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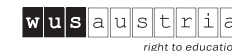


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Aim of the Project

The project “HERAS – Higher Education, Research and Applied Science” contributes to the well-functioning of Higher Education and Research in Kosovo along the principles of the European Higher Education Area (EHEA) and the European Research Area (ERA) with the long-term objective to support the socio-economic development of the country.

The objective of this project is to effectively and sustainably improve the higher education and research system in Kosovo, enhance the quality of higher education and the employability of graduates, and improve human capacities and increase internationalisation of research.

About the Project

The three-year project “HERAS – Higher Education, Research and Applied Science” is being implemented from 2017 – 2019.

The project is funded by the Austrian Development Agency (ADA) with funds of Austrian Development Cooperation, and co-financed by the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology of Republic of Kosovo (MEST). HERAS is implemented by a highly experienced Austrian consortium represented by World University Service Austria (WUS Austria) as the lead partner, and including the Center for Social Innovation (ZSI) and the Austrian Agency for International Mobility and Cooperation in Education, Science and Research (OeAD).

Project Partners

- Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MEST), Republic of Kosovo
- Public Universities of Kosovo (University of Prishtina, Prizren, Peja, Gjakova, Gjilan, Ferizaj and Mitrovica)
- Kosovo Accreditation Agency (KAA)

Within the framework of the project these institutions closely cooperate with Austrian institutions, international and local experts; some of the activities also involve Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) and students directly.

Projects Outputs

The project outputs include inter alia, joint research projects, partnerships between Kosovan and Austrian higher education institutions, PhD and PostDoc scholarships, improved QA instruments along European standards, projects to foster the implementation of the Social Dimension in Kosovo, and instruments that enhance the quality of higher education and research and the employability of graduates. HERAS also raises the overall awareness of MEST and other stakeholders regarding Kosovo’s obligations in the field of human rights, including the right to education.

Intervention Logic of the Project

The project addresses the following three levels:

- **Policy Level** – for improved quality, effectiveness, governance and transparency of higher education and research planning and decision-making processes and policies.
- **University Level** – for a more student centered, labor market oriented higher education, based on state-of-the-art methodologies, and quality measures along European standards.
- **Research Level** – for an increased participation of faculties, institutes and individual researchers in international research cooperation and improved human capacities for teaching and research by means of scholarships and research projects.

Additionally, the project addresses the situation of students from marginalized groups in order to enhance their access to and participation in higher education without obstacles related to their social, cultural and economic background.