



Project Partners

Ministry of European
Integration

Kosovo Government

Facts and Figures

- Total budget: € 1.5 million
- EU contribution: € 1.5 million
- Duration: July 2009 - July 2011

Social inclusion and education

Young Cells Scheme

Kosovo*

"It was an excellent experience that changed me personally by exposing me to other students from 25 different countries, and professionally by instilling a sense of competition and interest in lifelong learning."

Artan Çollaku, Ministry of European
Integration

Context

The Young Cells Scheme is the EU Postgraduate Scholarship Programme for Kosovo funded by the European Union. With an objective of bringing the Kosovan administration closer to European standards, the scholarship programme identifies in EU universities postgraduate courses in line with the government's needs. After a demanding selection process, the chosen students are rewarded with the full costs of tuition for these courses, a stipend, a return ticket and an internship at an EU-related institution. The topics studied range from EU law, economics, energy and environment, telecommunications, statistics, veterinary science, food safety and management of cultural heritage.

Objectives

- Improve the professional capacity and expertise of civil servants in key sectors of the public administration by providing Kosovan graduates scholarships for postgraduate masters programme in universities in EU countries.

Impact

- Graduates from the programme return to work in Kosovo's public service bringing back their sector specific expertise.
- 177 young Kosovans awarded a Young Cell Scheme scholarship.
- Around 140 of them currently work for the Government of Kosovo.