

CHALLENGES IN HIGHER EDUCATION IN KOSOVO TOWARDS AN EDUCATED AND COMPETITIVE SOCIETY

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Abstract

In order for Kosovo to be integrated successfully in the European higher education area, there should be done continuing efforts in the fulfillment of standards and principles determined by 47 countries which have signed the Bologna process. To provide as high quality in teaching and research in higher education in Kosovo, not only should they design and create the framework for the provision of quality in higher education, but they should be implemented in practice. As countries in the region and Europe and Kosovo as well is defined in the path of “knowledge society”, so from the government and civil society is required to take responsibility to enable universities to provide the necessary resources to fulfill their mission to be competitive in systems of education in the region and Europe. In the first place should be increased awareness of the importance of quality assurance in the public and private education, implementing quality assurance standards based on international and European guidelines and principles. Perhaps, these are important moments through which Kosovar society is going through, as well as higher education to create mechanisms in order to meet these challenges. Higher education, as well as research and development work will strongly influence the growth and competitiveness by preparing qualified students, who will be able to assume the role that should play in an open economy and a democratic society, as well as create, transfer and adapt knowledge. Knowing the definition and goals of the Kosovar society to create a competitive economy, an economy that is growing and creating jobs oriented toward the future, requires political measures in many areas especially in higher education. As well as knowing the fact of the determination of the Kosovar society on the path of knowledge society many studies suggest that the ability of a society to produce, select and adapt, commercialize, and use knowledge is very important for sustainable growth and improving the standard of living. This paper aims to make an analysis of the situation of higher education in Kosovo, making comparisons with some regional and European countries, to set directions for reforms in higher education, creating mechanisms through national projects, as well as through different reforms and modalities of regional and European cooperation.

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