

Joint Degrees in Serbia

Examples of Best Practice: *JoinSEE* Tempus Project

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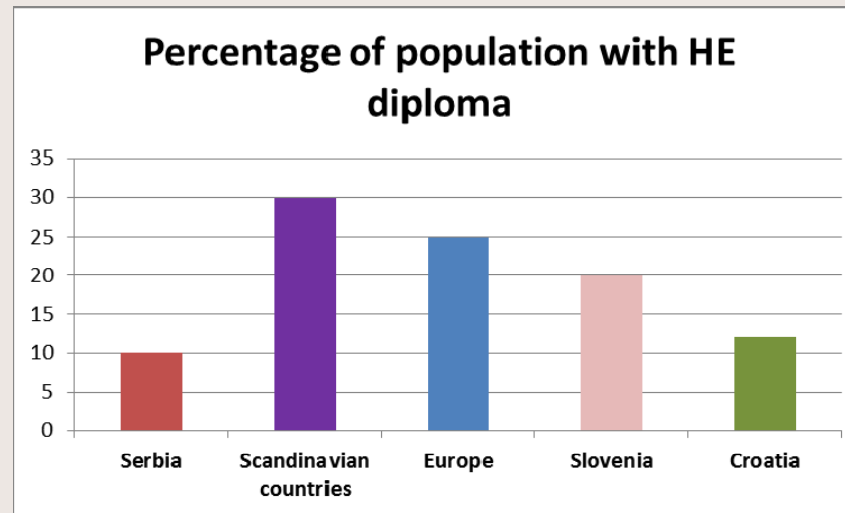
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Presentation Overview

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Serbian Higher Education in Brief

- Total number of students in Serbia: about **230.000**
- **10%** of the population has some kind of HE diploma
- **Serbia: 35.000** students per mil. inhabitants; **Europe: 39.000**
- **Serbia: 60** PhD students per mil. inhabitants; **Europe: 1.000**
- **Serbia:** Success on the exams **20-30%**; **Europe:** almost **80%**
- **Almost 50%** of students in Serbia **never** finish their studies



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Serbian Higher Education in Brief

- Serbia has **18** universities (8 state and 10 private)
- **156** faculties (94 state and 62 private)
- **75** higher schools for professional studies (50 state and 25 private)
- Total number of accredited study programs over **1000** (84% in state sector and only 16% in private sector)
- Academic studies about **700** programs
- Professional studies about **300** programs
- Joint programs and degrees are statistically practically invisible



Joint Degrees and LHE

- The Law on Higher Education (LHE) prescribes a possibility to organize a study program for a joint degree of several higher education institutions that have operating licenses.
- According to the **article 26**, a study programme for acquiring a combined diploma or degree means a study programme **organized and implemented by several higher education institutions** having a operating licence for the relevant study programme.
- This study programme may be implemented when adopted by the competent bodies of higher education institutions organizing it.



Joint Degrees and Statute

- Statute of the University of Novi Sad (article 98) defines ways and conditions for the realization of joint degree program in a very general way without entering into details.
- Partners within a joint master programme can establish additional criteria for enrolment.
- It is basically up to them, not to the university or any other institution in Serbia.



Guidelines of the National Council for Higher Education

- JDP is a study programme which allows for acquiring of a joint degree, **organised and implemented by several higher education institutions** (HEIs) which are legal entities on their own. (Faculties in the frame of one university can organize joint programme!)
- JDPs organised and implemented by several HEIs are accredited only if they include acquiring of a **joint diploma or a double diploma or one diploma** issued by the home institution or the institution bound to do so by the agreement.

Definition and distinction between double and joint degree

- **Joint degree:** a **single diploma issued by two or more institutions** offering an integrated study programme. The single diploma (Bachelor, Master, Doctor) is signed by the rectors of all participating universities and recognised as substitute of the national diplomas.
- **Double degree:** two nationally-recognised diplomas issued separately by the universities involved in the integrated study programme

Joint Programmes and Degrees in Serbia

University of Belgrade

- Master in International Business and Management** (90 ESPB), Middlesex University (FON)/2011, **double diploma**.
- Master in Management in Administration** (90 ESPB), (FON), University of Ljubljana, double diploma.
- Master ASTROMUNDUS** (120 ECTS), Universities Innsbruck, Padova, Rome, Gottingen, 2010, **joint degree**.
- Master in Terrorism, Organized Crime and Security** (60 or 120 ESPB), Faculties of Law, Political Sciences and Security Belgrade and „La Sapienza” Rome (functions only in Rome).
- Master in Management in the System of Health Security** (ЗСП or JSP), 60 ECTS, Faculty of Medicine, FON, **diploma University of Belgrade**.



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University of Belgrade – cont.

- ❑ **Interdisciplinary Joint Master's Program in South-Eastern European Studies** (120 ESTS), Graz, Belgrade, Skopje Zagreb (plus mobility partners Novi Sad, Ljubljana, Poitiers, Sarajevo, Tetovo); Tempus project JoinSee, start in 2012, **joint degree**.
- ❑ Master in **European and International policies and crisis management**, Rome „La Sapienza” created in 2001, doesn't function in Belgrade anymore.
- ❑ **Master in Macroeconomics of Transition Economies** (60 ECTS), Faculty of Economics, Faculty of Law, Political Science in Belgrade and Centre for the Study of Macroeconomics and International Finance - University in Nice (France). TEMPUS project (CD-JEP-19040-2004), 2006, **double diploma**.
- ❑ **Specialist professional studies in Forensics**, Faculty of Security and Faculty for Physical Chemistry, University of Belgrade, 2010, **diploma University of Belgrade**.



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University of Novi Sad

- ❑ **Master in Logistics of Systems in Economy**, 120 or 60 ECTS, with University of Maribor, 2012, **joint degree**.
- ❑ **Joint graduate and master program – Engineering of the Environment Protection**. Faculty of Technical Sciences in Novi Sad and TF “Mihajlo Pupin” Zrenjanin, **diploma University of Novi Sad**
- ❑ **Master in community and youth work**, 120 ECTS, School of Education and Communication, Jonkoping University, Sweden, 2011/12, **double diploma**
- ❑ **Master in Water Management in Agriculture**, Faculties of agriculture from Novi Sad and Belgrade, TEMPUS JEP-40071-2005, **double diploma**.



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Other universities

- ❑ **University of Kragujevac, Machinery**, doctoral studies, 180 ECTS, Technische Universität Carolo-Wilhelmina zu Braunschweig, 2007, double diploma(?)
- ❑ **University of Kragujevac, Military-industrial engineering** (240+60 ESPB), Faculty of engineering and Military Academy Belgrade, 2010, **double diploma**.
- ❑ **University of Novi Pazar DUNP, Agricultural production**, OAS Graduate studies, University of Belgrade, **double diploma**.

Tempus JoinSee

- The JoinSEE Tempus project activities commenced in 2009 and addressed the phenomenon of joint (degree) programmes in international higher education.
- The main objective of the project will be the development of four innovative joint (degree) programmes on master level.
- Joint Master's Programme in **Cultural Sociology**
- Joint Master's Programme in **History of South-Eastern Europe**
- Joint Master's Programme in **Modern Language Teaching**
- Interdisciplinary Joint Master's Programme in **South Eastern European Studies** (functional)

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Comments and Conclusions

- **Small number** of international joint degree programs, (2 at Belgrade University and 1 at Novi Sad University). Number of double diplomas insignificantly higher.
- **Low level of internationalization** of Serbian universities. Internationalization as a threat (brain drain).
- Small number of **programs in English**.
- Internationalization in Serbia is **not part of university strategies**, yet.
- **Serbia is not part of Erasmus** program – difficulties to finance mobility periods.
- The possibilities of Erasmus Mundus for the creation of joint degrees **unexploited**.

Thank you for your
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