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Why we thought this was important

• Vision to contribute to develop nation through research and education
• Identified need but lacking resources
  • People
  • Programs
  • Infrastructure
• Workforce gap
  • ICT jobs created in past 10 years = 6,500
  • By 2025 = 10,000 more
Support the research culture at the partner Universities in Kosovo through:

• establishing a research infrastructure,
• capacity building of staff,
• start research operations

• applied research

started... Nov. 26, 2019
Study visits in Sweden, Norway and Greece
Research labs equipped
Governance infrastructure settled
National Research School in ICT

NRSI core values

- Openness
- Collaboration
- Companionship
- Creativity
- Ethics
- Multidisciplinarity
- Public good
Activities conducted by NRSI

- **March 3, 2023**: Establishing of the National Research School in ICT in Kosovo
  - Webinar #1 by Jim Spohrer
- **April 20, 2023**: Webinar #2 by Virginia Dignum
- **May 17, 2023**: Webinar #3 by Carsten Sorensen
- **July 13, 2023**: Annual Academic Diaspora Conference
- **Sep. 20, 2023**: Webinar #5 by Dagmar Gromann

- **March 16, 2023**: Research supervision training
- **April 27-28, 2023**: Research supervision training
- **June 15, 2023**: Webinar #4 by Minna Isomursu
- **Sep 3-4, 2023**: Writing research funding applications

[https://nrsi-ks.eu/](https://nrsi-ks.eu/)
Activities conducted and to come

- **Sep. 25-29, 2023**: Academic Writing course
- **Oct. 17, 2023**: Webinar #6 by Ott Velsberg
- **Oct. 6, 2023**: Handover event to NRSI
- **Nov. 14, 2023**: Project ends
- **November 20, 2023**: Henrique Lopes Cardoso
  - Large Language Models
- **Jan. 18, 2024**: ?
- **Dec. 14, 2023**: ?

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Increased quality of research education in the ICT field in Kosovo

Increased national quality assurance policy for research education in the ICT in Kosovo

Increased mobility of PhD students and researchers of Kosovo with Programme counterparts

Increasing human capacities for research education in ICT field in Kosovo

Expected effects of this project
NRSI impact in numbers

- 3 new project started since the school was initiated. Funded by ERASMUS+ and International Credit Mobility
- 16 Kosovo students has been studying for one semester at Lnu
- Lnu’s Rector, vice-rector and two deans of the faculties visited Kosovo and participated in the school activities
- 27 staff members of partner universities participated in the PhD supervision training activity
- 50+ participants in the Academic Diaspora conference, additionally supported by the Ministry of Foreign affairs and University of Prishtina
- 6 UP and Upz staff members participated in the International Symposium on Digital Transformation
- 14 staff members of partner universities in Kosovo participated in Research Funding training
- 100+ participants in our webinar series, more to come...
- 6 staff members and research students from UP and Upz participated in Academic Writing course at Lnu.