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**Selection: 2018**

**Poziv: KA2** – Cooperation for innovation and the exchange of good practices – **Capacity Building in the field of Higher Education**

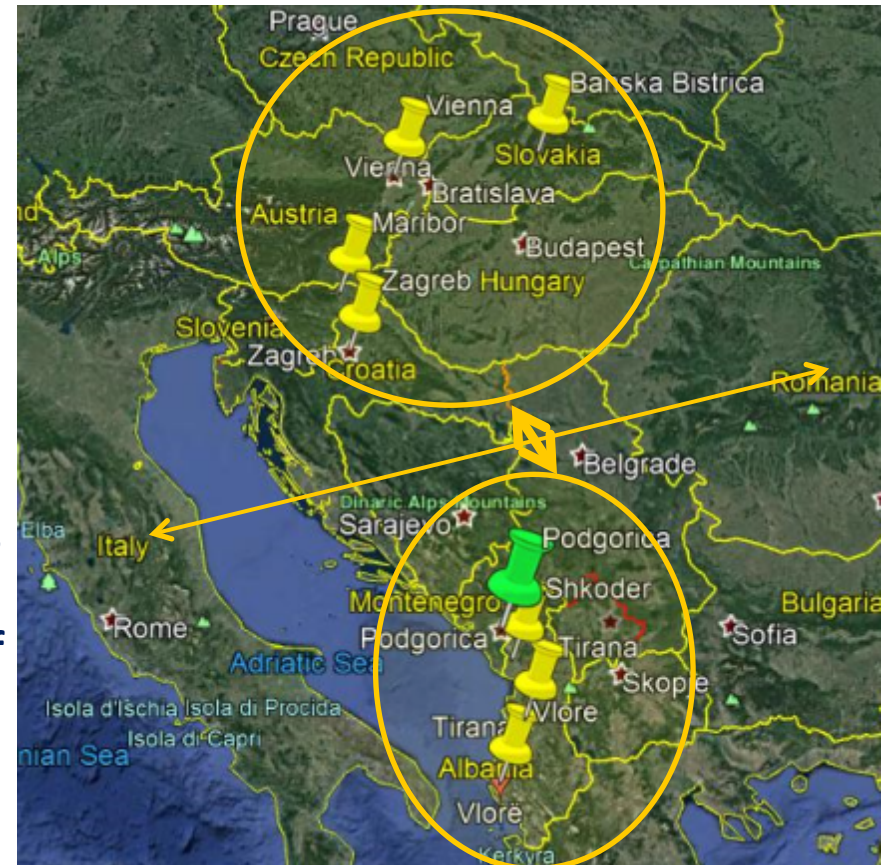
**Project:**

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

**Short Description**

# MARDS Overview

- **15 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 Schroder “Luigj Gurakuqi”, Technical University of Tirana, Vlore University, University Metropolitan Tirana, Ministry of sport and education of Albania.
- **Coordinator: University of Montenegro**
- **EU garnt (all partners): 868.120 EUR**
- **Duration: 3 years, nov 2018- okt 2021**



# MARDS Overview

- **Abstract and objectives:**

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 neighbours partner countries that will serve as an example of “good practice” for the WB Region. At all, **to improve and establish sustainable capacities in field of doctoral studies** in two countries.

The **specific objectives** of the MARDS projects 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 examples of cross-border PhD programmes.
- **to establish a sustainable cooperation** with EU partners and established Doctoral School in order to maintain developed standards.



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## Outcomes:

1. **Report** on existed doctoral education in Montenegro and Albania with Action plans.
2. **Proposal of basic legal documents** including the model of funding doctoral studies in Montenegro and Albania.
3. **Conference on PhD education** in Montenegro and Albania.
4. **Guidelines and recommendations** for WB academics and professionals in doc. studies
5. **Accredited Joint Pilot 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.
6. **The First Scholarships for doctoral studies** in two countries based on recommended funding model (if allowed by policy makers?)
7. **Curricula for new Joint Doctoral Schools** with all info and guidelines related to the study process.
8. **Enhanced capacities** to support joint schools (human and research infrastructure at partner universities, capacity building)
9. **MARDS Doctoral Colloquium** of first PhD generation enrolled under title "Science, Technology and Services for Sustainable development"

# MARDS in action

- MARDS promotion at Shkoder, 02.11.18
- MARDS promotion at E+ Info Day, 13.11.18
- Agreement signed
- TAM Seminar



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*Thanks for listening, questions?*