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# ERASMUS+ Reinforcing European-Kosovo higher education cooperation

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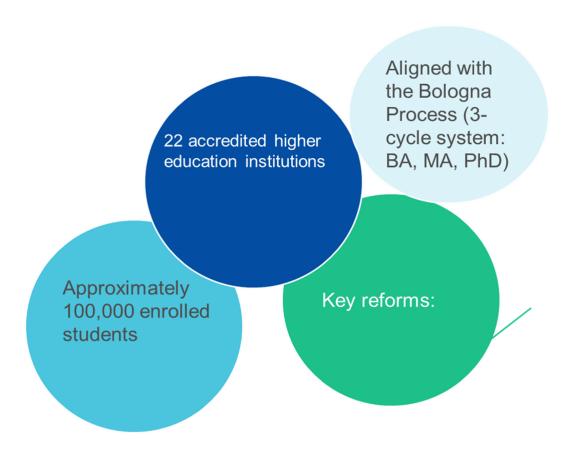


## Kosovo



- Landlocked country in WB region/Capital city Prishtina 227.000 population
- Population 1.6mil inhabitants
- 50% of population under 30
- Internet penetration 98.6% in 2023 every remote village was connected to internet; World Bank supported the establishment of the Kosovo Research and Education Network (KREN), which connected Kosovo's academic institutions to one-another but also to the pan-European network of universities (GÉANT), and which provides them with other innovative, cost-effective, and reliable digital services.
- Potential Candidate status in European Union integration process

## Higher Education System in Kosovo





#### Governance:

Managed by the Ministry of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation (MESTI), with public universities operating under national legislation and strategic policies.

#### •Institutions:

22 HEI (10 Public; 12 private)

#### •Quality Assurance:

Overseen by the Kosovo Accreditation Agency (KAA), aligned with European Standards and Guidelines (ESG) with membership in EQAR and associated member in ENQA.

#### •Study Structure:

Follows the Bologna Process:

Bachelor: 180–240 ECTS

Master: 60–120 ECTS

Doctoral: 180 ECTS

Use of ECTS, Diploma Supplement, and three-cycle system.

#### •Internationalization:

Strong participation in **Erasmus+**, international mobility, capacity-building projects, Jean Monnet actions and partnerships with EU universities.

# National Needs and priorities –HE in Kosovo

- Quality Assurance
- A Research & Innovation
- Eaching Modernization
- Employability
- Digital Transformation

- Internationalization
- fine Governance
- Inclusion
- Staff Development



# **Key Statistics- Kosovo**

- Kosovo is a Partner Country under Erasmus+
- Over +/- 1,500 student/staff mobilities annually
- (more than 5 500 since 2022)



- Significant annual increase in participation in Capacity Building in Higher education (CBHE)
- In 2025 15 projects with 5 coordinating HEIs from Kosovo.
- From 2022-2025 25 CBHE projects & 6 Jean Monnet Modules with 1 Centre of Excellence and 1 JMChair.
- Almost all HEIs have ECHE
- 1 full member of ALLIANCE of EUI and 2 associated members



# Why cooperate with us?

## Small country with a big

- ✓ Strategic location in the Western Balkans
- ✓ Strong pro-European orientation
- ✓ Strong links to our scientific diaspora
- ✓ Young and dynamic population
- ✓ Growing education & research potential
- ✓ High speed internet penetration 98.6%
- ✓ Active and successful participant in EU programmes





# Way forward

Kosovo's higher education is rapidly evolving with clear international emphasis

- There is strong potential for synergies with European higher education institutions
- Erasmus+ provides a robust framework for collaboration
- NEO Kosovo Call to action: Let's explore, initiate, and scale up strategic partnerships

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