

*Developing the Structures for QA at
the Private Higher Education
Institutions in Kosova*

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Projects

1. „Supporting and Developing the Structures for Q&A at the private Higher Education Institutions in Kosova“ 145158-TEMPUS-2008-XK-SMGR (2008-4740)
2. “Encouraging the process of curriculum development based on learning outcomes and research guided teaching in the private higher education institutions of Kosova”
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Activities carried out and results obtained

Restructuring university management and governance:

- a) Modification of curricula based on the latest trends of learning outcomes and on research guided teaching applying the following tools:*
- survey conducted with private HEI alumni and employers with regard to skills, knowledge and abilities that graduates from private HEIs in Kosovo obtain → given to Student Support Services
 - Report on the survey was prepared and given to the beneficiaries for immediate and future actions; available under <http://lo-hei.net/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/Report-on-Survey-conducted-with-PHEI-Alumni-and-Employers.pdf>

Activities carried out and results obtained

b) *Research and research guided teaching:*

key indicators for monitoring and benchmarking R&D activities at PHEI in Kosovo

- R&D activities are the main component that PHEI lack. Kosovo Accreditation Agency recommended to improve R&D activities to be able to upgrade the status from Colleges to Universities.
- Workshops in Salzburg and Prishtina to draft the necessary document; available under [http://lo-
hei.net/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/RESEARCH-
AND-RESEARCH-GUIDED-TEACHING_Final.pdf](http://lo-
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c) *Strengthening/Establishment of Student Support Service:*

- Trainings with experts from the EU universities (University of Edinburgh, University College Cork, and University of Politehnica) and WUS Kosova
- Preparation of a guideline on career development; available under http://lo-hei.net/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/raporti_practical-guideline-on-career_eng.pdf

Activities carried out and results obtained

d) Building up a network for students' internship:

- accomplished via the organization of 2 career fairs for students with participation of more than 1000 students
- contact details of all participating companies in the 2 fairs were collected together with the contact details of other institutions (public and private); available under http://lo-hei.net/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/Database_companies_LO@HEI.pdf

Activities carried out and results obtained

e) Role of Learning Outcomes (LO) in the accreditation and reaccreditation of beneficiary institutions:

- Trainings
- Workshops
- Study visits

These activities had an input on curricula, which was positively recognized by the Accreditation Agency of Kosova.

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f) Association of the Private HEIs in Kosovo:

- PHEIs of Kosova during the implementation of these projects recognized that they are no enemies, but that they can cooperate for the benefit not only of themselves but also for the sake of their country
- Even though they are strongly competing with each other they want to create a cooperative environment via this action

Thank you