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

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

PUBLIC UNIVERSITY "KADRI ZEKA" GJILAN

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General overview of the institution

1958 – Centre for Qualification of the teachers (Normal School)

1973 – Pedagogical Academy of Higher Education

2003 – Faculty of Education (branch of University of Pristina)

2010 - Faculty of Economics (branch of University of Pristina)

2010 – Faculty of Law ((branch of University of Pristina)

2013 - **Public University "Kadri Zeka" in Gjilan**, by Decision of the Government of Republic of Kosovo on the Establishment of Public Universities, on 6 March 2013

2020- the Assembly of Kosovo approved the Statute of UKZ, by which UKZ gains administrative independence and eventually becomes independent from the Ministry of Education and Science.

General overview of the institution

UKZ implements the organization of curricula (study curricula) based on the system of three cycles of higher education, the ECTS and implements all the recommendations of the Bologna process.

FACULTIES / BACHELOR DEGREE



Faculty of EDUCATION

Preschool
Primary



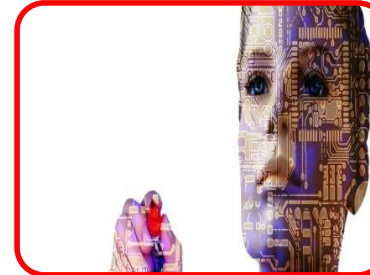
Faculty of ECONOMICS

Bank, Accounting and
Finance
Management
Marketing



Faculty of LAW: Modules:

Constitutional and
administrative Law
Criminal Law
Civil Law
International Law
Financial Law



Faculty of COMPUTER SCIENCES Specialities:

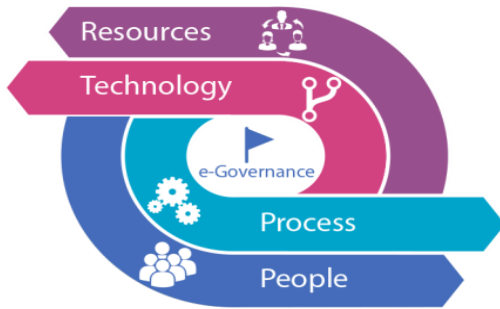
Software Engineering
Informatics for economy



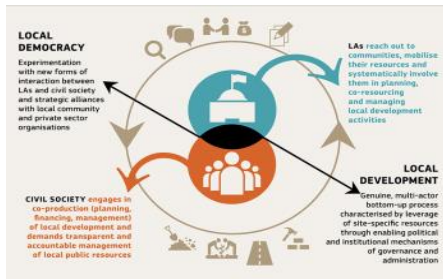
Faculty of APPLIED SCIENCES

Mathematics Education

FACULTIES / MASTER DEGREE



Interdisciplinary Master Degree
(Faculty of Computer Sciences, Economic and Law)
E- Governance



Joint Master degree between three Kosovo public universities: UKZ-UPZ-UHZ

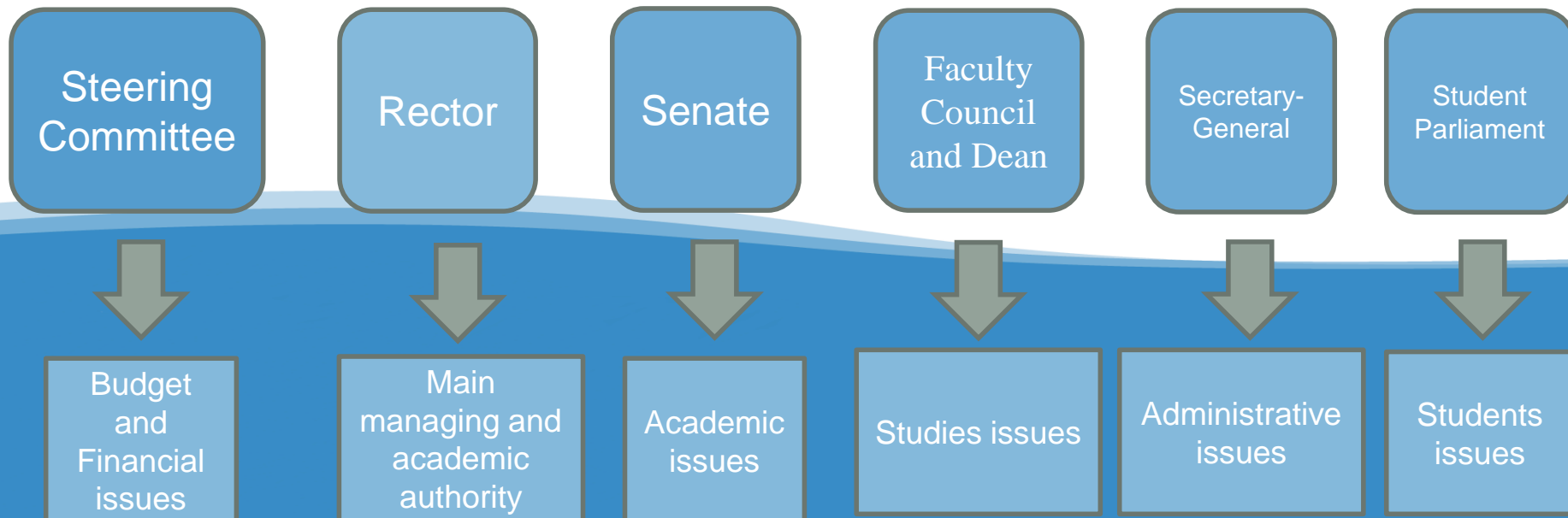
Local Governance and Democratic Society

University autonomy

UKZ is organized and governed based on:

- The Law on Higher Education of RKS,
- Statute of UKZ and
- Based on the relevant internal regulations

UKZ consists of these decision making bodies:



Financial Accountability

UKZ has long-term financial stability and sustainability since as a public university it is financed from the budget of RKS

The government grant is a fund allowed by the Kosovo budget, which finances all activities of budget organizations

UKZ attaches importance to budget planning and spending by orienting it towards the fulfilment of strategic objectives.

Financial Accountability

Estimated three-year budget of UKZ

Budget 2021	Budget-Projection 2022	Budget-Projection 2023	Total 4 (3+2+1)
2,547,642.99€	2,995,640.99€	3,045,421.00€	8,588,704.98€

Orientation of the budget towards strategic objectives

No.	Category	Amount	Percentage
1	Human resources	1,246,356.52	71.05%
2	Infrastructure- (capital projects, technical services, other equipment, campus maintenance, IT)	180,843.76	10.31%
3	Scientific research work UKZ and Erasmus+	143,440.00	8.18%
4	International Projects	64,825.39	3.70%
5	International cooperation	40,208.78	2.29%
6	Students	78,479.80	4.47%
	Total	1,754,154.25	100.00%

Financial Accountability Budget from International Projects

Acronym	Project Name	Budget for UKZ	Equipment
Green Tech	GreenTech: Smart & Green Technologies for Innovative and Sustainable Societies in Western Balkans (GREEN TECH-WB)	160,550.00 Euro	n.n
EUFORIA	Entrepreneurial Universities for Industry Alliances	72,475.00 Euro	30,630.00 Euro
REBUS	REady for BUSiness Integrating and validating practical entrepreneurship skills in engineering and ICT studies	75,000.00 Euro	27,500.00 Euro
QUADIC	Quality development of international cooperation and project management	991,381.00 Euro	129,800.00 €
e-VIVA	Enhancing and Validating servIce related competences in Versatile learning environments in Western Balkan Universities	66,075.00 Euro	27,000.00 Euro
SMAHPC	Student-run Multidisciplinary Allied Health Practice Center	73,115.00 Euro	12,800.00 Euro
ResearchCult	Enhancing Research Culture in Higher Education in Kosovo	53,440.00 Euro	20,700.00 Euro
ENEMLOS	Legal clinics in service of vulnerable groups: enhancing the employability of law students through practical education	90,586.00 Euro	36,800.00 Euro
QATEK	Towards a quality oriented system of initial teacher education to increase teacher professionalism in Kosovo”	95,865.00 Euro	43,000.00 Euro
SIAHDPC	Student-run Interdisciplinary Allied Health Digital Practice Centre	89,010.00 Euro	25,100.00 Euro
STAND	Strengthening university autonomy and increasing accountability and transparency of Western Balkans Universities	77,684.00 Euro	32,300.00 Euro
STEAM edu	MSc course in STEAM education - STEAMedu	57,862.00 Euro	19,500.00 Euro
TOTAL BUDGET FROM ERASMUS + PROJECTS		Budget for UKZ 1,903.043 €	Equipment 405,130.00 €

Academic Accountability

UKZ takes into account all aspects of the UKZ internal environment in its development, such as:

- Academic potential of its staff
- Quality offered in study programs and in their practical development;
- Student internship;
- International projects;
- Student scholarships;
- Educational, social and cultural status of students.

UKZ values

- Equality in the conditions for acquiring and generating knowledge, which is reflected in the non-discrimination of anyone;
- Creativity, reflected in our openness to new ideas and forms of expression, intellectual curiosity, willingness to face risks and entrepreneurial spirit;
- Integrity, reflected in our adherence to the highest ethical standards in personal and professional conduct, as well as in our commitment to transparency and accountability in governance and in everything we functionalize;
- Sustainability, reflected in our shared commitment to lead by example in safeguarding and protecting the public interest and in our approach to responsible financial planning;
- Excellence: We seek perfection. We understand the importance of critical thinking, discipline, responsibility and expect very high standards for ourselves and our students;
- Connection: We are an integrated team. We work around the principle of trust, cooperation and connection in our various disciplines in Kosovo and around the world.

Strategic partnership, grants



Inter-institutional cooperation is part of UKZ priorities. Bilateral agreements enable formal cooperation between institutions. UKZ has entered into agreements with local, regional, European and other partners, universities, international organizations, public and non-public institutions, businesses, NGOs and others



UKZ, since its establishment in 2013 has been part of international projects.

UKZ has been and is part of 25 local and international projects. Currently, UKZ is active in 9 Erasmus+ capacity building projects (Erasmus + CBHE), were in one of them as a leader/coordinator

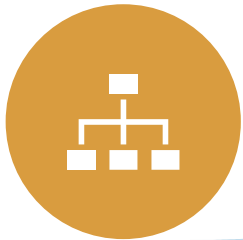
International Relations and Projects Unit of UKZ



Manage new project applications



Manage the portfolio of KA2 CBHE ongoing projects at UKZ



Manage the portfolio of active projects at UKZ



Establish and maintain relationships with project partners and stakeholders



Networking

International Relations and Projects Unit of UKZ

Duties:

Implement the strategic plan on internationalization as it affects staff and students;

Establish new partnerships (KA1, Joint Degrees, Double Degrees)

Prepare and evaluate agreements with international partner universities

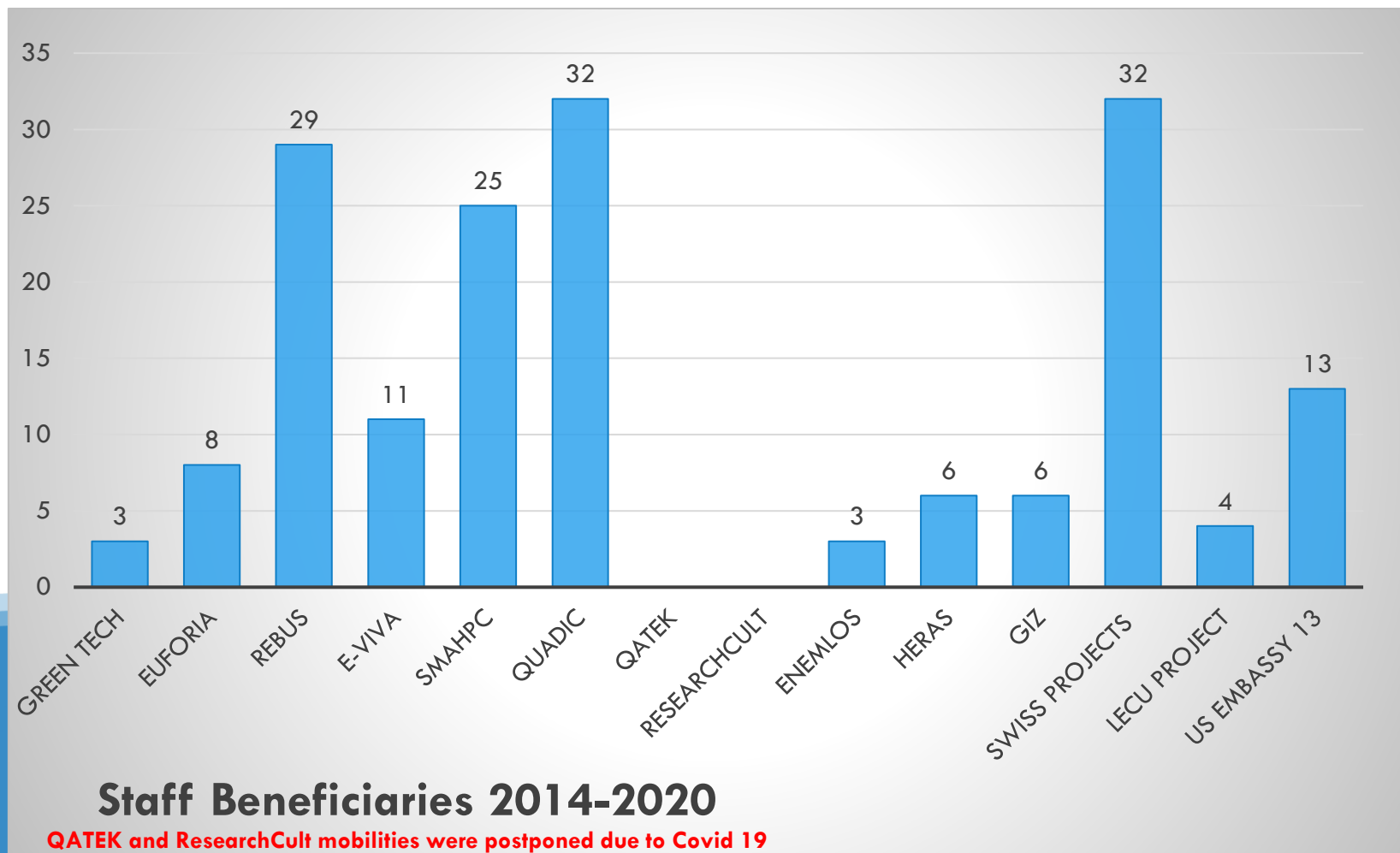
Promote and Coordinate the Erasmus + Programme

Administer Staff and Students Mobility (Incoming and Outgoing)

Manage KA1 project applications in collaboration with EU partner university

Project Management (KA2 CBHE projects)

Mobility of UKZ staff and students



ERASMUS + Projects

1. ERASMUS + CBHE 2014-2020

Acronym	Project Name	Coordinator	Budget for UKZ	Starting date	Ending date	Duration	Status	Equipment
Green Tech	GreenTech: Smart & Green Technologies for Innovative and Sustainable Societies in Western Balkans (GREEN TECH-WB)	University of Vigo	160,550.00 Euro	14/04/2014	14/07/2018	4 years	FINISHED	n.n
EUFORIA	Entrepreneurial Universities for Industry Alliances	Stafordshire University, UK	72,475.00 Euro	15/11/2015	15/11/2018	3 years	FINISHED	30,630.00 Euro
REBUS	REady for BUSiness Integrating and validating practical entrepreneurship skills in engineering and ICT studies	Univerisyt of Sarajeva, BeH	75,000.00 Euro	15/11/2016	15/11/2019	3 years	FINISHED	27,500.00 Euro

ERASMUS + Projects

1. ERASMUS + CBHE 2020-2024

Acronym	Project Name	Coordinator	Budget for UKZ	Starting date	Ending date	Duration	Status	Equipment
QUADIC	Quality development of international cooperation and project management	University "Kadri Zeka"	991,381.00 Euro	15/01/2020	15/01/2023	3 years	ONGOING	129,800.00 €
e-VIVA	Enhancing and Validating service related competences in Versatile learning environments in Western Balkan Universities	European University of Tirana, Albania	66,075.00 Euro	15/11/2018	15/11/2021	3 years	ONGOING	27,000.00 Euro
SMAHPC	Student-run Multidisciplinary Allied Health Practice Center	Heimerer College, Kosovo	73,115.00 Euro	15/11/2018	15/11/2021	3 years	ONGOING	12,800.00 Euro
ResearchCult	Enhancing Research Culture in Higher Education in Kosovo	IBCM College, Kosovo	53,440.00 Euro	15/11/2019	15/11/2022	3 years	ONGOING	20,700.00 Euro
ENEMLOS	Legal clinics in service of vulnerable groups: enhancing the employability of law students through practical education	University of Montenegro, Montenegro	90,586.00 Euro	15/11/2019	15/11/2022	3 years	ONGOING	36,800.00 Euro
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STAND	Strengthening university autonomy and increasing accountability and transparency of Western Balkans Universities	IBCM College, Kosovo	77,684.00 Euro	15/01/2021	15/01/2024	3 years	ONGOING	32,300.00 Euro
STEAM edu	MSc course in STEAM education - STEAMedu	University of Mostar	57,862.00 Euro	15/01/2021	15/01/2024	3 years	ONGOING	19,500.00 Euro

ERAMUS + ICM

No	Coordinator	Number of staff	Budget	Duration
1	Manisa Celal Bayar University, Manisa-Turkey	14	Confirmed	2019-2022
2	Manisa Celal Bayar University, Manisa-Turkey	14	Confirmed	2020-2023
3	Nova Lisboa, Lisbon, Portugal	16	Confirmed	2020-2023

Cooperation Agreements with Universities

Name of institution
Cooperation Agreement with the University of Nigde
Cooperation Agreement with the University of Thrace
Cooperation Agreement with Great Lakes Colleges, GLCA
Cooperation Agreement with Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC), Iowa
Cooperation Agreement with Drake University, Iowa
Cooperation Agreement with the University of Iowa,
Cooperation Agreement with the University of Northern Iowa
Cooperation Agreement with James Madison University
Cooperation Agreement with the University of Rijeka
Cooperation Agreement with the University of Tetovo
Cooperation Agreement between UKZ, MEST AND UP
Cooperation agreement between UKZ and UP (inventory)
Cooperation Agreement with Budapest Business School
Cooperation Agreement with the University of Kastamonu

Cooperation Agreement with Recep Tayyip Erdogan University
Cooperation Agreement with "Ukshin Hoti" University
Cooperation Agreement with the University "Haxhi Zeka"
Cooperation agreement with the University of Peja and Prizren on the Master program
Cooperation Agreement with the University of Sarajevo
Cooperation Agreement with the University "Aleksandër Xhuvani",
Cooperation Agreement with the University "Alma Mater Europeae",
Cooperation Agreement with International Business College
Cooperation Agreement with the University of Applied Sciences and Technology/HEPIA,
Cooperation Agreement with the University of Ruse "Angel Kanchev"
Cooperation Agreement with Heimerer College
Cooperation Agreement with the University of Mitrovica "Isa Boletini"
Cooperation Agreement with the University of Medicine
Cooperation Agreement with the University of Teacher Education
Cooperation Agreement with the University of Tekirdag "Namik Kemal"
Cooperation agreement with the University of Gjirokastra "Eqrem Çabej",
Cooperation Agreement with the University of Korça "Fan. S. Noli"
Cooperation Agreement with the University of Maribor
Cooperation Agreement with Universita Politecnica Delle Marche, Ancona,
Cooperation Agreement with "Recep Tayyp Erdogan" University,
Cooperation Agreement with the South-East European University,
Cooperation Agreement with the University of Durrës
Cooperation Agreement with the University of Podgorica
Cooperation Agreement with New Bulgarian University

Memberships

Name of institution	Membership
Founding member of BUA - BUA	2015
Member of EUF - European Universities Foundation	2018
Member of ATEE - Association of Teacher Education in Europe	2014
Member of ENAI - European Network for Academic Integrity	2018
Member of ELFA- European Law Faculties Association	2019
Member of SDSN- Sustainable Development Solutions Network	2019
Member of the Forum of Rectors of South-East Europe	2019
Member of the Conference of Rectors of RKS	2017
Member of the Conference of Rectors of Albanian Universities	2018
Member of the University Sports Federation	2019

Role in the STAND project

UKZ will have an active role in each Working Package of the STAND Project in order better implement the project overall

UKZ through STAND project aims to improve the processes and mechanisms of the university autonomy by increasing the management capacities, accountability and transparency, based in the project objectives:

- To enhance modernization of governance through capacity building, experience exchange and upgraded infrastructure;
- To improve the UKZ autonomy through empowering national and university level regulations and structures;
- To create and adopt the university autonomy scorecard
- To expand an effective cooperation between HEIs and the relevant ministries in improving the transparency, accountability and financial sustainability;
- To establish of the Expert network on university autonomy.

Role in the STAND project

UKZ:

- Appoint its representatives in each project body
- Take care to organize workshops as they are foreseen in the project
- Have an active role in each Working Package of the STAND Project in order to raise the objectives and aims set
- Doing an internal assessment for the University Scorecard
- Will help to develop Action Plan for Kosovo partners
- Will support the coordinator in each task of the STAND Project
- And will disseminate the project outcomes and results

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Thank you!