



Kick-off Event of the EU funded project “*Strengthening institutional capacities for Quality Assurance*”

Date: 8 October 2013, 11.30-14.00hrs

Place: Hotel Bosna, Kralja Petra I Karadjordjevića 97, Banja Luka

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Bosnia and Herzegovina and Austria recently launched the Twinning partnership under the EU funded project “*Strengthening institutional capacities for Quality Assurance*”. The aim of this two years’ Twinning project is the implementation of the European Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance (ESG) in the BiH Higher Education System. The Agency for Development of Higher Education and Quality Assurance (HEA), located in Banja Luka, will receive support to strengthen the capacity of the Agency’s staff and all stakeholders such as higher education institutions, ministries and other governmental structures to ultimately contribute to achievements through experience and knowledge transfer coming from an external quality assurance agency from the European Union.

On the Austrian side, the Agency for European integration and Economic Development (AEI) is the responsible contracting partner, and the Agency for Quality Assurance and Accreditation Austria (AQ Austria), together with a variety of experts, provides for relevant expertise.

Programme:

- 11.30-12.00 **Press conference and registration of participants**
- 12.00-12.30 **Opening of the meeting, welcome address:**
Representative of BiH Ministry of Civil Affairs –Mr Adnan Husić, Assistant Minister
Representative of EU Delegation to BiH – Mrs. Jadranka Mihić
- 12.30-12.45 **Relevance of the Twinning project for BiH higher education and HEA**
Husein Nanić (HEA director, PL BC)
- 12.45-13.00 **Presentation of project activities**
Alexander Kohler (AQ Austria, PL MS)
Maria E. Weber (AQ Austria, RTA MS)
- 13.00–14.00 **End of Kick-Off, Small Catering**
- This project is funded by European Union
- A project implemented by
- 14.00–15.00 **Twinning Advisory Board meeting**
(only for Advisory board members established by HEA) (**Room: tba**)

