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**INTERNATIONAL DIMENSION IN HIGHER EDUCATION**

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# General information about the WB region



Country	Capital	Population	Language	Currency
<b>Bosnia and Herzegovina</b> 	Sarajevo	3.5 million	Bosnian/ Croatian/ Serbian	Convertible mark - KM (BAM)
<b>Serbia</b> 	Belgrade	7 million	Serbian	Serbian dinar (RSD)
<b>Albania</b> 	Tirana	2.8 million	Albanian	Lek (ALL)
<b>Kosovo*</b> 	Pristina	1.8 million	Albanian/ Serbian	EUR
<b>Montenegro</b> 	Podgorica	650.000	Montenegrin	EUR



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# Overview of HE System in WB Countries

- Bosnia and Herzegovina
  - Serbia
  - Albania
  - Kosovo\*
- Montenegro



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# Higher Education System in 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 !*



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## HEIs in Bosnia and Herzegovina



**48 licensed HEIs**  
(10 public and 38 private HEIs)

**30 accredited HEIs**

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](#) 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](#) 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).



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## 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://heaars.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)
- ✓ Priorities for 2016 – 2026 Higher Education Development in BiH:  
[http://www.mcp.gov.ba/org\\_jedinice/sektor\\_obrazovanje/dokumenti/strateski\\_doc/default.aspx?id=7565&langTag=en-US](http://www.mcp.gov.ba/org_jedinice/sektor_obrazovanje/dokumenti/strateski_doc/default.aspx?id=7565&langTag=en-US)
- ✓ 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>



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## Higher Education System in Serbia



2003 Bologna Process  
2005 Law on Higher Education

**As of 2019 call Serbia  
has the status of the  
programme country**

- BA, MA, PhD
- 3+2 or 4+1
- ECTS
- Recognition of qualifications and degrees
- Accreditation system
- Participation of students

### **National Accreditation of study programmes and HEIs**

- ✓ National Accreditation Body
- ✓ European Association of Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ENQA) membership

2017 - New Law on HE was adopted  
European integrations



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## Higher Education System in Serbia



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programme country**

### 1<sup>st</sup> cycle

Undergraduate Academic  
Studies (Bachelor)  
180 to 240 ECTS

Bachelor Applied Studies  
180 ECTS

Specialised Applied Studies  
60 ECTS

### 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle

Master Academic Studies  
60 or 120 ECTS

Master Applied Studies  
120 ECTS

Specialised Academic  
Studies (with MA)  
60 ECTS

### 3<sup>rd</sup> cycle

PhD studies  
180 ECTS

Integrated studies





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## *HEIs in Serbia*



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### **HEIs in Serbia (90 HEIs):**

- 19 accredited universities (9 state and 10 private universities)
- 65 Colleges of Applied Studies
- 6 Colleges of Academic Studies

**1553 study programmes accredited during the first accreditation cycle!**

### **Gender balance - Academic 2017/2018**

111.301 male students enrolled, or 43.4% of the student body;  
144.871 female students enrolled, or 56.6% of the student body

**256.172 enrolled in the academic 2017/2018 !**



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## *Relevant links*



- For checking overlapping with previously funded EU projects and finding partners – FT project database <http://projects.tempus.ac.rs/>
- National strategic framework: <http://erasmusplus.rs/important-for-project-contents/national-documents/>
- Brochure on the possibilities within the Erasmus+ programme can be found on our website: <http://erasmusplus.rs/>
- Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development: [studirajusrbiji@mpn.gov.rs](mailto:studirajusrbiji@mpn.gov.rs)
- Foundation Tempus - responsible for the Erasmus+ programme in Serbia and assistance to students: [studyinserbia@tempus.ac.rs](mailto:studyinserbia@tempus.ac.rs), [www.studyinserbia.rs](http://www.studyinserbia.rs)



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## *Higher Education System in Albania*



2003 Bologna Process  
2007 Law on Higher Education

The first cycle education programs shall be completed with 180 European credits (ECTS) and their normal duration is 3 academic years;

The second cycle education programs shall be completed with 120 credits, and the normal duration is 2 academic years;

The doctorate education programs last at least 3 academic years and include 60 credits/year.



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## HEIs in Albania



**40 HEIs**  
(14 public and 26 private HEIs)

**36 accredited HEIs**

Public Universities in Albania	WEB
University of Tirana	<a href="http://www.unitir.edu.al">www.unitir.edu.al</a>
Polytechnic University of Tirana	<a href="http://www.upt.al">www.upt.al</a>
Agriculture University of Tirana	<a href="http://www.ubt.edu.al">www.ubt.edu.al</a>
University of Elbasan, Aleksander Xhuvani	<a href="http://www.uniel.edu.al">www.uniel.edu.al</a>
University of Shkodra "Luigj Gurakuqi"	<a href="http://www.unishk.edu.al">www.unishk.edu.al</a>
"Eqrem Çabej" University of Gjirokastra	<a href="http://www.uogj.edu.al">www.uogj.edu.al</a>
"Fan. S. Noli" University	<a href="http://www.unkorce.edu.al">www.unkorce.edu.al</a>
University of Vlora, "Ismael Qemali"	<a href="http://www.univlora.edu.al">www.univlora.edu.al</a>
"Aleksandër Moisiu" University, Durres	<a href="http://www.uamd.edu.al">www.uamd.edu.al</a>
University of Arts	<a href="http://www.uart.edu.al">www.uart.edu.al</a>
University of Sports of Tirana	<a href="http://www.ust.edu.al">www.ust.edu.al</a>
University of Medicine, Tirana	<a href="http://www.umed.edu.al">www.umed.edu.al</a>
Academy of Armed Forces	<a href="http://www.tradoc.mil.al">www.tradoc.mil.al</a>
Security Academy	<a href="http://www.asp.gov.al">www.asp.gov.al</a>

The list of all public/private HEIs in Albania available at: <https://www.ascal.al/en/hei-list>



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## Relevant links



National Erasmus+ Office in Albania: <http://erasmusplus.al/>

List of HEIs in Albania: <https://www.ascal.al/en/hei-list>

Quality Assurance Agency in HE: <https://www.ascal.al/en/>

Ministry of Education: <http://www.arsimi.gov.al/>



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## *Higher Education System in Kosovo*



Higher Education regulated by the *Law on Higher Education* adopted in August 2011.

- ❑ First cycle—three (3) to four (4) years of studies by which reaches 180, respectively 240 ECTS => Bachelor Diploma.
- ❑ Second cycle – one (1) to two (2) years of studies after completion of the first level by which the students reaches 60, respectively 120 ECTS => Master Diploma.
- ❑ Third cycle-doctoral studies with academic and independent research scientific character

Any other post-secondary education in the levels 5,6,7 and 8 of the European Qualification Framework for Lifelong learning for which credits may be given (ECTS)

*Still not officially joined the Bologna Process !*



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## HEIs in Kosovo



**9 public and 21 private HEIs**

### **Public Higher Education Institutions in Kosovo**

- ✓ Faculty of Islamic Studies
- ✓ Kosovo Academy for Public Safety
- ✓ University of Applied Sciences Ferizaj
- ✓ University of Gjakova "Fehmi Agani"
- ✓ University of Gjilan "Kadri Zeka"
- ✓ University of Mitrovica "Isa Boletini"
- ✓ University of Peja "Haxhi Zeka"
- ✓ University of Prishtina "Hasan Prishtina"
- ✓ University of Prizren "Ukshin Hoti,,

The list of all public and private HEIs in Kosovo available at: <http://www.akreditimi-ks.org/new/index.php/en/download/higher-eduacion-institutions>



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## Relevant links



- Kosovo Erasmus+ Office: [www.erasmuspluskosovo.org](http://www.erasmuspluskosovo.org)
- Ministry of Education, Science and Technology: <http://masht.rks-gov.net/en>
- Kosovo Accreditation Agency (list of HEIs in Kosovo): <http://www.akreditimi-ks.org/new/index.php/en/download/higher-eduacion-institutions>
- National Qualifications Authority: <https://akkks.rks-gov.net/>





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## ***Higher Education System in Montenegro***



Higher Education system concentrated in the capital city of Montenegro – Podgorica.

- Member of Bologna process as of 2003
- Study programmes organized at three levels:
  - Undergraduate (180 ECTS)
  - Postgraduate (120 ECTS)
  - Doctoral (180 ECTS)

Higher education institutions, licensed and accredited in accordance with the Law on Higher Education can be: public or private. HEIs include: university, faculty, art academy and college.



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## HEIs in Montenegro



One public and three private HEIs in Montenegro as well as one independent public faculty and four 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

The total number of students in Montenegro is about 26 000 !



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## ***Relevant links***



- 
- ✓ National Erasmus+ office in Montenegro: <http://www.erasmusplus.ac.me/>
  - ✓ Ministry of Education: <http://www.mpin.gov.me>
  - ✓ HERIC - Higher Education and Research for Innovation and Competitiveness: <https://www.heric.me/>
  - ✓ Statistical office of Montenegro: <http://www.monstat.org>



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

## Western Balkan region



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### CHBE projects for WB region in the field of Higher Education

2015-2018	
Albania	23 (4 applicants)
BiH	30 (3 applicants)
Kosovo*	19 (5 applicants)
Montenegro	18 (3 applicants)
Serbia	38 (25 applicants)

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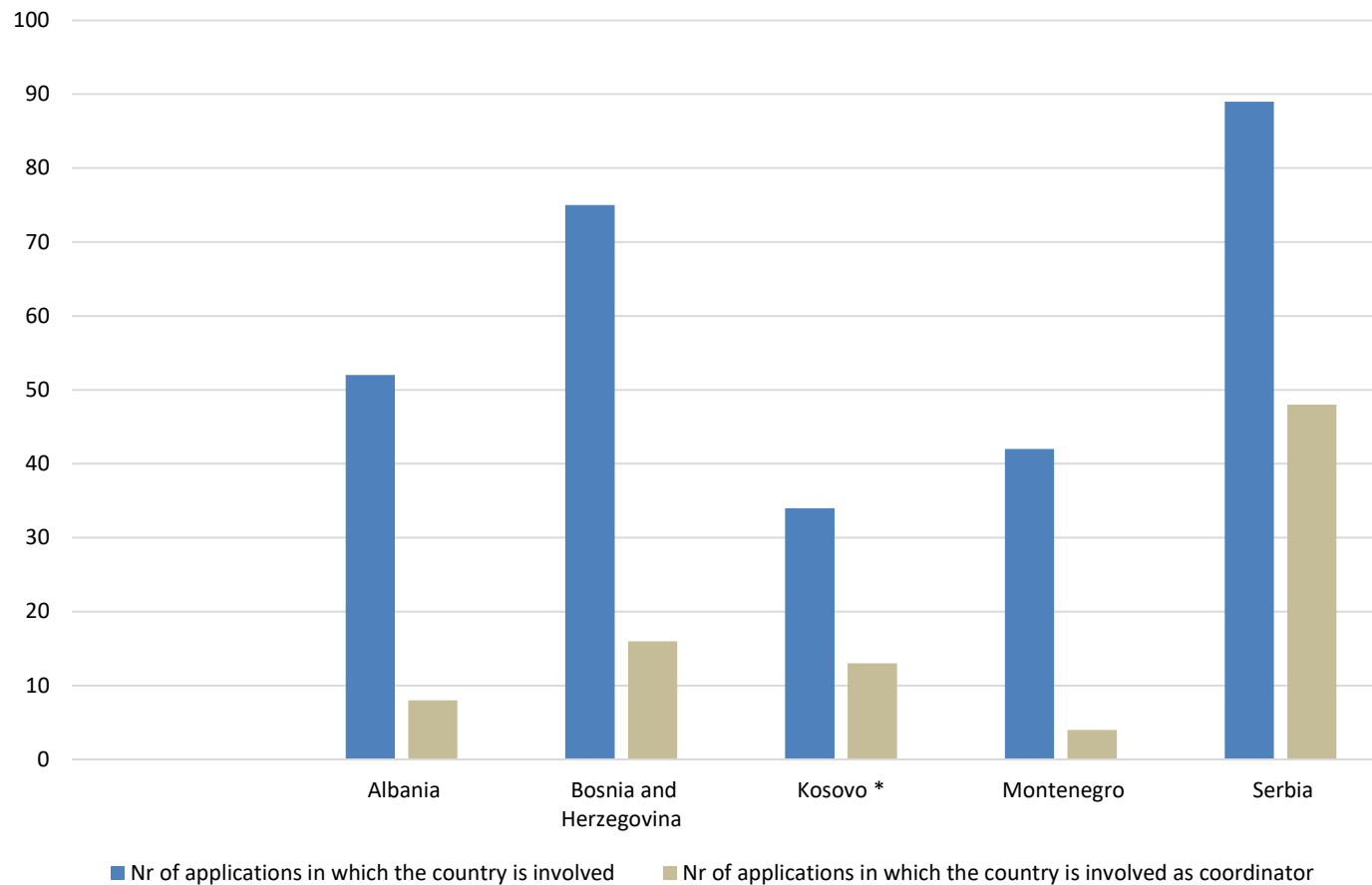


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### Breakdown of CBHE applications for WB region - Call 2018



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### *Some recommendations for CBHE project proposals !*

- Pay particular attention to the eligibility criteria (e.g. minimum number of HEIs in consortia);
- Insist on cost-effectiveness, wider impact, and sustainability of results – especially in respect of target groups (and bearing in mind project budget);
- Insist on the need to empower the Partner Country partners from the early stages of the proposal preparation;
- Be innovative in the content and methodologies described in your application
- Capacity/level of institutions for addressing certain topics of the projects



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### ICM – mobility of students and staff in higher education - WB region 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>Participants Incoming (to EU)</b>	<b>Participants Outgoing (from EU)</b>
Albania	388	276	71 %	11213000	3436	2211	1225
Bosnia and Herzegovina	498	327	66 %	13565000	4137	2614	1523
Kosovo*	261	169	65 %	6178000	1988	1341	647
Montenegro	225	158	70 %	3964000	1233	802	431
Serbia	821	602	73 %	26693000	8176	5062	3114
<b>Total (Unique projects involving one or more countries in the region)</b>	<b>1280</b>	<b>912</b>	<b>71 %</b>	<b>61615000</b>	<b>18970</b>	<b>12030</b>	<b>6940</b>

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### Jean Monnet projects involving WB region

2015-2018	
Albania	7
Bosnia and Herzegovina	3
Kosovo*	0
Montenegro	2
Serbia	11

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## CBHE priorities for WB region



Curriculum development	Improving management and operations of HEIs	Developing the Higher Education sector within society at large
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education;</li> <li>• Physical sciences;</li> <li>• Engineering and engineering trades;</li> <li>• Agriculture, forestry, fishery and veterinary;</li> <li>• Health;</li> <li>• Transport Services;</li> <li>• Environment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Governance, strategic planning and management of HEIs</b> (such as human resources and financial management)</li> <li>• <b>Internationalization of HEIs</b> (including recognition mechanisms and mobility, IR capacities)</li> <li>• <b>Equity, access to and democratization of HE</b> (including disadvantaged groups of people and regions)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Non-university sector at tertiary education</b> (actions which target reforms in vocational and technical vocational education and training institutes and colleges which are offering tertiary education but are not universities)</li> <li>• <b>University-enterprise cooperation</b> (such as support for students' practical placement, entrepreneurship, employability of graduates, etc.)</li> <li>• <b>Recognition of qualifications and Qualification Frameworks</b></li> <li>• <b>Definition, implementation and monitoring of reform policies</b> (including evidence-based policies, financing of education, governance, quality assurance of public and private higher education sector, introduction of transparency tools and standards and guidelines)</li> </ul>



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# Thank you for your attention !

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