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## INVITATION

Dear Sir/Madam,

It is our pleasure to invite you for the Kick-off Event of the Project “Higher Education, Research and Applied Science Plus (HERAS+)”, to be held on **25<sup>th</sup> of November, at Emerald Hotel, Prishtina.**

The project, Higher Education Research and Applied Science Plus (HERAS+) aims at a more competitive and diversified public higher education and research sector in Kosovo in line with the European Higher Education Area (EHEA), European Research Area (ERA) and Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) 4 and 9 related to quality assurance, economy and labour market relevance, international cooperation and the Social Dimension of higher education. It contributes to a higher education and research system in Kosovo that is better governed, more international, coherent, effective and efficient, fostering students’ employability and the 3<sup>rd</sup> mission of universities.

The project is funded by the Austrian Development Agency (ADA) with funds of Austrian Development Cooperation, and co-financed by the Ministry of Education and Science of Kosovo (MES). 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 Cooperation in Education and Research (OeAD). The period of implementation of the project HERAS+ is June 2020 to May 2023.

We would appreciate if you could confirm your participation **latest by 23 November 2020** to Ms. Donjeta Ibra: [donjeta.ibra@wus-austria.org](mailto:donjeta.ibra@wus-austria.org) or Mob. 00 383 44 101 218

For more information, please find enclosed the Agenda.

Sincerely Yours,

Aqim Emurli  
Team Leader  
HERAS+ Project

## KICK-OFF EVENT

### “HIGHER EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND APPLIED SCIENCE PLUS” (HERAS+)

#### AGENDA

**Date: 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2020**

**Time: 09:30-11:30 hrs**


**Venue: Hotel Emerald, Pristina**

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*Note: The event will be organized in a semi-virtual manner in order the event is attended and addressed from distance too (The link will be available at the HERAS Plus project website and social platforms).*


09:30 – 10:00

 **Registration of Participants**

## SESSION I: OPENING REMARKS

10:00 – 10:20

 **Mr. Ramë Likaj**, Minister, Ministry of  
Education and Science

 **H.E. Christoph Weidinger**, Ambassador of the  
Republic of Austria to the Republic of Kosovo


## SESSION II: PRESENTATION OF HERAS PLUS PROJECT

10:20 – 10:30

 **Mr. Aqim Emurli**, Team Leader, HERAS  
Plus Project

- Overall Project Objectives
- Presentation of the Project Team, Outputs and Project Results

10:30 – 10:40

 **Ms. Veronika Nitsche**, Project Coordinator,  
WUS Austria


- Presentation of the WUS Austria
- Launching of call for applications for Programmatic Partnerships

10:40 – 10:50

 **Mr. Gorazd Weiss**, Head of Dept. of  
Research and Development, Centre for  
Social Innovation

- Presentation of the ZSI
- Launching of call for applications for Research Grants

10:50 – 11:00

 **Mr. Ulrich Hoermann**, Head of Finances,  
Austrian Agency for International  
Cooperation in Education and Research  
(OeAD)

- Presentation of the OeAD
- Launching of the PhD/PostDoc Fellowships

11:00 - 11:30

**Wrap- up Session, followed by Press Statement  
by Minister Ramë Likaj and Ambassador  
Christoph Weidinger**