

# COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF HIGHER EDUCATION BETWEEN WESTERN BALKANS AND HUNGARY

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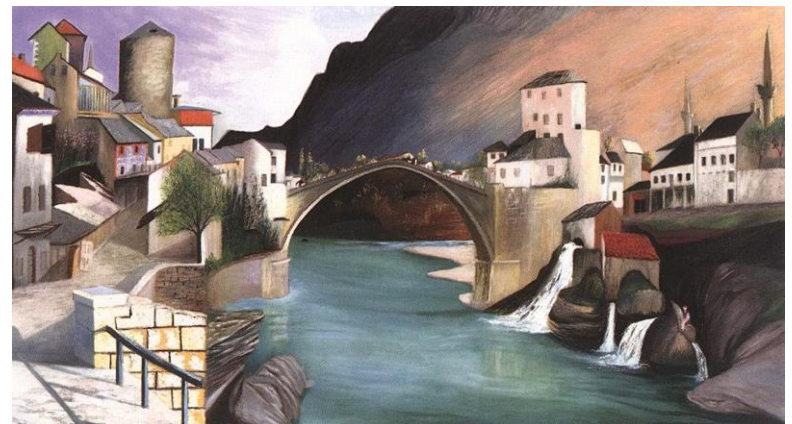
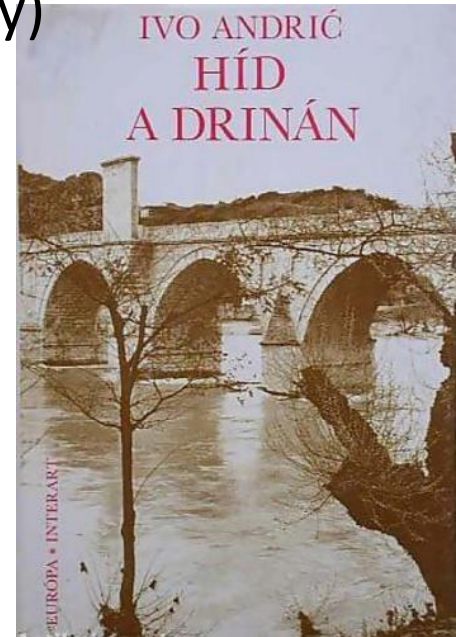
# HUNGARY AND THE WESTERN BALKANS

- Background
- Current situation
- EU integration
- Bologna, EHEA
- Cooperation programmes: CEEPUS, Erasmus Mundus, Tempus, ECCE Mundus, INTERUV
- Further challenges and possibilities: CH, audits, E+
- University-business cooperation



# HUNGARY AND THE WESTERN BALKANS

- Common historical past (Byzantine Empire, Cyrill and Methodius, Ottoman Empire, Austria and Hungary)
- Ethnic minorities
- Geopolitics – Hungary: bridge between regions
- Past 25 years: from desintegration to integration



# CURRENT SITUATION

- For Hungary Western Balkans is a priority region: intensifying economic relations, trade, EU integration + „Global Opening”
- Educational cooperation: good basis – space for further development
- European integration and Higher Education:
  - Bologna Process
  - European Higher Education Area
  - European and regional mobility and cooperation programmes
- Common challenges: youth unemployment, insufficient funding, infrastructure, human resources, language competences



# CENTRAL EUROPEAN EXCHANGE PROGRAMME FOR UNIVERSITY STUDIES – CEEPUS

- University networks operating joint programs ideally leading to Joint Degrees, esp. Joint Doctoral Programs.
- CEEPUS covers mobility grants for students and teacher.
- Since 1994
- Founding states: Austria, Bulgaria, **Croatia**, **Hungary**, Poland, the Slovak Republic and Slovenia
- Currently in addition to the above: **Albania**, **Bosnia and Herzegovina** Czech Republic, **Kosovo**, **Macedonia**, Moldova, **Montenegro**, Poland, Romania and **Serbia**
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# CENTRAL EUROPEAN EXCHANGE PROGRAMME FOR UNIVERSITY STUDIES – CEEPUS

- CEEPUS networks of HEIs with Hungarian and WB partners:

	No. of networks	Mobility months (incoming)	Persons (incoming)
2013	12	37	26
2014	14	50	31

- Serbia is the 3<sup>rd</sup> in the list of sending countries to HU
  - 2013/14: 11% of incoming mobilities
- Number of available incoming scholarship months to Hungary: 2015/2016: **raised** from 326 **to 600**



# TEMPUS PROGRAMME – MODERNISING HIGHER EDUCATION OF PARTNER COUNTRIES

- European Union's programme which supports the modernisation of higher education in the EU's surrounding area
- Target countries from the Western Balkans
  - Albania
  - Bosnia and Herzegovina
  - The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
  - Kosovo
  - Montenegro
  - Serbia
- Even more possibilities under Erasmus+ Capacity Building in Higher Education



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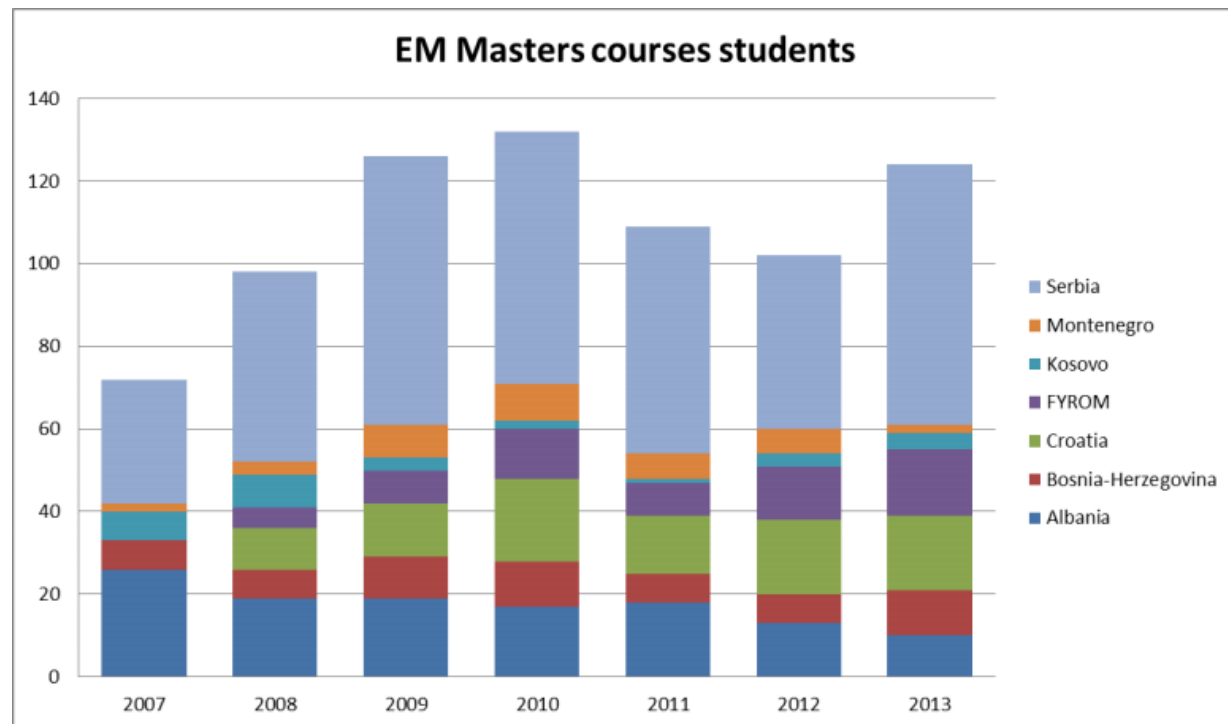
- In Tempus IV (2007-2013): 17 projects with participation of HU and WB partners
- There were 5 projects coordinated by HU institutions, out of which 4 cooperate with WB HEIs:

Project title	Applicant	City	Partner from WB	Thematic field
Higher Education Learning Partnerships	Szent István University	Szarvas	HR, RS	Training for regional business development
Development of Business Training in Montenegro	University of Debrecen	Debrecen	ME	Business
Using local resources for microregional development - sustainable agribusiness and tourism in the southern Balkans	University of Szeged	Hódmezővásárhely	AL, MK, XK	Agriculture, rural development, tourism
Visuality & Mathematics: Experiential Education of Mathematics through Visual Arts, Sciences and Playful Activities	Eszterházy Károly Főiskola	Eger	RS	Education, Mathematics



# ERASMUS MUNDUS

- Excellence programme for Higher Education
- Cooperation with Partner Countries (PC)
- Increasing mobility between EU and the PCs
- Students from the WB in Erasmus Mundus Masters courses:  
**Total 799**



- Erasmus Mundus Action 2 Partnerships:
  - 2008-2013: 15 projects with WB participation,
  - Mobility: 2796 students and 457 staff
  - To consortia with HU participation ~ 10 students/year

## Action 3 Promotion projects

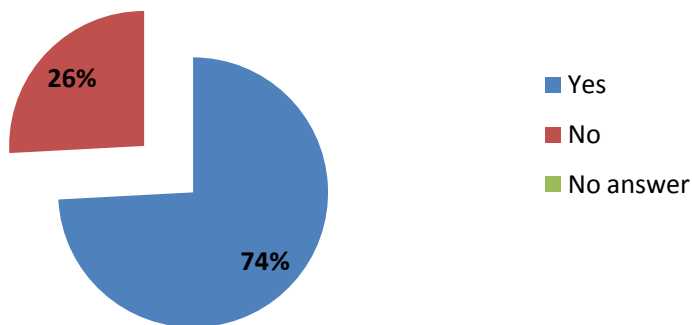
- ECCE Mundus coordinated by TPF, Hungary:
  - to enhance and facilitate cooperation between
    - higher education institutions in Central European EU countries (Austria, Hungary, Slovakia) and
    - higher education institutions from outside the EU (**Western Balkans**, Eastern Europe and Central Asia)



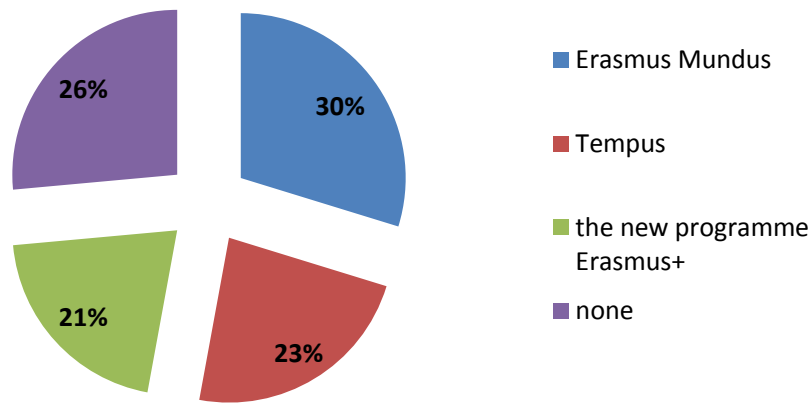
# ECCE MUNDUS: ENHANCING CROSS-REGIONAL COOPERATION

- 5 seminars between 2012 and 2014: Budapest, Vienna, Bratislava and Almaty
- 26 participants from WB: Serbia (20), Croatia (2), Montenegro (2), Bosnia and Herzegovina (1), Kosovo (1)
- ECCE Mundus Impact study (follow-up survey, 2014):

I have initiated cooperation with HEIs from Austria, Hungary or Slovakia to be included into my faculty's/institution's internationalisation activities / plans / strategies



I have worked with other participants on a project proposal under:



# ROOM FOR COOPERATION

- CEEPUS - Increased budget of 600 scholarship months
- International dimensions of Erasmus+
- Stipendium Hungaricum
- Preferred fields: engineering, energy, agriculture and water management



# ROOM FOR COOPERATION

- Sharing expertise (e. g. Bologna experts)
- Activities and results of the Campus Hungary Programme

– internationalisation audits of HEIs

– trainings



- Cooperation with companies, including SME (activities of TPF in this field)

# ACTIVITIES OF TEMPUS PUBLIC FOUNDATION: SUPPORTING COOPERATION OF HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS AND ENTERPRISES

- Traineeships within various scholarship programmes
- Funding opportunities for enterprises (Erasmus+)
- Tempus Business Café: discussion forum for stakeholders
- Recognition of foreign experience at home (Europass Centre, Alumni)



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