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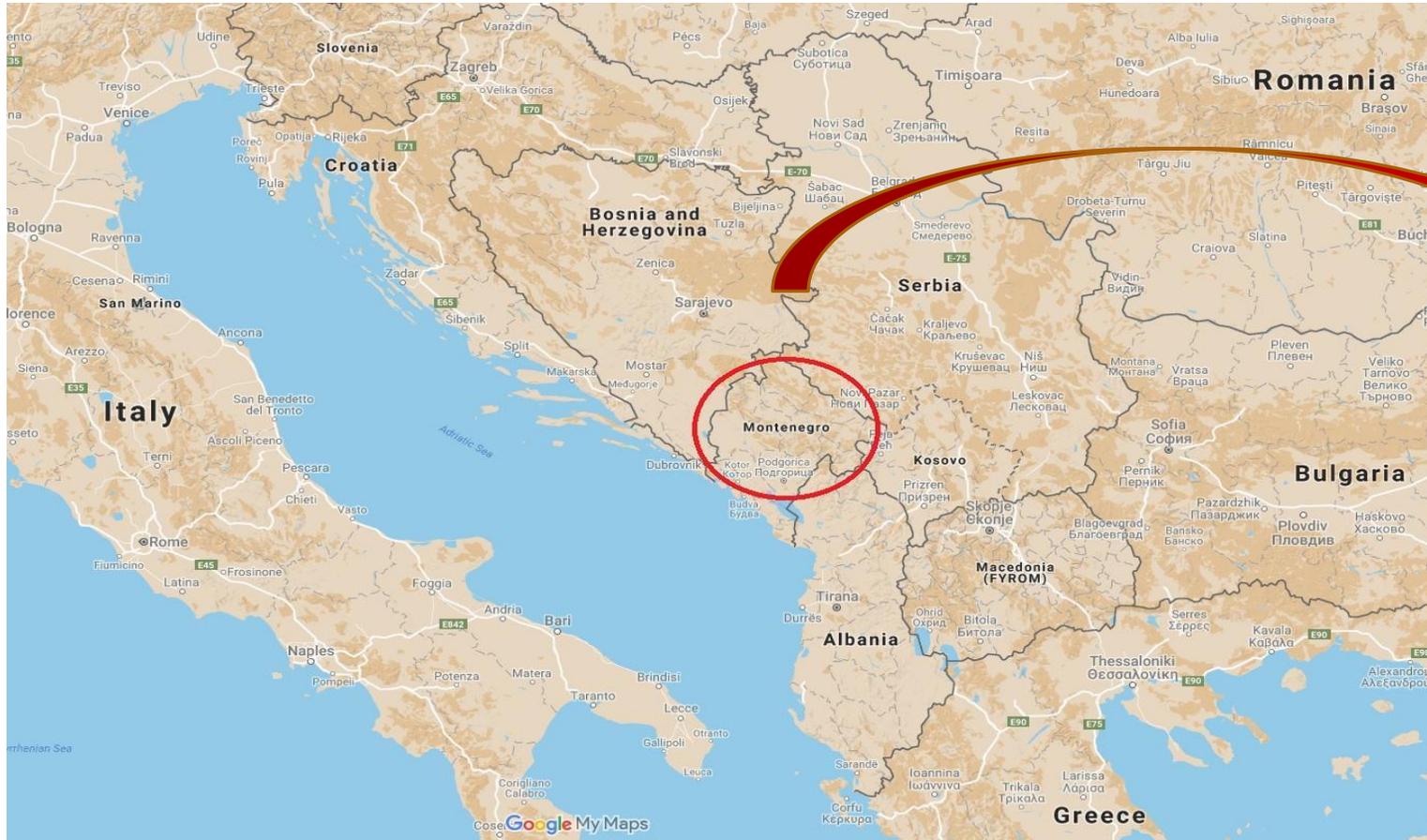
Higher Education System in Montenegro – possibilities of cooperation with Montenegro,

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**A small country with about
650.000 inhabitants
Montenegro – the first
ecological state in Montenegro**



Tourism



Two predominant
priority sector at
the state level



Agriculture



Higher education in Montenegro

- Higher education - implemented based on the principles of **Law on Higher Education**, adopted in June 2017, regulating the fundamentals of HE system according to Bologna Declaration principles
- Member of Bologna process as of 2003
- Elements of Bologna process in the Montenegrin HE legislation incorporated



Higher education in Montenegro

- Strategic objectives for further higher education development - formulated in the Strategy for the Development of Higher Education 2016-2020

Strategy for the Development of Higher Education 2016-2020: objectives

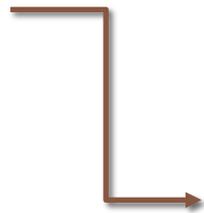
Improving the quality of higher education and creating competitive staff	Harmonizing education with the labour market needs	Improving scientific and research work and increased level of participation in EU projects	Internationalization of higher education – boosting incoming mobility	Lifelong learning	Establishing a sustainable funding model
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Higher Education Institutions

- Educational activities at higher education institutions carried out through academic and applied study programmes, as well as through various professional development and training programmes.

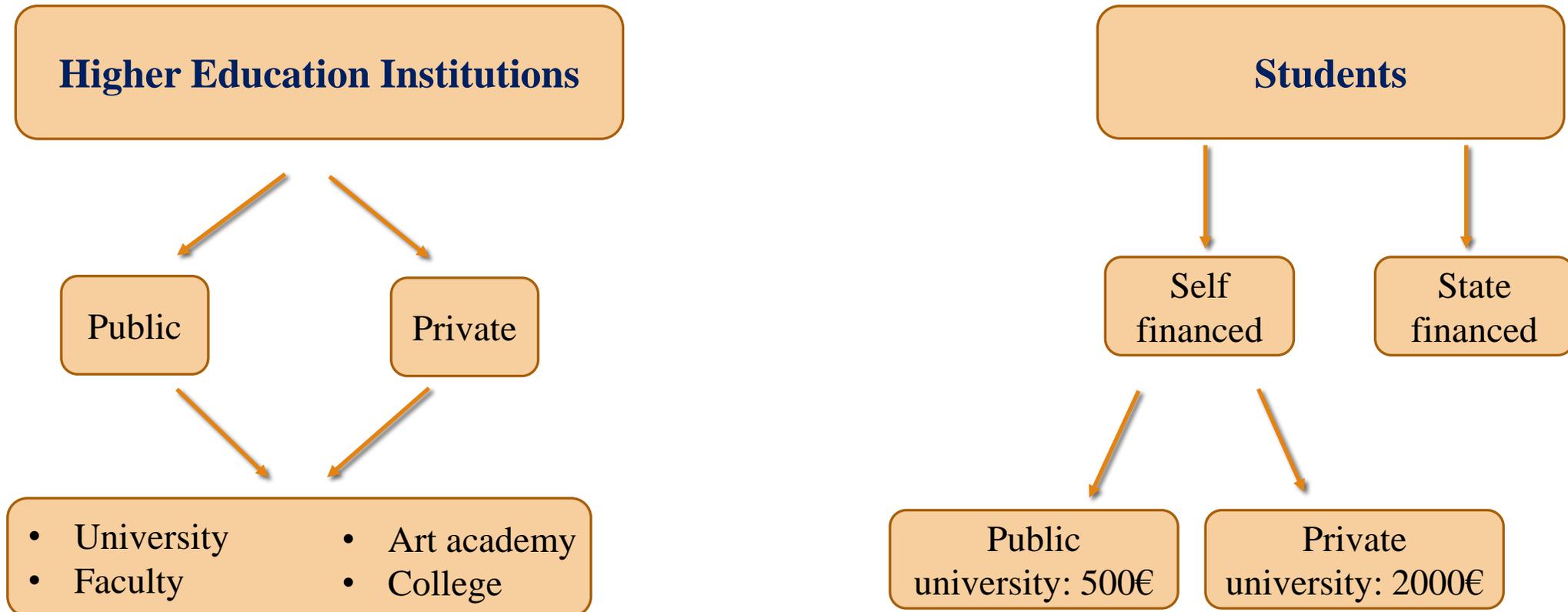
- **1** public HEI in Montenegro
- **3** private HEIs
- **1** independent public faculty and
- **4** independent private faculties.

University Name	Public	Private	Number of faculties / institutes
University of Montenegro	*		19 faculties + 2 institutes
Mediterranean University		*	6 faculties
University of Donja Gorica		*	12 faculties
Adriatic University		*	7 faculties



University of Montenegro - the largest research university

Higher Education Institutions and Students



Financing

HEIs in Montenegro may be financed from:

- funds of the founder;
- tuition fees and other fees payable by students;
- intellectual and other services;
- donations,
- gifts and invitations;
- property income (lease);
- projects and contracts with international, state or private entities for promotion of teaching, research and consultancy activities; and
- other sources in accordance with the law.

The largest part of direct funding by the state is addressed to:



Private higher education institutions

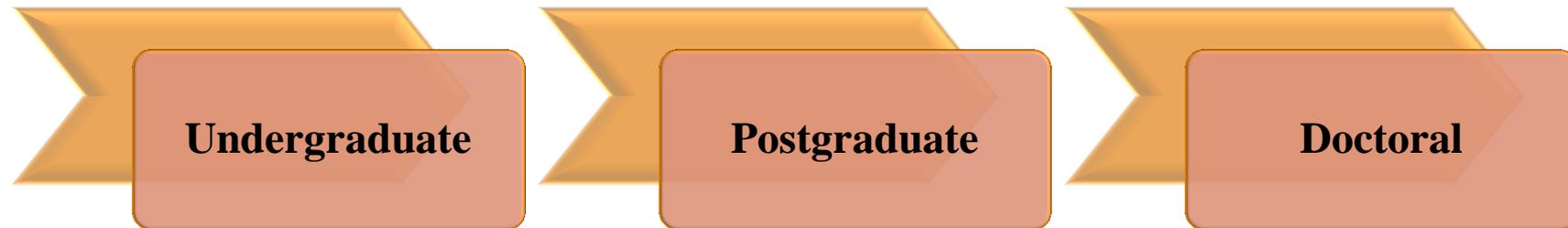
They can also receive financial support from the budget of Montenegro. The support is mainly provided for the students who attend the study programs that are on public-interest and that are not carried out at a public institution.

Comprehensive **student help package by the Ministry of Education**, which consists of scholarships for the best students and student loans.

Of the total number of students at the University of Montenegro, 21% of students are financed from the budget, if they have the status of budget students, while others pay tuition from their own funds and have the status of self-financing students.

Types and levels of studies

- Study programs organized at three levels:





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Types and levels of studies

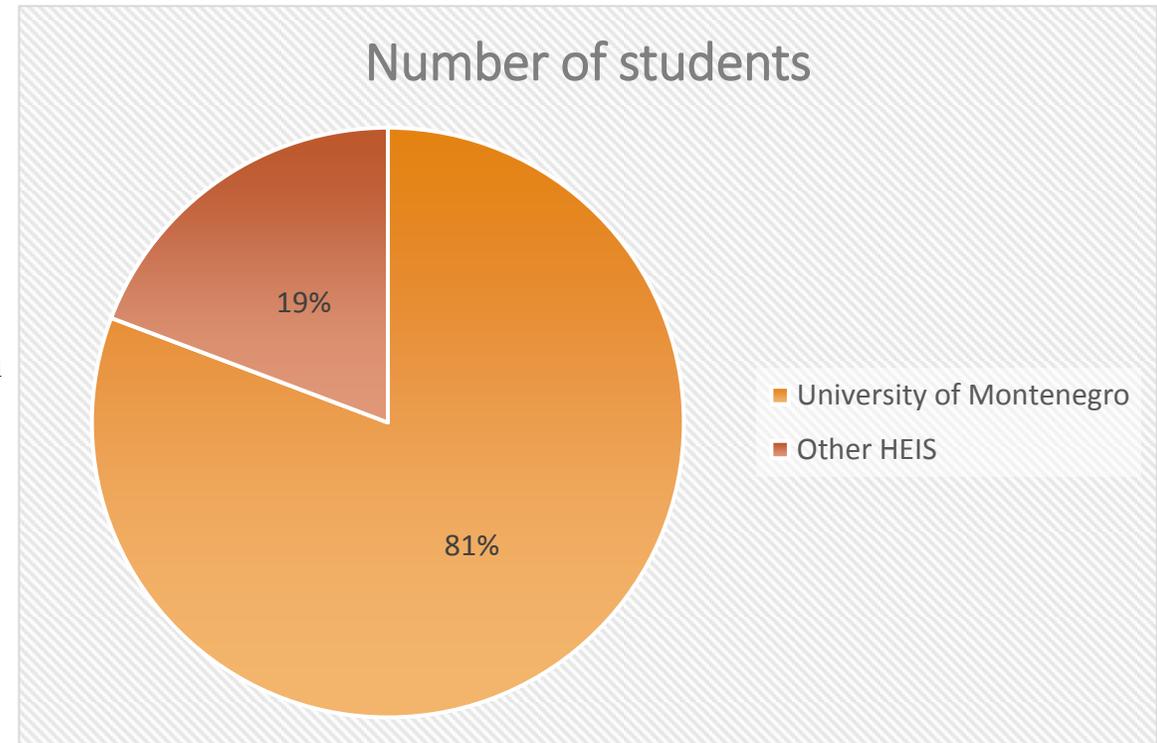
Study cycle		Duration	ECTS
Undergraduate (Bachelor)		3 years	180
Long cycle studies	Medical studies	6 years	360
	Dentistry and Pharmacy	5 years	300
	Architecture	5 years	300
Postgraduate			
	Master studies	2 years	120
Doctoral studies		3 years	180



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Students

The total number of students in Montenegro:





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Internationalization

Internationalization of HEIs

- EU programmes – Tempus and Erasmus + major internationalization tools used
- Cooperation with numerous universities worldwide, based on the bilateral agreements signed.

Students and staff exchange

Participation in joint scientific and research projects

Exchange of scientific literature and experiences in the teaching process and scientific work

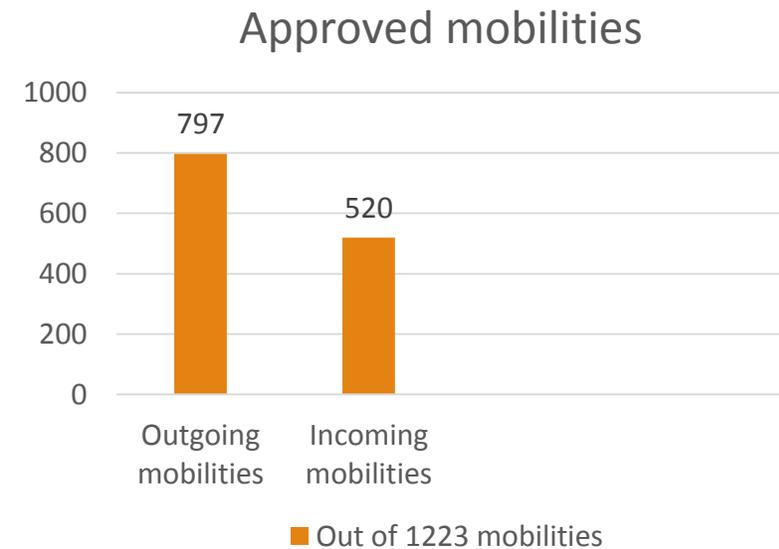
University of Montenegro as the leading HEI is member a number of university associations having representatives in the working bodies and participating in the initiatives of those networks.

Here we include:

- European University Association,
- Mediterranean Universities Union,
- Centre for Mediterranean Universities,
- Balkans Universities Association.

Mobility programs

- **Academic mobility** - one of the strategic objectives of the Montenegrin Higher Education and Research System
- **Mobility programmes** - popular among students` population. So far, all HEIs in Montenegro benefited from Erasmus Mundus partnership schemes, as well as ICM action.
- In the previous three ICM calls, **158 projects** have been approved, envisaging **1223 mobilities**, **not including the data of the previous selection**

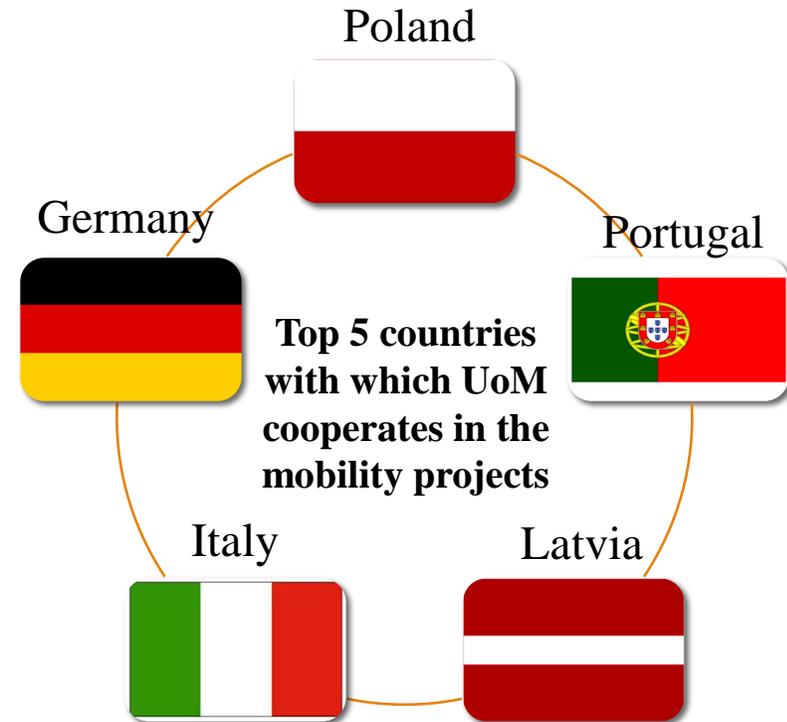


Mobility programs in University of Montenegro

96 agreements
signed with
universities from
32 countries

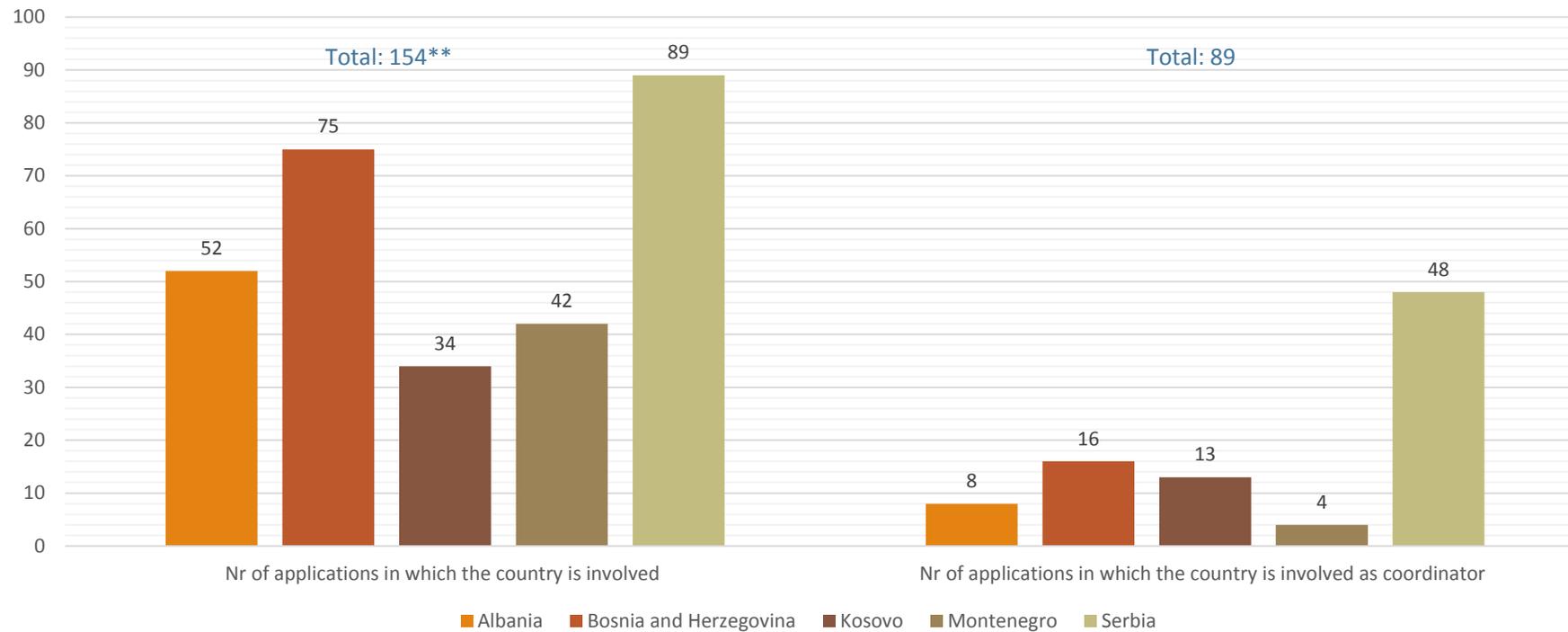


**592 realized
mobilities**
314 staff mobilities
278 student mobilities



Statistics from WB region – submitted ones

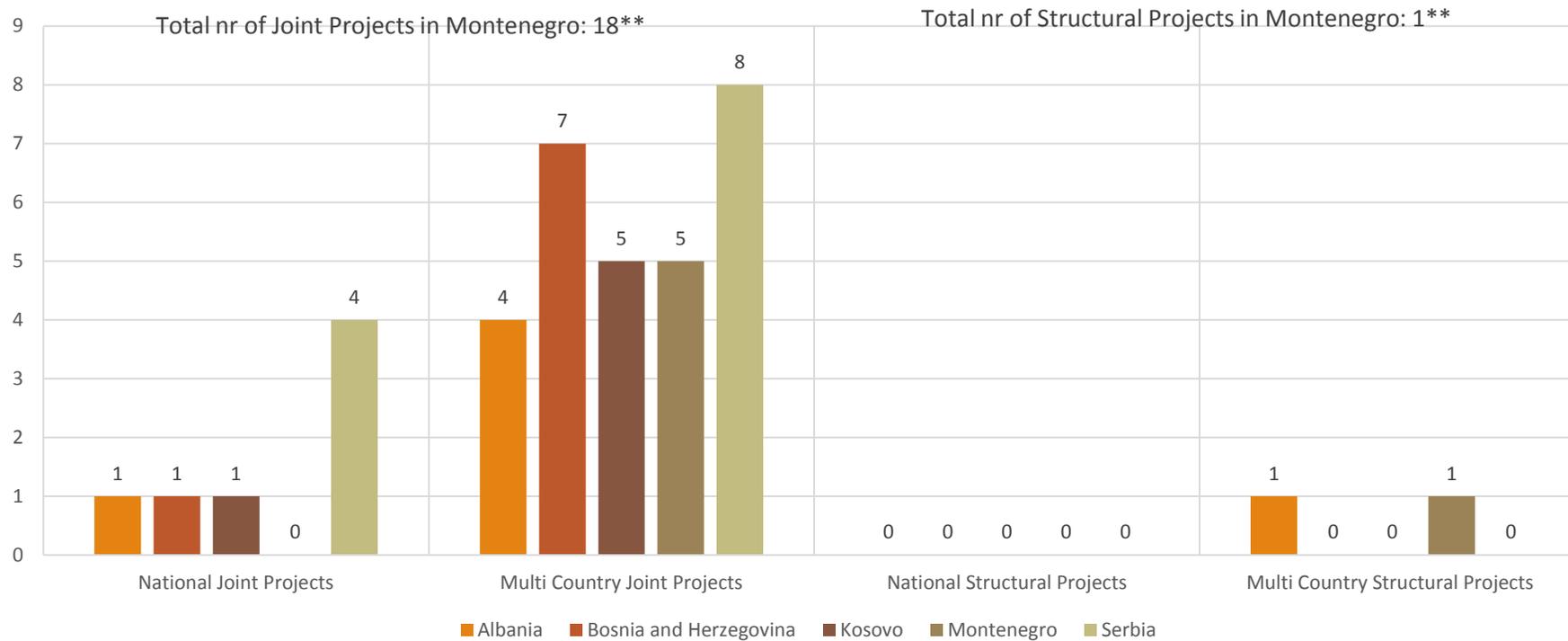
Applications submitted by WB countries



Selected projects in WB region



Accepted Joint and Structural Projects of WBC

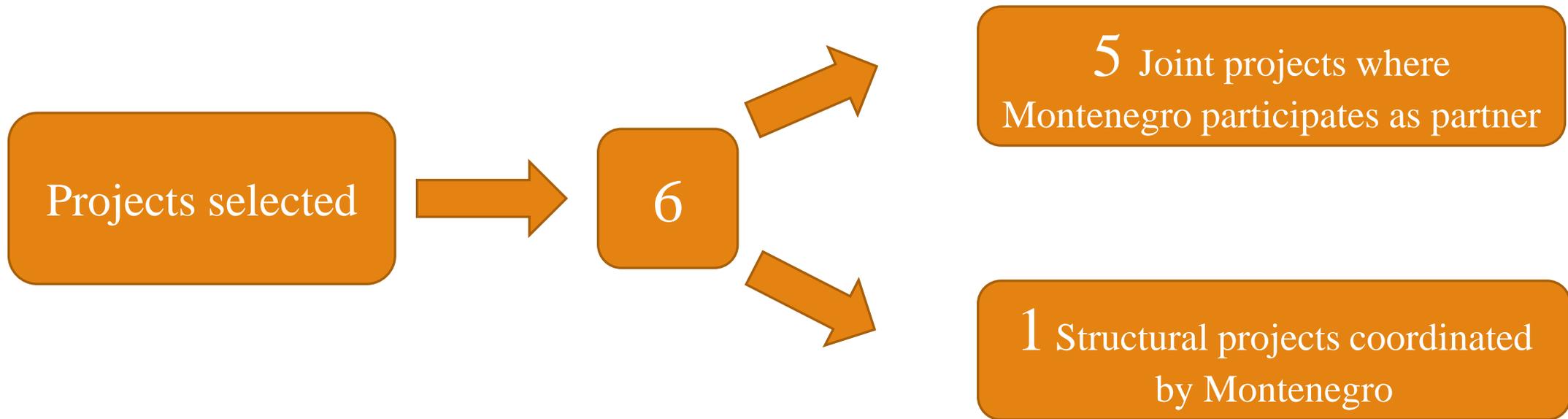


Overview of Erasmus+ results in the field of Higher Education 2015-2018: WB region

CHBE projects for WB region in the field of Higher Education

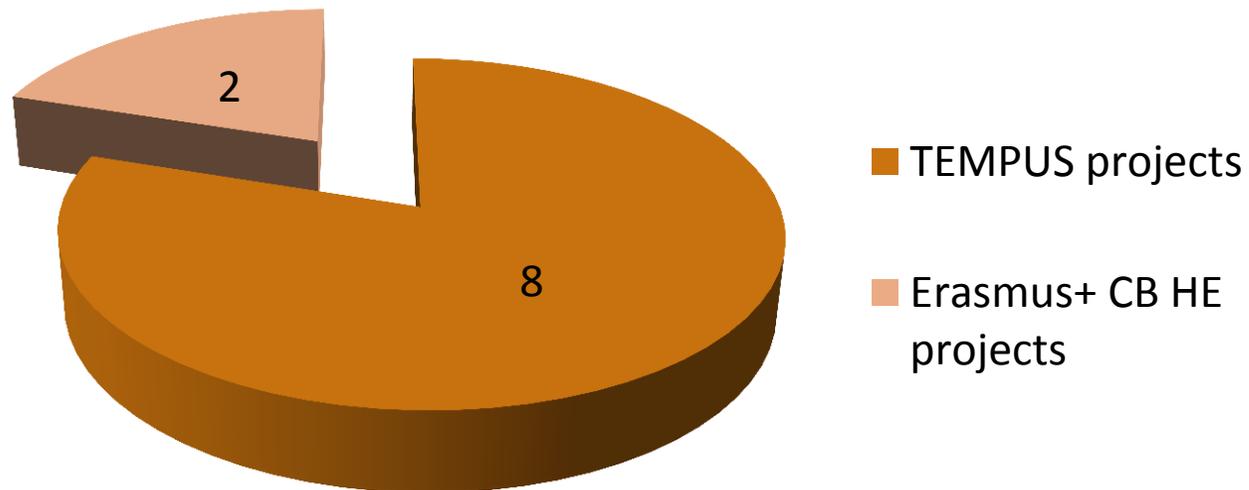
2015 – 2018	
Albania	23 (4 applicants)
BiH	30 (3 applicants)
Kosovo	19 (5 applicants)
Montenegro	18 (3 applicants)
Serbia	38 (25 applicants)

Capacity Building projects in Montenegro 2018



Cooperation with HEIs from Spain

Number of projects



- **8** TEMPUS projects with HEIs from Spain From 2001-2013
- **2** Erasmus+ projects with HEIs from Spain From 2015-2018

Cooperation with HEIs from Spain

TEMPUS projects

Nr.	Project name	Project year	Project type	MNE partners	ES partners
1.	Strategy for European Integration of CARDS Universities	2003	Higher Education and Society	Ministry of Education and Science; University of Montenegro	UNIVERSIDADE DE SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA
2.	COMPETENCE “Matching competences in higher education and economy: From competence catalogue to strategy and curriculum development”	2008	Governance Reform	University of Montenegro	UNIVERSITY OF GIRONA
3.	Conducting graduate surveys and improving alumni services for enhanced strategic management and quality improvement (CONGRAD)	2011	Governance Reform	University of Montenegro	Universidad Politécnica de Valencia

Cooperation with HEIs from Spain

TEMPUS projects

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4.	Modernization of WBC universities through strengthening of structures and services for knowledge transfer, research and innovation (WBCInno)	2012	Governance Reform	University of Montenegro; Business Incubator “Inventivnost”	University of Alicante
5.	Training courses for public services in sustainable infrastructure development in Western Balkans (SDTRAIN)	2012	Governance Reform	University of Montenegro; Union of Municipalities of Montenegro	Technical University of Catalonia - Barcelona Tech
6.	Development of Policy-Oriented Training Programmes in the Context of the European Integration (DEPOCEI)	2012	Governance Reform	University of Montenegro	University of Alicante

Cooperation with HEIs from Spain

TEMPUS projects

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7.	Modernizing and harmonizing maritime education in Montenegro and Albania	2013	Curriculum Reform	University of Montenegro; Ministry of Education of Montenegro; ME Crnogorska Plovidba A.D. Kotor; Institute for transportation, ME Invar-Ivosevic Ltd.; Montenegrin Association for New Technologies	Technical University of Catalonia
8.	Development of Sustainable Interrelations between Education, Research and Innovation at WBC Universities in Nanotechnologies and Advanced Materials where Innovation Means Business	2013	Governance Reform	University of Montenegro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (coordinator); • Foundation University Enterprise of the Region of Murcia

Cooperation with HEIs from Spain

Erasmus+ CB HE projects

Nr.	Project name	Project year	Project type	MNE partners	ES partners
1.	Improving the Traffic Safety in the Western Balkan Countries through Curriculum Innovation and Development of Undergraduate and Master Studies	2018	Curriculum Development	University of Montenegro; Alfa Centar; Adriatic University	Universidad Politécnica de Madrid
2.	Electrical Energy Markets and Engineering Education	2017	Curriculum Development	Mediterranean University - Faculty For Information Technology	University of Vigo - UVIGO

Cooperation with HEIs from Spain

Erasmus+ ICM projects



2 ICM projects
with HEIs from Spain



1 project with HEIs
from Spain



Cooperation with HEIs from Spain

Erasmus+ ICM projects



**UNIVERSIDADE
DE VIGO**

Among **top 3 universities** with which UDG cooperates in ICM projects



Possibilities for further cooperation with HEIs from Spain

- Consider regional WB priorities
- Consider MNE national priorities

Capacity Building in Higher Education

- Strengthen cooperation with up-to-date partners
- Open at any time for new ES partners

International Credit Mobility

Topics of interest for Montenegrin HEIs

- All internationalization aspects
- Developing study programmes in English language
- Joint Master programmes
- Governance reform
- Recognition
- Potential areas: civil engineering, mechanical engineering, architecture, philosophy, economy, political sciences, arts...



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