



**Strengthening Student Role in Governance and Management at the
Universities of Serbia in line with the Bologna Process
(SIGMUS)**



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**THE ROLE OF THE STUDENTS REPRESENTATIVES AND
STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS IN DECISION MAKING
PROCESS IN HIGHER *EDUCATION***

National Student Conference, Zlatibor, 17-18th December, 2010.

M I N U T E S

Members of the project Management Board present at the conference

- Prof dr Ruzica Maksimovic, University of Belgrade - Serbia (RS)
- Prof dr Vera Markovic ,University of Nis - Serbia (RS)
- Prof dr Srdjan Stankovic, National Council for Higher Education - Serbia (RS)
- Prof dr Radojka Krneta, University of Kragujevac - Serbia (RS)
- -Marina Zivic University, "Singidunum" - Serbia (RS)
- Milena Joksimovic Pajevic University "Megatrend" - Serbia (RS)
- Natasa Sajlovic, Student Union of Serbia - Serbia (RS)
- Kristina Davidovic, Students' Alliance of Belgrade - Serbia (RS)
- Florian Weinberger, Student Union BOKU - Austria (AT)

On behalf of the Students' Alliance of Belgrade, conference attended as a lecturer:

- Prof dr Zarko Obradovic, minister of Higher Education, (RS)



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- Prof dr Vera Dondur, president of the National Council of Science, president of HERE team (RS)
- Prof dr Neda Bokan, vice rector, University of Belgrade
- Aleksandar Jovic, PhD student, member of executive board of Students' Alliance of Belgrade (RS)

1. INTRODUCTION

For the last five years Students' Alliance of Belgrade (SAB) has been organizing national students' conference, held in Zlatibor at the end of the year. In that way, SAB gathers all students' representatives from the country as well as teachers, professors and members of the national representative bodies (ministry of education, national council of higher education, student centre...). In addition, students from the Balkan countries also attend this conference, so we compare the higher education reforms in the region. This year conference consisted of two parts, first starting from 14th of December with the topic "Comparative analysis of the higher education and student standard in the region", and second that dealt with the problems related to our tempus project "The role of the student representatives and student organizations in the decision making process in higher education". Around 200 students attended the second part of the conferences: members of student parliaments (University of Belgrade, Kragujevac, Nis, Novi Pazar, Singidunum, Megatrend), members of student organizations (Students' Alliance of Belgrade, Students Union of Serbia, BOKU), Student conference of the Universities, Student conference of Academies and students representatives from the countries in the region.

2. AGENDA OF THE CONFERENCE

The agenda of the conference is presented on the separate sheet ANEX 1

3. WELCOME ADRESS AND INTRODACTION TO THE PROJECT

Prof dr Žarko Obradović, minister of higher education welcomed all teachers and students and expressed pleasure for having all higher education leaders and most important institutions involved in this project and wished fruitful cooperation on the project. In addition minister proposed and allowed asking questions about all the issues regarding higher education. In that way he answered dozen questions and discussion were prolonged from predicted 30 minutes to 2 hours. Many problems emerged and thoroughly discussed



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4. ACTIVITIES OF THE PROJECT COVERED BY THE CONFERENCE

This meeting was in the frame of the following activities of the project:

1.1. Comparative analysis of the current legal framework and regulations and best practice in the field of student participation in the university governance and management, and Higher Education reform in the EU partner countries and in Serbia

1.2. In depth assessment of models of students services in the EU partner countries

1.3. Finding best solutions on student participation in university governance and management and models of student's services, and designing action plans on their implementation in Serbia

3.1. Detailed planning of capacity building of the student representative bodies (SCONUS, Student parliaments)

4.5. Preparing, printing and distribution of publications related to Bologna process and student involvement to students in Serbia

4.6. Organization of seminars on student participation in the implementation of Bologna Process at all universities in Serbia with participation of EU partner institutions:

7.1. Regular meetings of student regulatory bodies and University authorities (SUSTAIN)

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8.2. Ensuring availability of the project results (DISS)

8.3. Dissemination conference with stakeholders (DISS)

9.1. Functioning of the Project Management Board (MNGT)

9.2. Regular coordination meetings (MNGT)

Having in mind the above mentioned, the results and conclusions of the seminar will have great impact not only on the success of the project but also on further changes in higher education and implementation of the Bologna process.

5. CONCLUSIONS OF THE CONFERENCE

The most discussed problem was the lack of the communication between students, their representatives, teachers and national bodies. Nonetheless the legitimacy of the student



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representatives and their obligations have also been thoroughly discussed. Having that in mind, detailed conclusions are given in the separate sheet of paper.