

ORIENTATION AREA – HIGHER EDUCATION, - HIGHER EDUCATION IN OUR REGION

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Abstract

Albanian joined the Bologna Agreement in 2003 in Berlin with the aim of changing the higher education structure. However since 2005-2006 (the year in which higher education institutions started to implement the Bologna Agreement) there is no study undertaken to assess the process. In this context the aim of this article is to outline the changes imposed in the law and higher education structures by the adaptation of the Bologna process in the local level. This paper is part of my ongoing PhD project that is focusing on higher education and citizenship with the focus in Albania. The evaluation of the Bologna Agreement will be on the framework of David Easton policy analyses, studying the inside and outside factors that influenced the signing of the Bologna Agreement. The paper will focus as well on the region development in the framework of this reform drawing some conclusions on the development of the higher education institutions, Europeanization in higher education and policy developments since the end of the 90s and early 2010s until present days. The paper will argue with the role of this reform and the changes it imposed to higher education structure in Albania and how it influenced the mobility process.

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