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# **MAINSTREAMING MIGRATION INTO NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES**

## **MASTER STUDIES ON MIGRATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BELGRADE PRESENTED**

**O**n 18 September 2017, the University of Belgrade, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) presented the beginning of the multidisciplinary master academic studies in the field of migration at the University of Belgrade.

These unique studies in the Western Balkans have been established with the support of the global project “Mainstreaming migration into national development strategies”, implemented by the International Organization for Migration in cooperation with the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and funded by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation.

The curriculum development, as well as a consultative process, was led by IOM and has involved professors from six faculties of the University of Belgrade - Faculty of Political Sciences, Faculty of Security Studies, Faculty of Economics, Faculty of Law, Faculty of Philosophy and Faculty of Geography.

The academic master migration studies aim to encompass and explore the most important causes and consequences of migration through a multidisciplinary approach. During the two semesters of classes - lectures, consultations and practices, students will acquire a systematic knowledge of migration. All teaching methods will be used - case studies, team work, research projects, group and individual professional visits, guest visits by prominent experts, work in creative workshops, debates, professional practice. The studies carry 60 ESP points. It is planned that in this first school year 2017/2018, this program will enroll up to 50 students.

The head of the Master Program, Faculty of Political Sciences Professor Dragan Simic, said at a press conference that the program will enable students to acquire a high level of knowledge in this field.

“This is a unique program in Serbia and the region, because nowhere in the region has the field of migration been studied at this level,” Simic underlined.

Ms Lidija Markovic, head of the IOM office in Serbia, said that the migration phenomenon was not systematically studied in our country and that this was the main reason to introduce such a program. Migration studies will, she added, offer broad knowledge to all those who want to deal with this area and thus contribute to Serbia, the institutions of the system and civil society.

Ms Jovana Mihajlovic from the SDC said that the introduction of master program covered a large number of areas - demography, statistics, social work, social policy, security, economy.

“The quality of studies is increased by the planned practical part of the course, so students will be referred to obtain practice in institutions dealing with migration and other branches of state administration,” said Jovana Mihajlovic.



**The representatives of the Political Sciences Faculty, together with IOM and SDC presented the Program at the press conference**

# CURRENT COMMUNICATIONS

## The first training on migration and local development held in Subotica

During 13 and 14 September 2017 in Subotica, the first in the series of trainings “Migration and local development” was held.

The aim of the training is to bring the theme of migration and local development closer to the representatives of local self-governments in a tangible way, taking into account the specificities of Serbia and its current needs, and taking into account the representation of certain categories of migrants, development problems and potentials in the country.

On this occasion, the trainers from the Commissariat for Refugees and Migration (SCRM) and the Ministry of Youth and Sports (MYS) familiarized representatives of local migration councils and youth offices from six local communities - Subotica, Sombor, Kanjiza, Kikinda, Sid, Senta and Mali Idjos with the concept of migration and development.

Representatives of local self-governments followed the trainers` presentations with high interest and actively participated in group exercises.



**Ms Ivana Curko from SCRM presented the concept of migration and local development**



**Ms Jelena Milosevic from MYS held a workshop on the potential of remittances**

### RELEVANT LINKS

[https://www.eda.admin.ch/deza/en/home/deza/organisation/bereiche/globale\\_zusammenarbeit/globalprogramm\\_migration.html](https://www.eda.admin.ch/deza/en/home/deza/organisation/bereiche/globale_zusammenarbeit/globalprogramm_migration.html)

[https://www.eda.admin.ch/content/dam/deza/en/documents/themen/migration/229271-flyer-migration-und-entwicklung\\_EN.pdf](https://www.eda.admin.ch/content/dam/deza/en/documents/themen/migration/229271-flyer-migration-und-entwicklung_EN.pdf)

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<http://www.knomad.org/>

<https://serbia.iom.int/sr/projects/globalni-projekat-uklju%C4%8Divanje-migracija-u-nacionalne-razvojne-strategije-druga-faza>

<http://www.rs.undp.org/>