

FACULTY OF TOURISM AND HOTEL MANAGEMENT IN KOTOR

The Faculty of Tourism and Hotel Management in Kotor, as organisational unit of University of Montenegro (public body), was founded in 1999, with the aim of providing multi-disciplinary teaching and research in area of tourism in order to create high quality tourism offer. Before transformation into Faculty, there was the Higher Vocational School for Tourism, founded in 1967, and therefore it represents the educational institution with the longest tradition in tourism and hospitality education in Montenegro.

Tourism and hotel management has become one of the core elements of the whole economy since they are connected directly with the strategic planning and with the improvement of each economic area. Faculty of Tourism and Hotel Management successfully improves the level of educational competitiveness by providing interdisciplinary and applicable study programmes and knowledge. In line with this, Faculty organizes (for a period of three years) undergraduate academic studies in Tourism, and undergraduate applied studies in Hotel Management. Additionally, we provide postgraduate and specialist studies (for a period of one year) through two study programs: Tourism and Hotel Management as well as master studies in Tourism (for a period of one year). Additionally, we provide PhD studies (for a period of three years). The mission of the Faculty is to create, preserve, ensure and transmit knowledge, experience, and at the same time pool and disseminate the information necessary for the quality development of tourism and the related industries. Also, Faculty offers lifelong learning programmes which ensure to convey a high level of knowledge and competences to its students.

The Faculty human capacities are represented by highly qualified and specialized personnel that carries out multidisciplinary scientific, development and professional research in area of selective forms of tourism, financial management in tourist businesses, competitiveness, entrepreneurship in tourism, innovations and other areas that have special interest to Montenegrin economy.

Faculty has experienced several international projects and programmes. The most important are **Tempus projects** (EU funded), such as: Competence-Matching competences in higher education and economy: From competence catalogue to strategy and curriculum development, reference number 145129-Tempus-2008-BA-SMHES, with partners: University of Zenica, Bosnia and Herzegovina, University of Montenegro, World University Service Austrian Committee WUS Austria. Other important research programmes are **bilateral programmes**, such as:

- Montenegrin – Chinese Science & Technology Cooperation 2012-2014 (Title of the Project: Study on Tourism Environmental Carrying Capacity & Competitiveness and Sustainable Development Strategies of Montenegro);
- Montenegrin – Croatian Science & Technology Cooperation 2013-2015 (Title of the Project: Intelligent Systems & Innovations in Tourism – ISIT)

Faculty of Tourism and Hotel Management continuously develops its cooperation with similar institutions in Montenegro and abroad, but also cooperates with business sector through practical studies of its students in hotels, travel agencies, tourism organizations, airports, and other related industries.