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## The First International Conference

## HIGHER EDUCATION IN FUNCTION OF DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM IN SERBIA AND WESTERN BALKANS

## REPORT

ON CONDUCTED CONFERENCE

First International Conference "Higher Education in Function of Sustainable Development of Tourism in Serbia and Western Balkans", organized within 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference "Science and Higher Education in Function of Sustainable Development – SED 2014", has been held on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of October 2014, in Uzice – Serbia. Aim of the Conference was to disseminate the results of the *MHTSPS* TEMPUS project.

Conference Proceedings encompassed 56 papers and 122 authors and co-authors (30 non-Serbian authors), divided in two groups:

1. Papers Proceedings, with 43 scientific and professional papers, and

2. Students' papers Proceedings, with 13 professional papers.

Papers came from the following countries:

England, United Kingdom	4 papers
Bosnia and Herzegovina	3 papers
Slovakia	2 papers
Slovenia	2 papers
Montenegro	2 papers
Greece	1 paper
Romania	1 paper
Serbia	41 papers

All academic partners involved in this TEMPUS project, as well as one non-academic partner - Tourism Organization of Western Serbia, were represented through the papers.

The work of the Conference has been organized through Plenary and three separate sessions, one of which was Students' papers session (see Final program of the Conference).

Cocktail, gala dinner and visits to Andricgrad (Visegrad) and Dobrun monastery in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Mokra Gora were organized for the Conference's participants by host - Business and Technical College of Vocational Studies, Uzice.

Reactions of participants were very positive, while numerous letters of appreciation were received.

Suggestions for improvement:

- 1. Terms related to organization of the Conference should be moved forward (from sending the first Call for papers to presentation of Final program),
  - 2. Increase the number of papers from abroad,
  - 3. Increase the number of students' papers,
- 4. Improve the organization of the Conference itself in order to improve its work (more time for presentations and discussion, etc.).

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