

Development of master curricula for natural disasters risk management in Western  
Balkan countries

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100 EU funded projects since 2003

20 in West Balkan Region

Main topics in the region:

- HE reform
- Refugees, Asylum, Human Trafficking, Border Management
- Human Rights

2004

# Towards an Integrated University via Internal Agreement

MU/University of Novi Sad

2006

# Establishing Central University Services (CUS)

MU/University of the Arts,  
Belgrade

2007

# Improvement and Restructuring of the Psychology Curriculum according to the Bologna Declaration (IRPC)

MU/Belgrade University



2009

# Internal Quality Assurance at Serbian Universities (SIQAS)

University of Nis

2010

Strengthening the Student Role in  
Governance and Management at the  
Universities of Serbia in line with the  
Bologna Process (SIGMUS)

University of Belgrade

2010

# Building Capacity for Structural Reform in Higher Education of Western Balkan Countries (STREW)

(Leading to Regional Platform for Benchmarking and Cooperation in  
Higher Education)

University of Novi Sad



2013

# Fostering University Support Services and Procedures for Full Participation in the European Higher Education Area (FUSE)

University of Nis

2016

# Development of master curricula for natural disasters risk management in Western Balkan countries (NatRisk)

University of Nis

## Some reflections .....

- Start interproject coaching early (preferably before the project begins)
- Don't reinvent the wheel (learn from previous projects and build on them)
- Be consistent within countries and preferably across the region
- Resolve inconsistent interpretations of EHEA and other guidelines
- Don't follow project objectives blindly. Go where the project realistically takes you, and explain this to National Agency and EACEA
- Work with other projects to resolve issues with governments/EACEA/Other agencies
- Manage the change – with all stakeholders



Thank you!

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