

# ***Strengthening university autonomy and increasing accountability and transparency of Western Balkans Universities (STAND)***

**Kick off Meeting  
3-5 March, 2021**

**INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS COLLEGE MITROVICA (IBC-M)**

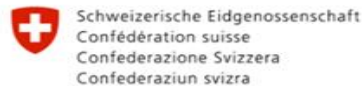
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# Background

- IBC-M operates since 2010

• IBC-M was established with the donations from the European Union, embassies of Sweden, Denmark, The Netherlands, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and Germany and Kosovo Government

- Since 2017 is financed by European Union



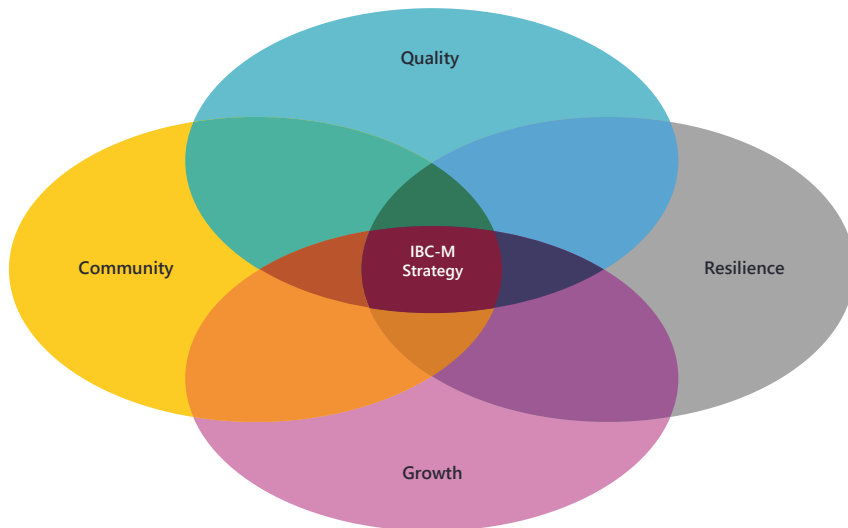
# IBC-M Development Vision:

## Vision

To become a leading higher education institution driven to deliver outstanding education opportunities to diverse communities in Kosovo and beyond.

## Mission

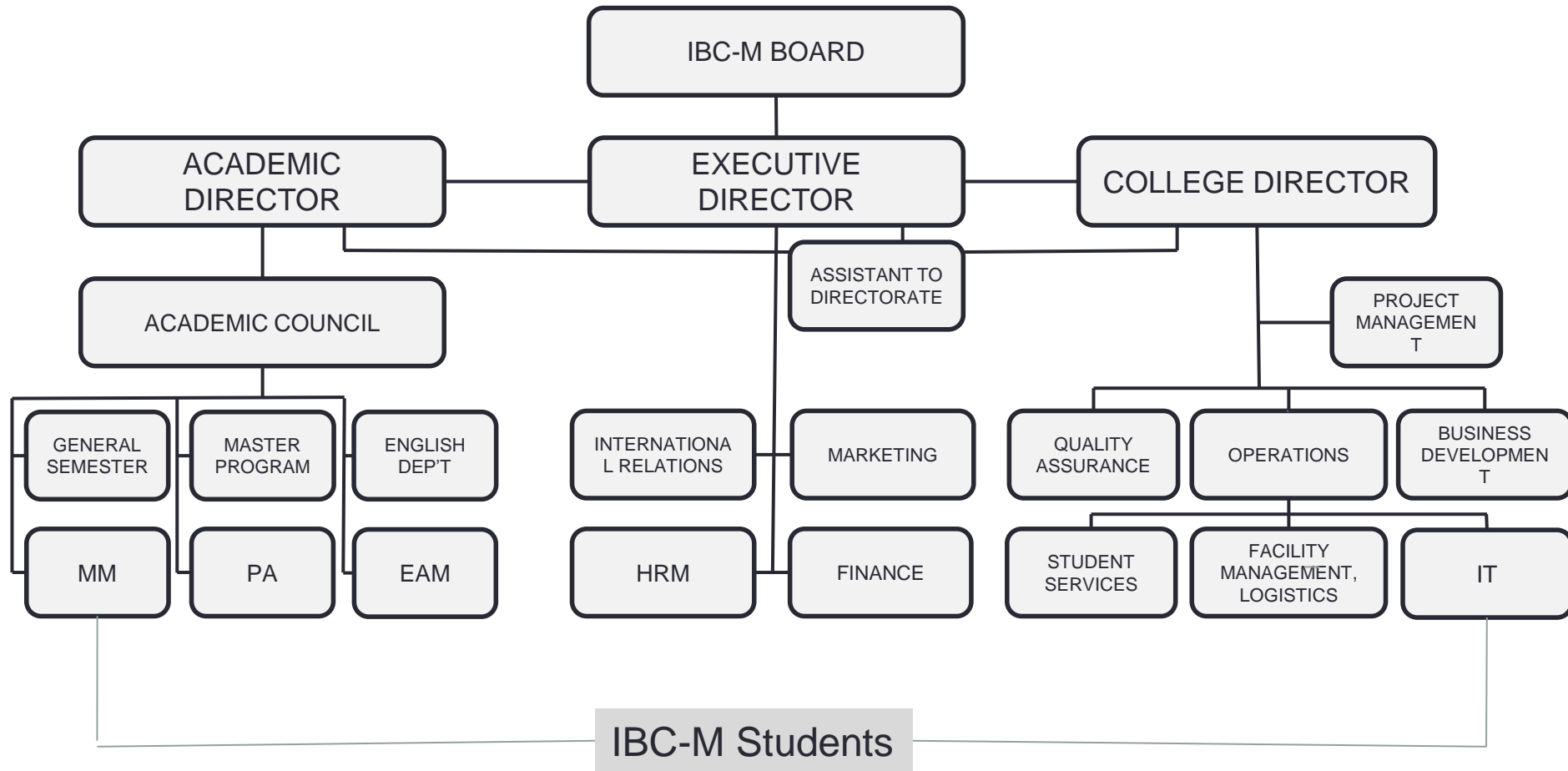
To provide academic excellence through the “theory to practice” model enabling students to gain knowledge and skills for the 21st century to drive the development in Kosovo, the region and the global community.



## Values

- Collaboration
- Innovation
- Respect by making people feel valued and
- Integrity

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# Qualifications and educational programmes

## Bachelor:

- Public Administration and Social Welfare
- Marketing & Management
- Environment & Agricultural Management
- Applied Information Technology

## Master:

- MS in International Management and Leadership
- English Department
- Double Grading, international and national accreditation

# IBC-M autonomy

Academic autonomy: IBC-M has responsibility and accountability for quality of teaching and research

Staff autonomy: efficiency of individual freedom in academic context; development of knowledge and science problem solving and bridging with the society

Financial autonomy: effective and transparent handling of donor's contribution

Organizational autonomy: IBC-M Board/IBC-M Directorate/ Academic Council/Student Representative Council plus Advisory Board

# Tasks of IBC-M concerning Responsibility and accountability

- IBC-M develop an individual profile through institutional diversification and strategic cooperation with different stakeholders in Kosovo and beyond.
- Autonomy reflected in strategic planning includes diversification according to different expectations of labour market, science (R & D), and other links with the society.
- Connecting college and society: responsibility, periodic reporting to donors, and ministries, and accountability to the public in general.

# IBC-M EU Projects: Lead Organization

## Program:

EU/IPA

ERASMUS+

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- Work Programme/IBC-M
- Creating Theory to Practice Centers for Innovation and Employment
- Enhancing Research Culture in Higher Education in Kosovo – ResearchCult
- Work Programme/IBC-M
- STAND
- Jean Monnet

## Amount:

1.000.000,000 €

1.164.002,000 €

850.130,000 €

2.400.000,000 €

999.081,000 €

39.320,000



# Dynamic Community Support through Projects:

- In-service training: Tailored capacity-building for specific organizations and NGO sector;
- Consulting/coaching: Individual consulting/coaching (SMEs);
- Facilitation/coaching of projects, networks (SMEs, NGOs);
- Applied Research
  - Agriculture
  - Environment
  - Higher Education Reforms
- Capacity building for Higher education Institutions
  - Curriculum development
  - Incubation centers establishment

*Partners: USAID, US Embassy, University of Petra/Jordan, SPARK, EU, DRC, Kosovo HEIs, NGOs, SMEs, Ministry of Agriculture, MEST*

# IBC-M role in STAND Project

IBCM will take the lead role in the organisation of the project. It will contribute to the project in 5 different areas:

- i. Managing and coordinating the project as a whole, ensuring that the Work Plan and Quality Standards are adhered to;
- ii. Coordinating the hosting of staff from partner countries that will co-deliver the work packages, deliver training, share expertise, and other capacity building activities;
- iii. Oversee the development of the University Scorecard assessment report within Kosovo as well as Albania and Montenegro;
- iv. Oversee the modernization of the university regulations in the region and ensure that within IBCM and other partners are engaged staff with the relevant expertise
- v. Ensuring the collaboration of relevant target groups and stakeholders included in the project
- vi. Providing for efficient and timely dissemination and exploitation of project results and outputs, adhering to rules and standards of quality, transparency and visibility of EU funded actions.

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