16 Public Institutions**  
**26 Private Institutions**
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## Students enrolled in the academic year 2017-2018 Public Education

| Total         | Females       | Full-time     |               | Level of study        |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------|
|               |               | Total         | Females       |                       |
| 106,077       | 66,124        | 102,030       | 64,146        |                       |
| <b>71,111</b> | <b>42,976</b> | <b>68,918</b> | <b>42,055</b> | Bachelor              |
| <b>33,870</b> | <b>22,575</b> | <b>33,112</b> | <b>22,091</b> | Master/<br>equivalent |
| <b>1,096</b>  | <b>573</b>    | <b>0</b>      | <b>0</b>      | PhD                   |

# Types of Higher Education Programmes

- **Non-university programmes**, professional studies consisting at least in 120 ECTS (2 years)
  - **Bachelor** degree (3 years, 180 ECTS)
    - **MSc and MA** degree (2 years, 120 ECTS)
    - **Professional Master** (1,5-2 years, 90-120 ECTS)
    - **Integrated Study Programmes** (5 or 6 years, 300 ECTS, mainly in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, veterinary studies and architecture).

The third cycle study programs comprises:

The 'Executive Master' study program (60-120 ECTS)

**Ph.D.** Doctoral studies including 60 ECTS of organised theoretical studies with a duration of at least 3 academic years.

**Long term specialization degree**, part of the third cycle.





| No. | Haigher Education Institution          | Information  | Website   |
|-----|--|--|---|
| 1   | University of Tirana                   | Faculty of Social Sciences; Faculty of Natural Sciences; Faculty of History and Philology; Faculty of Law; Faculty of Economy; Faculty of Foreign Languages;   | <a href="http://www.unitir.edu.al">www.unitir.edu.al</a>          |
| 2   | Polytecnic University of Tirana        | Faculty of Information Technology; Faculty of Electrical Engineering; Faculty of Mechanical Engineering; Faculty of Civil Engineering; Faculty of Architecture and Urbanism; Faculty of Mathematical Engineering and Physics Engineering; Faculty of Geology and Mining; | <a href="http://www.upt.al">www.upt.al</a>                        |
| 3   | Agricultural University of Tirana      | AUT is made up of 5 principal faculties and a subsidiary: Faculty of Economy and Agribusiness; Faculty of Agriculture and Environment; Faculty of Bio-Technology and Food; Faculty of Forestry Sciences; Faculty of Veterinary Medicine.                                 | <a href="http://www.ubt.edu.al">www.ubt.edu.al</a>                |
| 4   | University "Aleksander Moisiu", Durres | Faculty of Business; Faculty of Political Sciences and Law; Faculty of Information and Communications Technology; Faculty of Education; Faculty of Professional Studies; Faculty of Integrated Studies with Practice;  | <a href="http://www.uamd.edu.al">http://www.uamd.edu.al</a>       |
| 5   | University "Fan Noli" of Korca         | The University "Fan S, Noli" of Korça is composed of four faculties: Faculty of Agriculture, Faculty of Education and Philology, Faculty of Economics and Faculty of Natural and Human Sciencies.  | <a href="http://www.unkorce.edu.al">http://www.unkorce.edu.al</a> |

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|----|--|---|--|
| 6  | University "Luigj Gurakuqi" of Shkodra     | Faculty of Social Sciences; Faculty of Natural Sciences; Faculty of Educational Sciences; Faculty of Economics; Faculty of Law; University offers study programs, in 1st, 2nd and 3d cycles | <a href="http://www.unishk.edu.al">www.unishk.edu.al</a>     |
| 7  | University "Ismail Qemali" of Vlora        | The university now has four faculties, The Faculty of Technical and Natural Sciences, the Faculty of Economy, The Faculty of Humanities, The Faculty of Health;                             | <a href="http://www.univlora.edu.al">www.univlora.edu.al</a> |
| 8  | University "Aleksander Xhuvani" of Elbasan | Faculty of Human Sciences; Faculty of Natural Science; Faculty of Educational Sciences; Faculty of Economic; Faculty Of Medical Sciences;   | <a href="http://www.uniel.edu.al">www.uniel.edu.al</a>       |
| 9  | University "Eqerem Cabej" of Gjirokastra   | The Faculty of Education and Social Sciences, Faculty of Natural Sciences; Faculty of Economy;  | <a href="http://www.uogj.edu.al">www.uogj.edu.al</a>         |
| 10 | University of Sports in Tirana             | Faculty of Movement Sciences; Faculty of Physical Activity and Recreation;  | <a href="http://www.ust.edu.al">www.ust.edu.al</a>           |



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|----|--|--|---|
| 11 | University of Medicine in Tirana                           | Faculty of Medicine; Faculty of Dentistry; Faculty of Technical Medical Sciences;  | <a href="http://www.umed.edu.al">www.umed.edu.al</a>  |
| 12 | University of Arts in Tirana                               | Faculty of Music; Faculty of Fine Arts; Faculty Dramatic Arts  | <a href="http://www.uart.edu.al">www.uart.edu.al</a>  |
| 13 | Centre of Albanological Studies                            | Institute of Archaeology; Institute of Linguistics and Literature; Institute of History; Institute of Cultural Anthropology and Art Studies; | <a href="http://www.gsa.edu.al/">http://www.gsa.edu.al/</a>   |
| 14 | Academy of Armed Forces                                    |  | <a href="http://www.tradoc.mil.al">www.tradoc.mil.al</a>  |
| 15 | Academy of Security  |  | <a href="https://www.asp.gov.al/akademia/index.php/al/">https://www.asp.gov.al/akademia/index.php/al/</a> |
| 14 | Saranda branch, Faculty of Economics, University of Tirana | Faculty of Economics, Faculty of Foreign Languages   | <a href="http://www.unitir.edu.al/">http://www.unitir.edu.al/</a>   |



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|-----|-------------------------------|--|--|
| 1   | European University of Tirana | Faculty Economics of Information Technology; Faculty of Law; Faculty of Social Sciencies and Education;                          | <a href="http://www.uet.edu.al">www.uet.edu.al</a>                             |
| 2   | POLIS University              | Faculty for Research and Development; Faculty of Architecture and Design; Faculty of Planning, Environment and Urban Management; | <a href="http://www.universitetipolis.edu.al">www.universitetipolis.edu.al</a> |
| 3   | University Marin Barleti      | Faculty of Applied Sciencies and Economy; Faculty of Law and Political and Social Sciencies;                                     | <a href="http://www.umb.edu.al">www.umb.edu.al</a>                             |
| 4   | New York University of Tirana | Faculty of Economics and Business; Faculty of Law, Arts and Sciencies;   | <a href="http://www.unyt.edu.al">www.unyt.edu.al</a>                           |
| 5   | EPOKA University              | Faculty of Architecture and Engineering; Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciencies; Faculty of Law and Social Sciencies; | <a href="http://epoka.edu.al">http://epoka.edu.al</a>                          |



# Non-public Higher Education Institutions

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|----|--|---|---|
| 6  | Catholic University "Our Lady of Good Counsel" | Faculty of Medicine; Faculty of Applied Sciences; Faculty of Economics and political sciences; Faculty of pharmacy; | <a href="http://www.unizkm.al/">http://www.unizkm.al/</a>                     |
| 7  | University College Pavaresia Vlore             | Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences; Faculty of Applied Sciences;  | <a href="http://www.unipavaresia.edu.al">www.unipavaresia.edu.al</a>          |
| 8  | Tirana Business University                     | Faculty of Business Administration; Faculty of Justice, Business Law;   | <a href="http://www.tbu.edu.al">www.tbu.edu.al</a>                            |
| 9  | University College Luarasi                     | Faculty of Justice; Faculty of Economy; Faculty of Sports;  | <a href="http://www.luarasi-univ.edu.al/">http://www.luarasi-univ.edu.al/</a> |
| 10 | Mediterranean University of Tirana             | Faculty of Economic Sciences; Faculty of Political and Juridical Sciences;  | <a href="http://www.umsh.edu.al">www.umsh.edu.al</a>                          |



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|----|---|--|--|
| 11 | Metropolitan University of Tirana                     | Faculty of Engineering and Applied Sciences; Faculty of Economy;                                   | <a href="http://www.umt.edu.al">www.umt.edu.al</a>                               |
| 12 | Albanian University                                   | Faculty of Medical Sciences; Faculty of Applied and Economic Sciences; Faculty of Social Sciences; | <a href="http://www.albanianuniversity.edu.al">www.albanianuniversity.edu.al</a> |
| 13 | University College "Canadian Institute of Technology" | Faculty of Engineering; Faculty of Economy;  | <a href="http://cit.edu.al/en/home/">http://cit.edu.al/en/home/</a>              |
| 14 | Academy of Film and Multimedia Marubi                 | Film and multimedia;   | <a href="http://www.afmm.edu.al">www.afmm.edu.al</a>                             |
| 15 | University College Qiriazi                            | Faculty Economy; Faculty of Law; Faculty of Sports; Higher professional college;                   | <a href="http://www.qiriazi.edu.al">www.qiriazi.edu.al</a>                       |



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|----|--|--|--|
| 16 | Aldent University  | Faculty of Dental Sciences; Faculty of Medical Sciences;               | <a href="http://www.ual.edu.al">www.ual.edu.al</a>                               |
| 17 | University College Wisdom                                  | Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences; Faculty of Law;               | <a href="http://www.wisdom.edu.al/">http://www.wisdom.edu.al/</a>                |
| 18 | Nehemiah Gateway University                                | Faculty of Business and Technology; Faculty of Humanities;             | <a href="http://www.ng-university.org">www.ng-university.org</a>                 |
| 19 | Private Professional College "Ivoclar Vivadent & Partners" | Dentistry;   | <a href="http://www.ivodent.edu.al">http://www.ivodent.edu.al</a>                |
| 20 | University College LOGOS                                   | Faculty of Economy; Faculty of Applied sciences;                       | <a href="http://www.shlplogos.edu.al">http://www.shlplogos.edu.al</a>            |
| 21 | University College BEDER                                   | Faculty of Humanities; Faculty of Philology and Education;             | <a href="http://www.beder.edu.al">www.beder.edu.al</a>                           |
| 22 | Academy of Applied Studies REALD                           | Faculty of Medical Sciences; Faculty of Economic Sciences;             | <a href="http://www.asar.edu.al">www.asar.edu.al</a>                             |
| 23 | Professional College of Tirana                             | Professional programmes in ICT, electro-mechanics and applied systems; | <a href="http://www.kolegjiprofesional.edu.al">www.kolegjiprofesional.edu.al</a> |
| 24 | Professional Business Academy                              | Faculty of Law; Faculty of Economy;                                    | <a href="http://www.apb.edu.al">www.apb.edu.al</a>                               |



### Tempus

- Albania has been part of the TEMPUS Programme since 1992;
- All Albanian public universities and some private ones have participated in **141 Tempus projects in total**;
- Implementation of Bologna process;
- More than 70% of academic staff have benefited professional development and mobility;
- More than 36 million Euros in 20 years of Tempus;
- Infrastructure improved significantly;



## Albanian HEIs in Tempus and Erasmus+

### Erasmus: KA1- 107 ICM selections

- In 2015 KA1-107 ICM call:
- 117 project applications;
- 78 projects selected      those projects comprise financing 554 outgoing exchanges quota and 339 incoming exchange quotas; 17.21%- regional budget
  
- In 2016 KA1-107 ICM call:
- 116 project applications;
- 88 projects selected      those projects comprise financing 817 outgoing exchange quota and 376 incoming exchange quotas; 19.7%- regional budget





## Albanian HEIs in Tempus and Erasmus+

### Erasmus: KA1- 107 ICM selections

- In 2017 KA1-107 ICM call:
- 155 project applications;
- 109 projects selected → those projects comprise the financing 838 outgoing exchange quota and 509 incoming exchange quotas; 17.58% - regional budget

Overall, 25 Albanian HEIs or 66 % of their total number in the country have managed an ICM project in Albania.

- In 2018 KA1-107 ICM call:
- 205 project applications;
- 157 projects selected → those projects comprise financing 1.225 outgoing exchanges quota and 728 incoming exchange quotas; 24.71%- regional budget



## Participation of Albania in KA1-107 and KA2-CBHE projects (2015-2017)

| Total number of HEIs in the country | Number of HEIs participating in CBHE applications (2015-2017) | Percentage of HEIs participating in CBHE (2015-2017) | Number of CBHE projects (2015-2016) | Number of HEIs participating in ICM (2015-2017) | Number of ICM running projects (2015-2017) | Percentage of HEIs participating in ICM (2015-2017) |
|-------------------------------------|---|--|-------------------------------------|---|--|---|
| 38                                  | 30  | 79%  | 11                                  | 25  | 283  | 66%   |



## Albanian HEIs in Tempus and Erasmus+

### KA2- CBHE projects selections

Call of applications 2015:

- **2** projects applications with an Albanian HEI coordinator;
- **22** projects applications with Albanian HEIs partners submitted in the call;
- **5** projects selected with Albanian partner HEIs.

Call of applications 2016:

- **6** projects applications with an Albanian HEI coordinator and
- **36** projects applications with Albanian HEIs partners submitted in the call;
- **6** projects selected with Albanian partner HEIs.

Call of applications 2017:

- **13** projects applications with an Albanian HEI coordinator and
- **65** projects applications with Albanian HEIs partners submitted;
- **2** projects with an Albanian HEI coordinator;
- **4** projects with Albanian partner HEIs.

The 2017 call returns were very satisfactory since for the first time there will be 2 CBHE projects coordinated by Albanian HEIs.





## Albanian HEIs in Tempus and Erasmus+

### KA2- CBHE projects Selections

- ❑ Call of applications 2018:
  - **8** projects applications with an Albanian HEI coordinator;
  - **52** projects applications with Albanian HEIs partners submitted in the call;
  - **2** projects with an Albanian HEI coordinator;
  - **4** projects with Albanian partner HEIs.

The 2018 call confirmed the trend that Albanian HEI are now participating in a satisfactory level to ensure that every year they are selected to coordinate projects.

- Overall there are 23 projects being implemented in Albania and funded under the KA2 of Erasmus+ programme.
- The vast majority of project focuses on aspects of curricula development (13 out of 23), but there is increased interest in recent year on important topics such as Quality Assurance of both teaching and research in HEIs, teaching competencies, and structural project both targeting services provided, HEIs governance; etc.

Overall, 21 Albanian HEIs and 7 non HEIs are currently engaged in selected CBHE projects.

It has to be mentioned as a positive development in recent years the involvement of more non-academic entities in projects coming from business (chambers of commerce), government (ministries) and NGOs.

## Cooperation with Finnish HEIs- Selection 2017

|  |                        |  |       |                      |  |
|--|------------------------|--|-------|----------------------|--|
| 586300-EPP-1-2017-1- ES-<br>EPPKA2-CBHE-SP | UNIVERSIDAD DE<br>LEON | Developing Teacher<br>Competencies for a<br>Comprehensive VET<br>System in Albania | AL(8) | ES(1), AT(1), FL(1), | Ministry of Education and<br>Sports            |
|  |                        |  |       |                      | University Pavaresia in<br>Vlora               |
|  |                        |  |       |                      | University "Luigj<br>Gurakuqi" of Shkodra      |
|  |                        |  |       |                      | University "Eqerem Cabej"<br>of Gjirokastra    |
|  |                        |  |       |                      | University "Aleksander<br>Xhuvani" of Elbasan; |
|  |                        |  |       |                      | University "Ismail Qemali"<br>of Vlora         |
|  |                        |  |       |                      | University "Aleksander<br>Moisiu" of Durres;   |
|  |                        |  |       |                      | University "Fan Noli" in<br>Korca              |
|  |                        |  |       |                      | University of Sports in<br>Tirana              |

## CBHE selection 2018 - Albania

|  |   |  |                                      |
|--|---|--|--------------------------------------|
| 598307-EPP-1-2018-1- AL-<br>EPPKA2-CBHE-JP | EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY OF TIRANA U.E.T               | Enhancing and Validating service related competences in Versatile learning environments in Western Balkan Universities | XK (2), RS (2),ME (2), BA (2), AL(2) |
| 598434-EPP-1-2018-1-RS-<br>EPPKA2-CBHE-JP  | UNIVERZITET U NISU                                | Strengthening Teaching Competences in Higher Education in Natural and Mathematical Sciences                            | RS (4), AL (2)                       |
| 598444-EPP-1-2018-1-HR-<br>EPPKA2-CBHE-JP  | SVEUCILISTE U ZAGREBU<br>AGRONOMSKI FAKULTET      | Harmonization and Innovation in PhD Study Programs for Plant Health in Sustainable Agriculture                         | RS (2), ME (1), BA (2), AL (2)       |
| 598465-EPP-1-2018-1-ME-<br>EPPKA2-CBHE-SP  | JAVNA USTANOVA<br>UNIVERZITET CRNE GORE PODGORICA | Reforming doctoral studies in Montenegro and Albania - good practice paradigm  | ME (5), AL(6)                        |
| 598550-EPP-1-2018-1-HR-<br>EPPKA2-CBHE-JP  | SVEUCILISTE U SPLITU                              | Capacity building for Blue Growth and curriculum development of Marine Fishery in Albania                              | AL(6)                                |
| 598963-EPP-1-2018-1-AL-<br>EPPKA2-CBHE-JP  | UNIVERSITETI BUJQESOR I<br>TIRANES                | MSc in Sustainable Food Production Systems   | XK (2), BA (3), AL(2)                |



## Category 1: Curriculum Development

Education;

Social and behavioural sciences;

Journalism and information;

Law;

Biological and related sciences;

Environment;

Information and Communication Technologies;

Engineering and engineering trades;

Agriculture, forestry and fisheries and veterinary;


Health



## Category 2 – Improving management and operation of Higher Education Institutions

- Internationalisation of Higher Education Institutions;
- Development of research and innovation capacities

## Category 3- Developing Higher Education sector within society at large

- Development of school and vocational education at post-secondary non-tertiary education level;
  - University- enterprise cooperation;
  - Recognition of qualifications and Qualification frameworks;
  - Knowledge, triangle, innovation;
  - Definition, implementation and monitoring of reform policies.
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# Western Balkans Priorities

## Western Balkans - Region 1

### Curriculum development

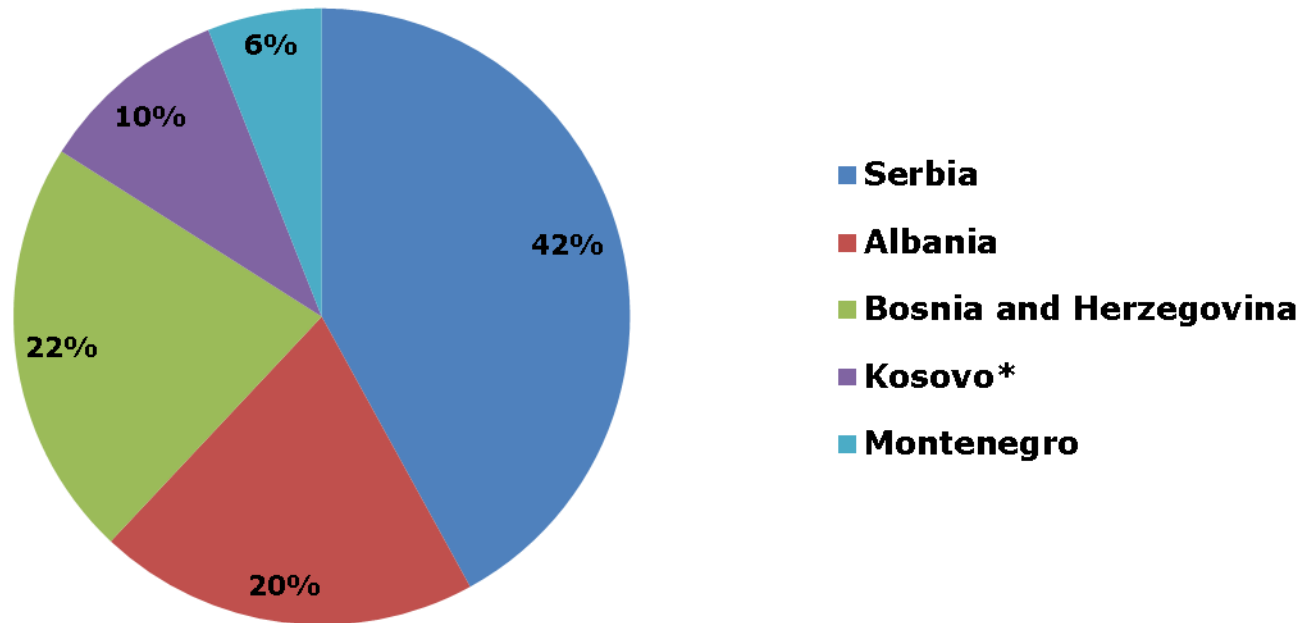
- Education;
- Physical sciences;
- Engineering and engineering trades;
- Agriculture, forestry, fisheries and veterinary;
- Health;
- Transport services;
- Environment



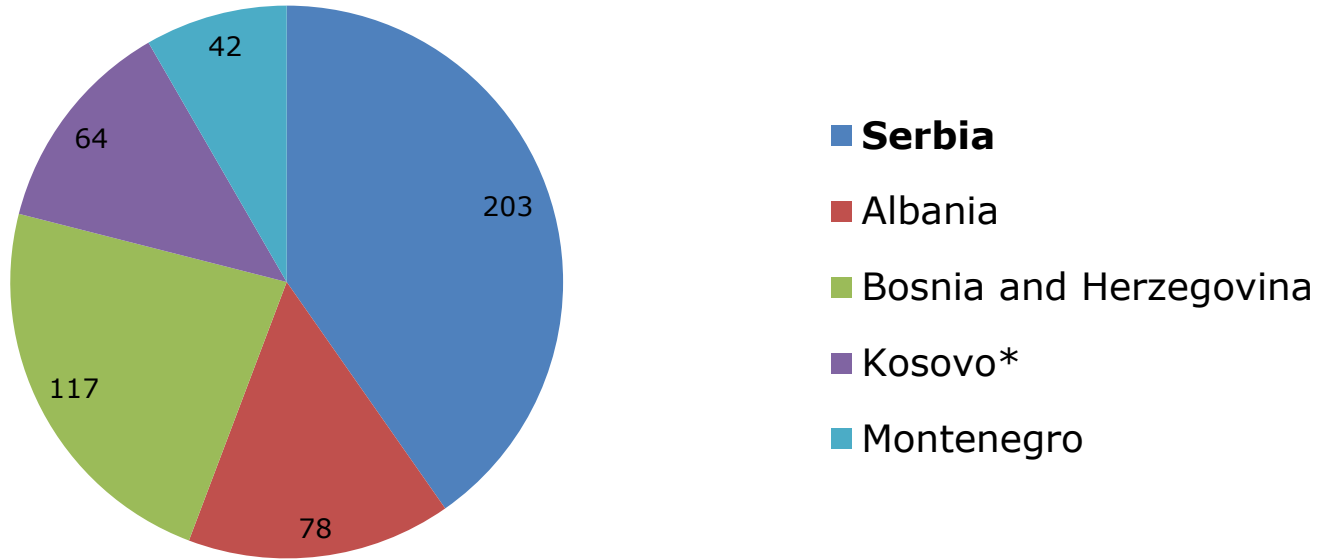


- **Category 2 – Improving management and operation of Higher Education Institutions**
  - Governance, strategic planning and management of higher education institutions
  - Internationalisation of Higher Education Institutions;
  - Equity, access to and democratization of higher education.
  
- **Category 3- Developing Higher Education sector within society at large**
  - **Non-University sector at tertiary education level;**
  - **University- enterprise cooperation;**
  - **Recognition of qualifications and Qualification frameworks;**
  - **Definition, implementation and monitoring of reform policies.**

# ICM regional budget Western Balkans 2015-2018




# Participation in CBHE projects Western Balkans 2015-2018





# General information about Bosnia and Herzegovina



| Country  | Capital  | Population  | Language                      | Currency                    |
|--|----------|-------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Bosnia and Herzegovina</b><br> | Sarajevo | 3.5 million | Bosnian/ Croatian/<br>Serbian | Convertible mark - KM (BAM) |



# Overview of Higher Education System

- Bosnia and Herzegovina



## RELEVANT MINISTRIES !

- Ministry of Civil Affairs BiH – national level
- Federal Ministry of Education and Science – entity level
- Ministry of Education and Culture RS – entity level
- 10 Cantonal ministries of education – full authority for education
- Government of Brcko District/Education Department - full authority for education

## LEGISLATION !

- ✓ Framework Law on HE in BiH (adopted in 2017)
- ✓ Cantonal Laws on HE (All 10 cantons have laws on HE)
- ✓ Law on HE in Republic of Srpska (adopted in July 2010)

## GOVERNMENT AGENCIES !

- ❑ Agency for Development of Higher Education and Quality Assurance (HEA)
- ❑ Higher Education Accreditation Agency of Republic of Srpska (RS HEAA)
- ❑ Centre for Information and Recognition of Qualification in HE (CIP)

## PROGRAMMES AND QUALIFICATIONS !

- **1st cycle** - Bachelor degree or equivalent, 3 or 4 years of full-time study, 180 and 240 ECTS (with exceptions of studies in medical sciences, which can comprise up to 360 ECTS)
- **2nd cycle** - Master degree or equivalent, 1 or 2 years, 60 and 120 ECTS, the first two cycles together account for 300 ECTS
- **3rd cycle** - Doctoral degree - lasts 3 years and comprises 180 ECTS

*Joined Bologna process in 2003 !*



# HEIs in Bosnia and Herzegovina



| Public Universities in BiH          | Faculties | WEB   |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|---|
| University of Sarajevo              | 25        | <a href="http://unsa.ba">http://unsa.ba</a>             |
| University of Banja Luka            | 18        | <a href="http://www.unibl.org">http://www.unibl.org</a> |
| University of East Sarajevo         | 17        | <a href="http://www.ues.rs.ba">http://www.ues.rs.ba</a> |
| University of Tuzla                 | 13        | <a href="http://www.untz.ba">http://www.untz.ba</a>     |
| University of Mostar                | 11        | <a href="http://sve-mo.ba">http://sve-mo.ba</a>         |
| University of Zenica                | 8         | <a href="http://www.unze.ba">http://www.unze.ba</a>     |
| Dzemal Bijedic University of Mostar | 8         | <a href="http://www.unmo.ba">http://www.unmo.ba</a>     |
| University of Bihac                 | 7         | <a href="http://unbi.ba">http://unbi.ba</a>             |

**94.827** enrolled students and candidates in the first cycle in the academic year 2017/2018 !

**11.993** enrolled on Master of Science, master, specialist and doctoral studies academic year 2017/2018 !

The list of all [licensed HEIs](http://www.cip.gov.ba/index.php/en/higher-education-institutions) in BiH (including public and private universities/colleges) could be found at the web page of the **Centre for Information and Recognition of Qualifications in HE in BiH**, at: <http://www.cip.gov.ba/index.php/en/higher-education-institutions>.  
 The list of [accredited HEIs](http://www.heg.gov.ba/akreditacija_vsu) in BiH: Agency for Development of Higher Education and Quality Assurance, at the following link: [www.heg.gov.ba/akreditacija\\_vsu](http://www.heg.gov.ba/akreditacija_vsu).



## Relevant links



- ✓ National Erasmus+ office in Bosnia and Herzegovina: [www.erasmusbih.com/index.php](http://www.erasmusbih.com/index.php)
- ✓ Ministry of Civil Affairs BiH: [www.mcp.gov.ba](http://www.mcp.gov.ba)
- ✓ Ministry of Education and Science FBiH: [www.fmon.gov.ba](http://www.fmon.gov.ba)
- ✓ Ministry of Education and Culture RS: [www.vladars.net](http://www.vladars.net)
- ✓ Centre for Information and Recognition of Qualifications in Higher Education: [www.cip.gov.ba/en](http://www.cip.gov.ba/en)
- ✓ Agency for development of HE and Quality Assurance: [www.heg.gov.ba](http://www.heg.gov.ba)
- ✓ Higher Education Accreditation Agency of Republika Srpska: <http://hears.com/en/indexen.html>
- ✓ Framework Law on Higher Education in BiH: <http://www.cip.gov.ba/images/pdf/okvirni/Okvirni.eng.pdf>
- ✓ List of accredited HEIs in BiH: [http://www.heg.gov.ba/akreditacija\\_vsu/Default.aspx](http://www.heg.gov.ba/akreditacija_vsu/Default.aspx)
- ✓ Avoid overlapping with current/previous Tempus/Erasmus+ or other EU projects with BiH (please consult the data bases of all Tempus/Erasmus+ projects in BiH): <http://www.erasmusbih.com/index.php/projects>





# Overview of Erasmus+ results in the field of Higher Education 2015-2018 for BiH

**ICM – mobility of students and staff in higher education - BiH  
2015-2018**

| <b>IPA - Western Balkans selection results to date (2015-2017 calls)</b> | <b>Applications</b> | <b>Selected Projects</b> | <b>Success Rate</b> | <b>Grant Awarded (EUR)</b> | <b>Total Participants Awarded</b> | <b>Participant s Incoming (to EU)</b> | <b>Participants Outgoing (from EU)</b> |
|--|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| Bosnia and Herzegovina   | 498                 | 327                      | 66 %                | 13565000                   | 4137                              | 2614                                  | 1523                                   |

**CHBE projects in the field of Higher Education involving BiH**

2015-2018

BiH

30 (3 applicants)

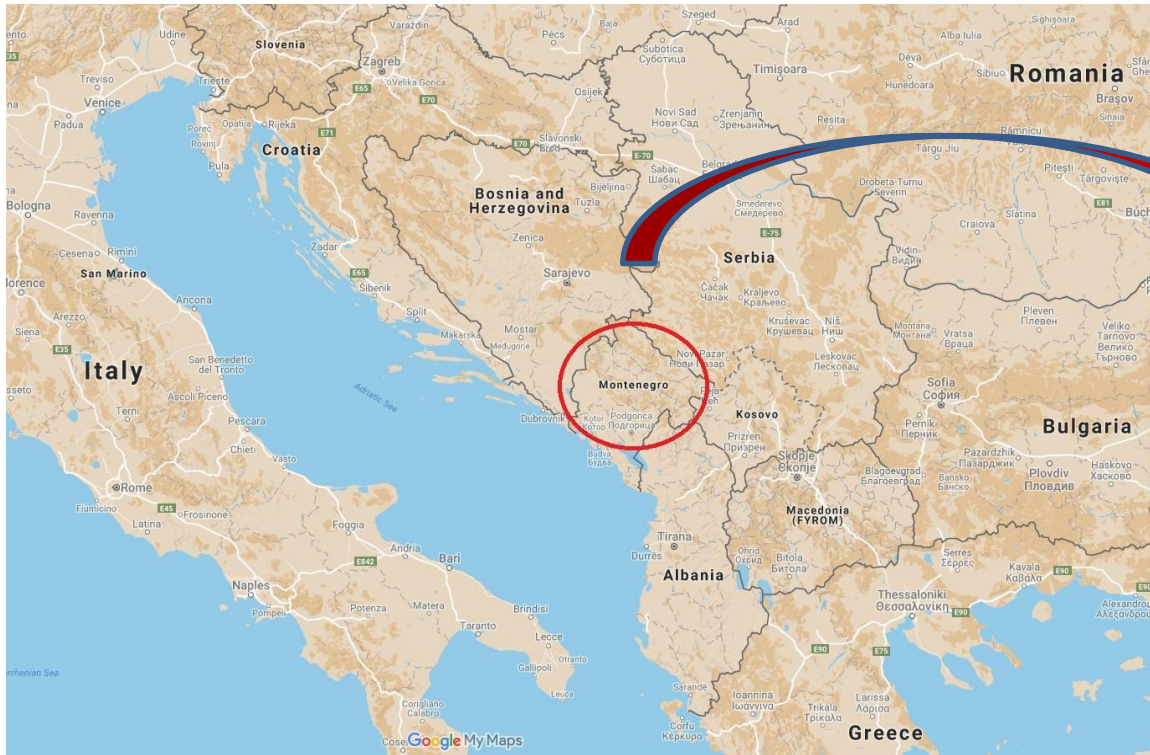


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- **Higher Education System in Montenegro**



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**A small country with  
about 650.000  
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Tourism



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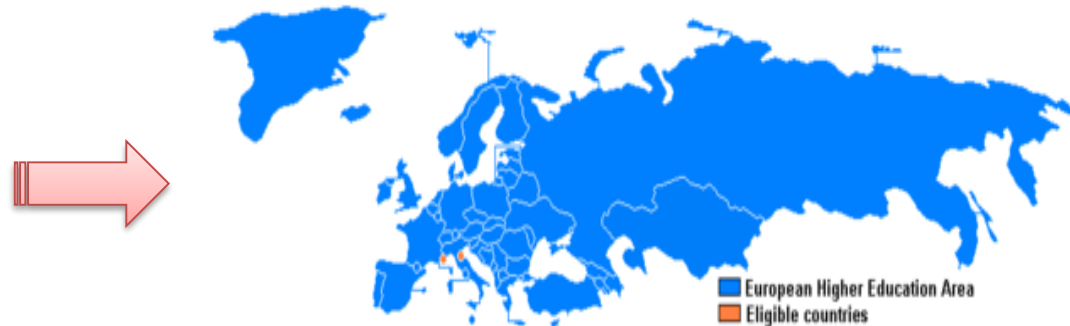


Two predominant priority sector at the state level



## Higher education in Montenegro

- HE - implemented based on the principles of the **Law on Higher Education**, adopted in June 2017, which regulates the fundamentals of the new reformed higher education system according to the Bologna Declaration.
- Member of Bologna process as of 2003
- Elements of Bologna process in the Montenegrin HE legislation incorporated



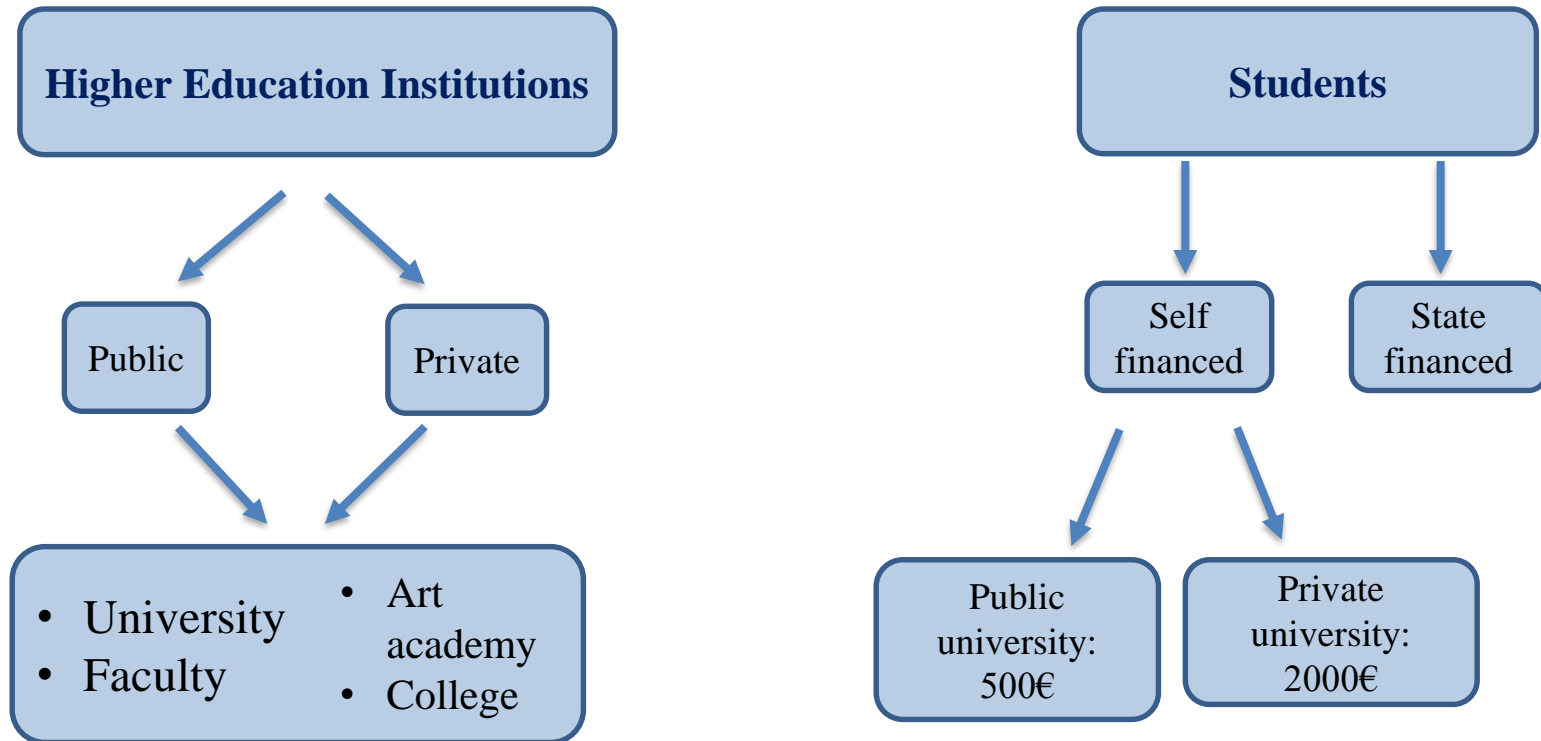
## Higher education in Montenegro

- Strategic objectives for further higher education development - formulated in the Strategy for the Development of Higher Education 2016-2020.

### Strategy for the Development of Higher Education 2016-2020: objectives

|  |  |  |  |                   |  |
|--|--|--|--|-------------------|--|
| Improving the quality of higher education and creating competitive staff | Harmonizing education with the labour market needs | Improving scientific and research work and increased level of participation in EU projects | Internationalization of higher education | Lifelong learning | Establishing a sustainable funding model |
|--|--|--|--|-------------------|--|

## Higher Education Institutions and Students





## Higher Education Institutions

- Educational activities at higher education institutions carried out through academic and applied study programmes, as well as through various professional development and training programmes.

- **1** public HEI in Montenegro
- **3** private HEIs
- **1** independent public faculty and four
- **4** independent private faculties.

| University Name            | Public | Private | Number of faculties / institutes |
|----------------------------|--------|---------|----------------------------------|
| University of Montenegro   | *      |         | 19 faculties + 2 institutes      |
| Mediterranean University   |        | *       | 6 faculties                      |
| University of Donja Gorica |        | *       | 12 faculties                     |
| Adriatic University        |        | *       | 7 faculties                      |

**University of Montenegro** - the largest research university

## Types and levels of studies

- Study programs organized at three levels:

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**Undergraduate**

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**Postgraduate**

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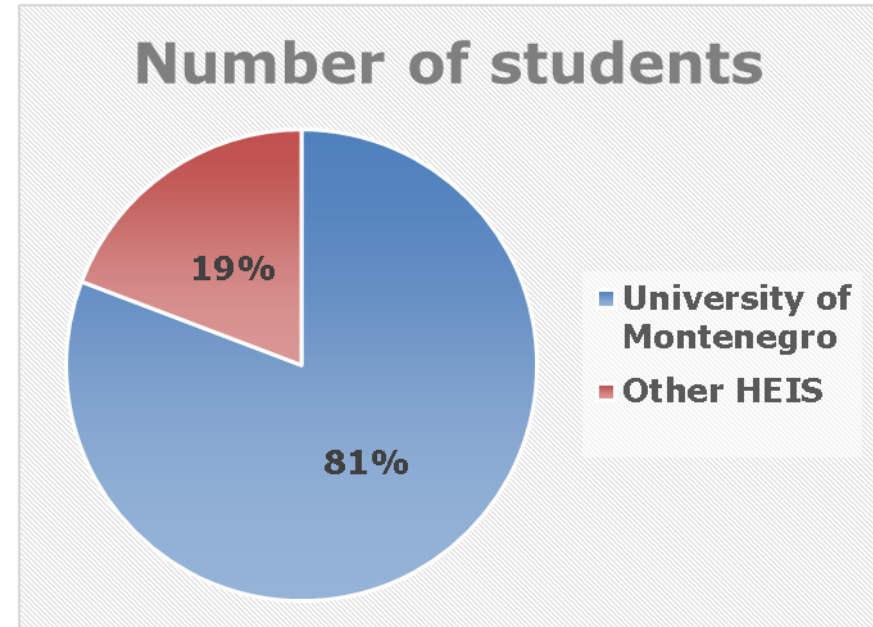
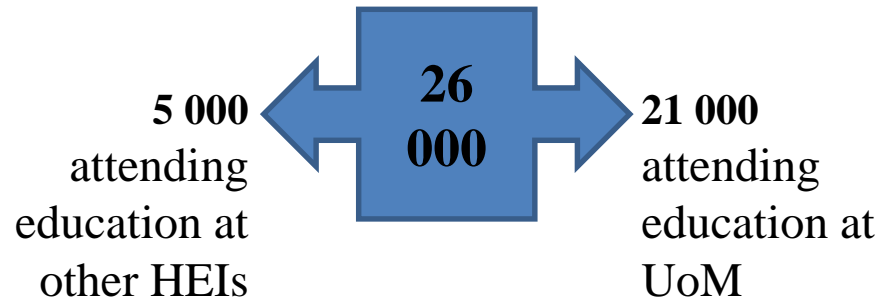
**Doctoral**

## Types and levels of studies

| Study cycle              |                         | Duration    | ECTS    |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|---------|
| Undergraduate (Bachelor) |                         | 3 years     | 180     |
| Long cycle studies       | Medical studies         | 6 years     | 360     |
|                          | Dentistry and Pharmacy  | 5 years     | 300     |
|                          | Architecture            | 5 years     | 300     |
| Postgraduate             | Specialist studies<br>+ | 1 year<br>+ | 60<br>+ |
|                          | Master studies          | 1 year      | 60      |
|                          | Master studies          | 2 years     | 120     |
| Doctoral studies         |                         | 3 years     | 180     |

## Students

The total number of students in Montenegro:



## Internationalization of HEIs

- Cooperation with numerous universities worldwide, based on the bilateral agreements signed.

- Areas of cooperation:

Student and staff exchange

Participation in joint scientific and research projects

Exchange of scientific literature and experiences in the teaching process and scientific work

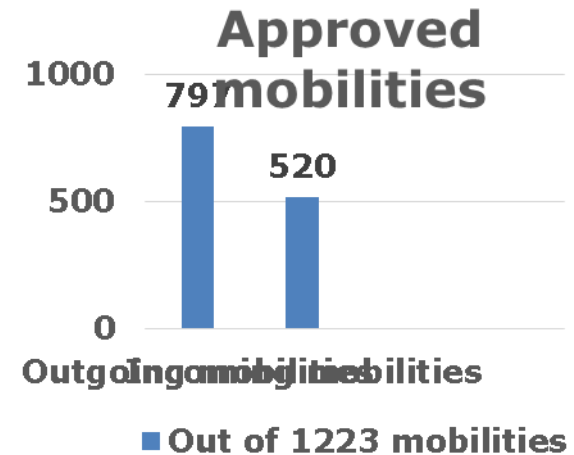
**University of Montenegro** as the leading HEI is member a number of university associations having representatives in the working bodies and participating in the initiatives of those networks.

Here we include:

- European University Association,
- Mediterranean Universities Union,
- Centre for Mediterranean Universities,
- Balkans Universities Association.

## Mobility programs

- **Academic mobility** - one of the strategic objectives of the Montenegrin Higher Education and Research System
- **Mobility programmes** - popular among students' population. So far, all HEIs in Montenegro benefited from Erasmus Mundus partnership schemes, as well as ICM action.
- In the previous three ICM calls, **158 projects** have been approved, envisaging **1223 mobilities**.



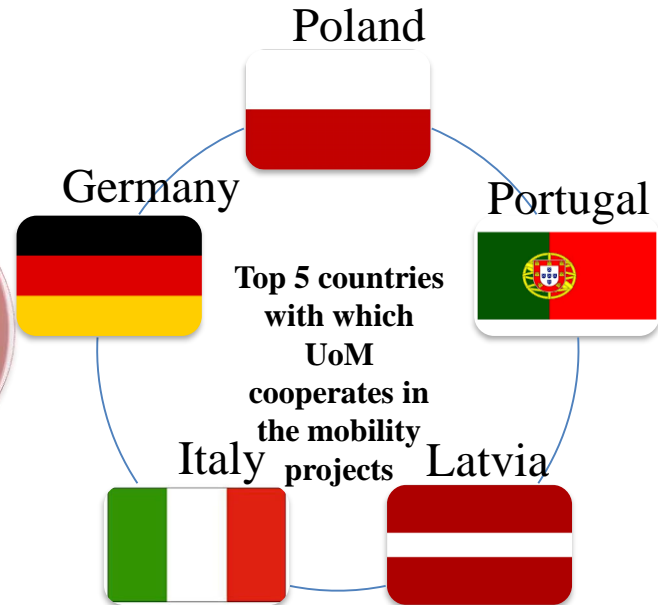
# Mobility programs in University of Montenegro



**96**  
**agreements**  
signed with  
universities from  
**32 countries**



**592 realized**  
**mobilities**  
**314** staff  
mobilities  
**278** student  
mobilities



## Financing

HEIs in Montenegro may be financed from:

- funds of the founder;
- tuition fees and other fees payable by students;
- intellectual and other services;
- donations,
- gifts and invitations;
- property income (lease);
- projects and contracts with international, state or private entities for promotion of teaching, research and consultancy activities; and
- other sources in accordance with the law.

The largest part of direct funding by the state is addressed to:



### **Private higher education institutions**

They can also receive financial support from the budget of Montenegro. The support is mainly provided for the students who attend the study programs that are on public-interest and that are not carried out at a public institution.

Comprehensive **student help package by the Ministry of Education**, which consists of scholarships for the best students and student loans. Of the total number of students at the University of Montenegro, 21% of students are financed from the budget, if they have the status of budget students, while others pay tuition from their own funds and have the status of self-financing students.





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## Tuition fees

Public HEIs

- 500 €
- 1000 €

Undergraduate  
(per year)

- 1 500 €
- 2 000 €

Postgraduate  
(per year)

- 750 €
- 1 500 €

Doctoral  
(per semester)

Private HEIs

- 1 350 €
- 1 600 €

Undergraduate  
(per year)

Postgraduate  
(per year)

- 1 600 €
- 2 500 €

- 2 000 €
- 3 000 €

Doctoral  
(per year)



## Cooperation with HEIs from Finland

- 6 TEMPUS projects

| Project title  | Project year | MNE partners  | Partners from Finland                    |
|--|--------------|---|--|
| <b>Studies in Bioengineering and Medical Informatics (BioEMIS)</b>   | 2012         | Medical Chamber of Montenegro;<br>Ministry of Education and Sports of Montenegro;<br>Institute (Health Centre) “Dr Simo Milosevic”;<br>Cikom Informatical Eng. Ltd. | Tampere University of Technology         |
| <b>Conducting graduate surveys and improving alumni services for enhanced strategic management and quality improvement (CONGRAD)</b> | 2011         | University of Montenegro  | University of Jyväskylä                  |
| <b>Quality in Research</b>   | 2011         | University of Montenegro;<br>Ministry of Education and Sports   | Vaasan Yliopisto                         |
| <b>West Balkan Bologna Promoters Network</b>   | 2006         | Ministry of Education and Science of Montenegro   | Center for International Mobility (CIMO) |
| <b>Revised and Updated Undergraduate Courses in Entrepreneurship and Industrial Management</b>                                       | 2006         | University of Montenegro;<br>Ministry of Education and Science of Montenegro  | Abo Akademi University                   |
| <b>Creation of Montenegro Team of Bologna Promoters</b>  | 2004         | Ministry of Education and Science of Montenegro   | Ministry of Education of Finland         |

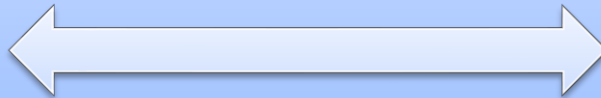


# Cooperation with HEIs from Finland

## Erasmus+ ICM projects



University of Montenegro  
has signed **2 ICM projects**  
with HEIs from Finland





# Expressed interest for cooperation with Finnish HEIs

## University of Montenegro

- Faculty of Philology
- Faculty of Economics – economics, management, both academic and applied studies
- Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, at all study levels
- Faculty of Electrical Engineering has shown interest for cooperation with Tampere University ( Tuomas Virtanen, Audio Research Group. Prof. Virtanen – fields of audio signal processing, speech processing, music signal processing, machine learning), audio-visual object classification and sound event recognition in video sequences, computer sciences, at the level of master and PhD studies

**University Mediteran** - University of Helsinki and Aalto University- Helsinki University of Technology, the Helsinki School of Economics and the University of Art and Design Helsinki

**University Donja Gorica** expressed no specific priority areas for cooperation with Finnish universities

## Possibilities/challenges for further cooperation with HEIs from Finland

- Consider regional WB priorities
- Consider MNE national priorities

Capacity Building in  
Higher Education –  
reinforce cooperation  
within CB HE

- Strengthen cooperation with up-to-date partners
- Open at any time for new partners

International Credit  
Mobility  
Foster incoming mobility  
Traineeship possibilities



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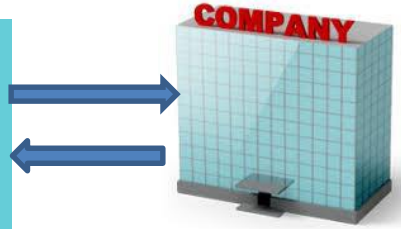
## Identified problems

- Geographical affinity;
- Limited presence of Finnish HEIs in Albania;

## Future challenges on how to enhance are cooperation

- Contact seminar on October 2019;
  - Expand the actual partnerships beyond ICM agreements, with a strong focus through CBHE projects involvement;
  - National priorities for CBHE project applications;
  - Regional priorities for CBHE projects with WB countries;
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# Future cooperation





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