

Strengthening University Autonomy and Increasing Accountability and Transparency of Western Balkans Universities (STAND) *Kick Off Meeting 3-5 March 2021*

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Presentation outline

- General overview of the institution
- University autonomy
- Academic and Financial Accountability
- Strategic partnership, grants
- Role in the STAND project

Institutional background

SEEU is a private-public not for profit university operating in Tetovo and Skopje, North Macedonia.

SEEU was established in 2001 with the efforts of the OSCE High Commissioner for National Minorities and the financial support of international donors: USAID, OSF, OSCE, EU.

SEEU is a three-lingual university which promotes the values of diversity and inclusiveness through its study programs and management policies

Five faculties operate in SEEU: BAE, CST, LAW, CSS, LCC; two centers: LC and ELC and three research institutes: MVDSI, IEH, IAS.

Institutional background

SEEU can serve as a good example of university autonomy and academic freedom and will contribute essentially to the development of joint policies and regulations in this topic.

University autonomy is reflected in the management structure of SEEU which is unique in North Macedonia.

The role of the SEEU University Board, and the autonomy of the SEEU budget.

University autonomy and academic freedom are indicated in the rules and the practice of SEEU which include the CoE document ETINED-Ethics in Education.

Presentation of activities leading

Initiation of project implementation

Enhancement of university governance for promoting autonomy

A 3.1: Workshops with Program country institutions for adoption best practices on University Governance

A 3.2: Establishing a regional expert network on university autonomy

A 3.3: Capacity building training and consultancy sessions for management staff (senior and middle management) of the partner universities

Presentation of activities leading

Workshops with Program country institutions for adoption best practices on University Governance

3 days Seminar on Leadership will be organized in North Macedonia (SEEU). Part of the workshop will be in the form of training of trainers delivered by EUA.

Quality assurance

Wider dissemination of knowledge, information and guidance

Presentation of activities leading

SEEU as WP joint leader will support IBC-M to prepare/organize Kick-off meeting and project management workshop, to guide the procedures related to the formation of project bodies: Project Management Team, Committee for Quality Assurance to guide the establishment of methods and rules related to project implementation.

As a partner from Program Countries, SEEU will comprehensively analyze needs, existing constraints and possibilities for the project development, and present findings through the report which then will be distributed to all partners. The aim is to set the realistic base for the strength of university autonomy, accountability and transparency and ensure future financial sustainability.

Presentation of activities leading

SEEU together with UniFG and UNIZG will be the leading partner of WP3 – Enhancement of university governance for promoting auto enhancement of university governance for promoting autonomy, contribute to the establishing a regional expert network on university autonomy, development of the university autonomy scorecard, conduct capacity building training and consultancy sessions for management staff (senior and middle management) from partner countries, ensure the update of statutes of partner country HEIs to comply with new regulations on university autonomy and National Legal Base update/development to strengthen university autonomy.

Presentation of activities leading

The SEEU Team

- Academician Prof. Dr. Abdylmenaf Bexheti, Rector
- Assoc. Prof. Dr. Besa Arifi, Vice-Rector for Research and IR
- Assoc. Prof. Dr. Memet Memeti, Dean of CSS Faculty
- MVDSI Research Institute and Project Coordination Unit

Experience in similar actions

SEEU appears both as coordinator and as a partner in several Erasmus+ and H2020 projects.

The experience in these projects has enabled the SEEU staff to actively participate in organizing project workshops and other activities as envisaged in STAND.

<https://mvdsi.seeu.edu.mk/projects/>

Best practices for implementation of workshops

University autonomy and academic freedom are important topics in North Macedonia and in the WB region

They are reflected in the national legislation in NM as a program country as well as in the university policies of SEEU

Involvement of all stakeholders in workshops regarding university autonomy is crucial for later implementation of guidelines and tools that will be provided by the STAND project.

Forward looking

STAND tackles an important topic and the need to further develop policies regarding university autonomy is crucial for the WB countries

High expectations are evident not only for raising the awareness but also for enhancing the skills and mechanisms for ensuring the university autonomy in WB countries

SEEUU is fully committed to the successful implementation of the STAND project.



Thank you!

Questions and Comments

