

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

**Kick off Meeting  
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**International Business College Mitrovica (IBC-M)**

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## WP2: Development of University Autonomy Scorecards

Lead organizations: IBC-M (Kosovo), POLIS (Albania), University of Montenegro, EUA

- Activity 1.3: Workshop on adaptation of methodology for Autonomy Scorecard Assessment in WB partners
- 2.1 University Autonomy Scorecard Assessment in partner countries (data collection and processing)
- 2.2. Three national assessment reports of university autonomy
- 2.3. Roundtables to present the assessment report
- 2.4. Development of three Action Plans and Strategy to enhance university autonomy

## Activity 1.3: Workshop on adaptation of methodology for Autonomy Scorecard Assessment in WB partners

- 2 days training on the scorecard methodology by EUA will be held in Tirana, Albania hosted by POLIS.
- Dates: **03-07 May 2021**
- Two representatives from each HEI from partner countries and one from the Ministries will attend the visit.
- All partner institutions from Kosovo, Albania and Montenegro will participate in the training on methodology of the development of University Autonomy Scorecard together with the relevant Ministries of Education and accreditation bodies.
- Partners from programme countries will propose good and corresponding examples, advice, methodological guidance and feedback to the activity.

## 2.1 University Autonomy Scorecard Assessment in partner countries (data collection and processing)

- This deliverable presents the state of play in the four dimensions of university autonomy in Kosovo, Albania and Montenegro.
- The data collection will be organised following the adapted Scorecard methodology proposed by EUA, based on questionnaires and interviews, as well as rounds of validation.
- It consists of collecting information on the current state of university autonomy and governance reforms and benchmarking national policies with regard to university autonomy.
- Dates: **10.05.2021-15.07.2021**

## 2.2. Three national assessment reports of university autonomy

### The activity will be delivered in 2 phases:

- **Phase I: partners will produce reports on institutional level.**
  - Reports to provide realistic assessments of needs in the university governance area and will provide ground for the identification of adequate autonomy model for HEIs in partner countries.
  
- **Phase II: country level reports will be produced.**
  - Total 3 workshops with Working Groups will be organized by IBC-M, POLIS and UM in **April** to work on the drafting of the reports on a country level.
  - IBC-M will be responsible for Kosovo country report, POLIS for report on Albanian HEIs and University of Montenegro for its country report.
  
- Dates: **15.04.2021-30.10.2021**

## 2.3. Roundtables to present the assessment report

- Three roundtables will be organized in partner countries to discuss the assessment reports among stakeholders and reach a consensus on priorities for reform with a view to develop the action plan (deliverable 2.4).
- Each event will last 1 day.
- The hosting institution of the workshops will be the Kosovo - UP, Albania University of Durrës, and Montenegro -University of Montenegro.

### Dates:

- 30.11. 2021, Kosovo
- 30.11. 2021, Albania
- 30.11. 2021, Montenegro

## 2.4. Development of three Action Plans and Strategy to enhance university autonomy

- Each of the three Action Plans attempts to help mapping the most important aspects of institutional autonomy for the direct benefit of higher education institutions in Kosovo, Albania and Montenegro.
- The document will serve as useful tool for prioritizing the autonomy dimensions that could be considered as the most important, suitable and relevant for partner countries and propose the key actions needed for the completion of the activities.
- Working groups will be meeting regularly to draft the action plan.
- At least 2 meetings are foreseen for each country working group.
- UP will host the meetings in Kosovo, POLIS in Albania and UM in Montenegro.

**Dates: 01.12.2021-15.02.2022**

Thank you for your attention!