

The MARDS project addresses one of the most acute problems in Montenegrin and Albanian education systems, the doctoral studies. Its main objective is to reconstruct them in line with Salzburg Principles and establish sustainable and modern Pilot Joint Doctoral Schools between two friendly neighbors partner countries that will serve as an example of "good practice" for the WB Region.







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Project: Reforming doctoral studies in Montenegro and Albania – good practice paradigm (MARDS)

UCG – Project Coordinator

-16 Partners

- EU (5): University of Vienna, University of Zagreb,
 University of Maribor, University of Banska Bistrica,
 Association of professionals in doctoral education.
- ME (5): University of Montenegro, University of Donja Gorica, Ministry of education of Montenegro, Ministry of Science of Montenegro, Montenegrin Chamber of Commerce,
- AL(6): University of Shkoder "Luigj Gurakuqi", Technical University of Tirana, Vlore University, University Metropoliten Tirana, Ministry of sport and education of Albania, Albanian Chamber of Commerce
- Coordinator: University of Montenegro
- EU garnt (all partners)= 868.120 EUR, UNIVERSITY OF SHKODRA ''LUIGJ GURAKUQI", 29,585.00 (staff), 9,050.00 (travel), 33,430.00 (stay), 38,650.00(equipment), 5,000.00 (subcontracting) = 115,715.00 EUR
- Duration: 3 years, november 2018- october 2021



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Objectives:

The specific objectives of the MARDS project are:

- to reconsider the existing national policies/standards for doctoral studies in two countries and their compatibility with EU practices,
- to develop and propose a new model of doctoral studies in two countries, adapted to the acquired experiences over past decades and current and future countries' needs
- to propose a sustainable method of financing doctoral studies in two countries on national levels.
- to establish two Joint Doctoral Schools "Natural sciences and Technology for Sustainable Development" with place in Montenegro (Podgorica) and "Economy and Tourism for Sustainable Development" with place in Albania (Shkoder) as the recommendable example of cross-border PhD programmes.
- to establish a sustainable cooperation with EU partners and established Doctoral School to maintain developed standardises.



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