

The Faculty of Economy (FE), established in 1952, became part of University of Tirana (UT) in 1957. At that time, FE offered majors only in two branches: Economics and Accounting. During the years that followed, the Faculty was enlarged, and in 1990 it offered majors in six branches. After 1991, FE was reorganized and restructured radically in form and content. Today, approximately 3000 students are enrolled in Bachelor studies, over 1500 are Master students and approximately 250 are post-graduate students

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> 2nd INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM K-FORCE 2019 KNOWLEDGE FOR RESILIENT SOCIETY



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- NATURAL HAZARDS IN WESTERN BALKAN COUNTRIES
- ► FIRE HAZARD IN WESTERN BALKAN COUNTRIES
- ► FINANCIAL RESILIENCE TO HAZARDS
- SAFETY CULTURE CHALLENGES IN WBC
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- ► CASE STUDIES IN RISK ANALYSIS AND MODELING
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The objective of the International Symposium

Faculty of Economy, University of Tirana, Epoka University in Tirana and the University of Novi Sad, in cooperation with Union of Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Albania are organizing the Second International Symposium *Knowledge For Resilient soCiEty* - K-FORCE 2019, within Erasmus + K-FORCE project.

Natural and man-made disasters - floods, landslides, earthquakes, storm winds, hail, drought, wild fires and building fires are on the rise in the last decades in the Western Balkans. Human casualties, extensive damages to the urban areas, negative impact on the environment and further weakening of the regional economy amongst indicators of increasing vulnerability.

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Erasmus+ K-FORCE project

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The K-FORCE project proposal has been selected for funding under ERASMUS+ programme - Capacity Building in Higher Education. Project started with its implementation in October 2016, and will last for three years. The overall project objective is to foster modernization, accessibility and internationalization in Disaster Risk Management an Fire Safety Engineering HE field in Western Balkan countries. This will be achieved through development of innovative master studies implemented in six HE institutions in the region and PhD studies, as well as through continual knowledge improvement of staff already working in this field through newly developed LLL courses.

The K-FORCE project proposal was prepared by University of Novi Sad, in cooperation with 11 HEIs and 5 non-academic partners from Denmark, Sweden, Slovakia, FYR Macedonia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Albania and Serbia.



Application of papers and deadlines

Authors interested in contributing papers are invited to apply paper topics and send abstracts not longer than **150 words** by **May 30, 2019.** They will be informed about the acceptance of the topic by **June 15, 2019.**

Papers following manuscript requirements are to be submitted by **July 15, 2019.** The length of final paper should not exceed **6 pages** including figures, tables, references and appendices.

The Conference Editorial Board will select the papers that will be presented at the Conference and published in the Book of proceedings.

Templates for abstracts and final manuscript submission are available for download on Symposium website **www.kforce.uns.ac.rs.**

Languages

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