

Internationalization at the University of Banja Luka

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Policy

- **QA Strategy (July 2012)**
- **Indicators:**
 1. No. of outgoing students (1 semester abroad)
 2. No. of students in the mobility for practice purposes abroad
 3. No. of incoming students (1 semester)
 4. No. of students from abroad for practice purposes
 5. No. of outgoing academic staff (at least 1 month abroad)
 6. No. of teachers that kept lectures on HEIs abroad (at least 1 semester)
 7. No. of teachers who held lectures abroad upon invitation
 8. No. of incoming teachers
 9. No. of incoming teachers who held lectures upon invitation
 10. No. of experts and officials from abroad who held lectures upon invitation

Strategy

- **Strategic directions and goals for development of the international cooperation at the University of Banja Luka, September 2010**
- **Composition:**
 1. Cooperation agreements and memberships in international associations
 2. International exchange of academic staff and students
 3. Participation in international projects and other joint activities with foreign partners
 4. Promoting the University
 5. Organization of the Department for International Cooperation
 6. Strategic objectives and general development goals for international cooperation
 7. SWOT Analysis

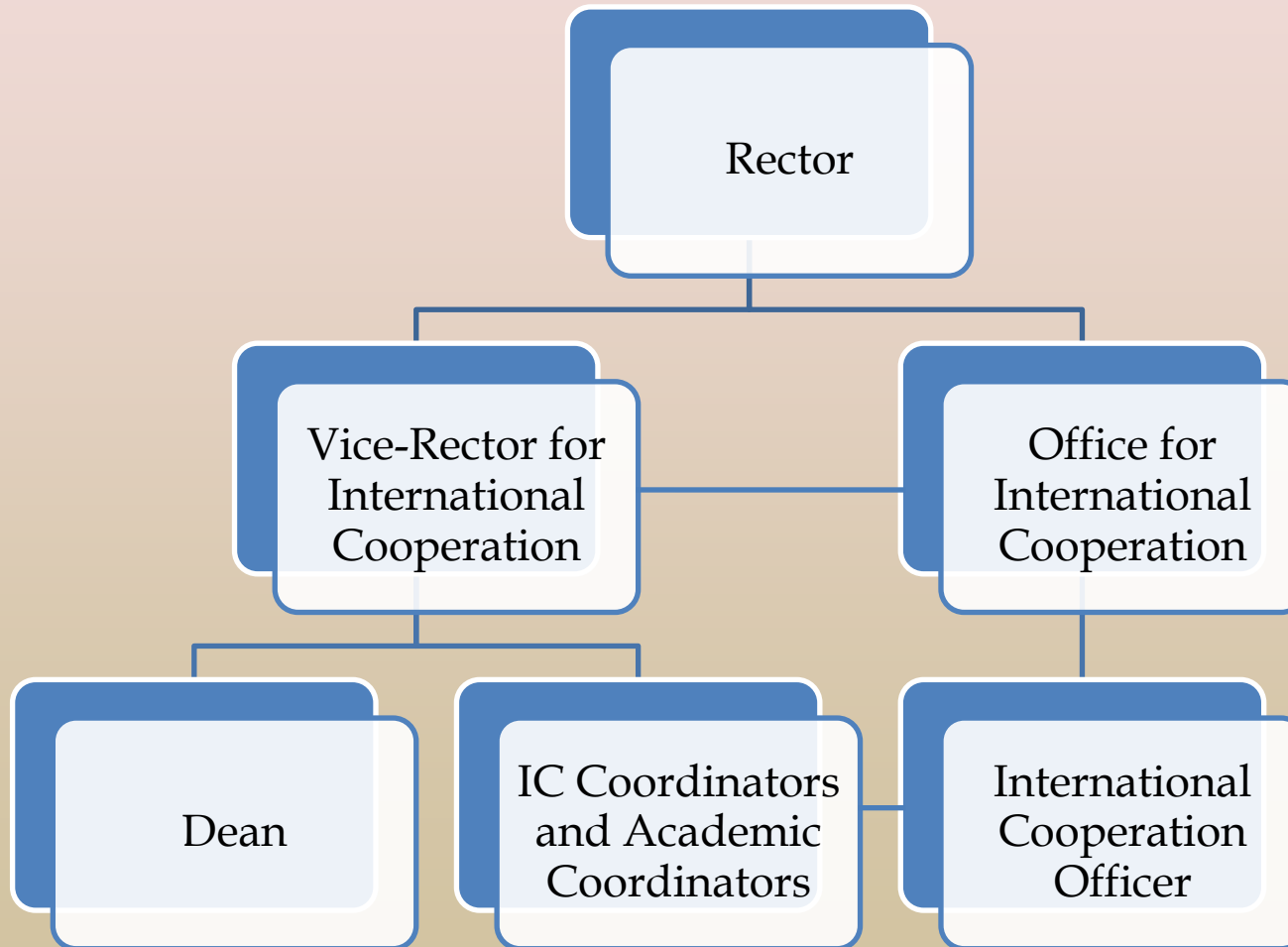
General objectives

- Increase financial allocations for the activities of international cooperation
- Increase the mobility of staff and students
- Increase participation in international projects (project management team and training)
- Develop international study programs
- Develop quality assurance system
- Strengthen personnel and infrastructure capacities of the Department of International Cooperation and at the faculties/ Academy of Arts

Monitoring

- Not defined in the Document
- Self-evaluation report and yearly working plans and reports of the activities by faculties/Academy of Arts and offices of the Rectorate to the Senate and Steering Board of the University

Responsibility



Source of funding

- Entity budget allocation
- EU financed programs
- Support for specific joint activities by embassies, foreign governments, international organizations and foundations, national and international business environment

Activities of the IRO

1. **Bilateral/multilateral agreements**
2. **International projects**
3. **Mobility**
4. **Membership in networks of cooperation**
5. **Conferences, meetings, visits**
6. **Lectures of visiting professors and other guests**
7. **Cooperation with embassies and foreign governments (scholarships, study visits)**
8. **Student visits**
9. **Promoting UBL visibility**

Capacities/ Activities

Available to all incoming and outgoing students and staff:

1. Information (web-page, leaflets, posters, brochures, info days, fairs)
2. Counselling
3. Multilingual communication
4. Help in application process (projects and/or mobility)
5. Instructions/Guidelines (drafting, implementing, monitoring)
6. Help with visa/insurance for foreign guests
7. Language courses (Foreign languages and Serbian language for foreigners)
8. Mentorship (academic performance)

- Lack of:

1. Accommodation
2. Human resources (IRO, project management)
3. Specific budget, inscentives

Study programs in English/ Summer Schools

- **Study programs in English**

1. Faculty of Economics (Master in Business Administration, MBA)

- **Summer schools**

1. Summer school of sports management, Faculty of Physical Education and Sports
2. *“Evolutionary algorithm in energy design”*, Faculty of Architecture, Civil Engineering and Geodesy
3. Summer school at the Faculty of Economics
4. Balkan Express—with University of Ljubljana, University of Montenegro and University Džemal Bijedić in Mostar
5. Gender Equality (with Universities of Novi Sad, Niš and Belgrade, Gender Centre of the RS Government)

Mobility – rules and regulations

Mobility is regulated by:

1. Law on Higher Education of Republic of Srpska
 2. Statute of the University of Banja Luka
 3. Rules on I and the II cycle studies
 4. Rules on the III cycle studies
- All ECTS credits gained abroad are recognized in the Diploma Supplement
 - Recognition included in the study programs around 75% (depending on conditions set forth in learning agreements)

Programs for International Cooperation

Educational programs:

- **Erasmus+**
- Erasmus Mundus
- Tempus
- CEEPUS
- IPA

Scientific-research programs:

- **Horizon 2020 (COST)**
- FP
- HERD
- EUREKA
- INTERREG
- SCOPES

Cooperation Agreements

- Around 300
- Countries:
Bulgaria, Italy, Norway, Finland, Japan, Thailand, Switzerland, Germany, Spain, the Russian Federation, Ukraine, France, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Montenegro, Macedonia, Croatia, Slovenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Slovakia, Portugal, the United States of America, Austria, Sweden, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Turkey, the Netherlands, the Czech Republic, Greece
- Most developed cooperation is with countries in the region and EU countries

Scientific Research Papers

- E-database of the papers and other publications is in the process of establishment (new integrated information system for the whole University)

Internationalization - influences

- Management of the University, i.e. Office of the Vice-Rector for International Cooperation
- Management of the faculties/Academy of Arts
 - International Relations Coordinators
 - Academic Coordinators

Thank you