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## Innovation School Sprungbrett 2015-2018

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## Vision:

The Innovation School Sprungbrett offers future engineers/scientists a platform for the international professional exchange in the field of forestry and wood, it promotes their chances in the labour market, strengthens the cooperation between science, industry and society, and contributes to a better understanding between countries, ethnic groups and religions.

## Expected Impact:

- In the participating countries the forest and wood industry are oriented to sustainable principles.
- Qualified managers for science, industry and society are available.
- The mutual understanding for different countries, religions and ethnicities has increased and the international network is consolidated.



# Partner Universities

Country	University
Switzerland	Bern University of Applied Sciences Architecture, Wood and Civil Engineering
	Bern University of Applied Sciences, School of Agricultural, Forest and Food Sciences
	Haute école de gestion Arc HEG
Bosnia-Herzegovina	University of Bihac
Macedonia	Ss. Cyril and Methodius University, Skopje
Russia	St. Petersburg State Forest-Technical University
	Syktyvkar Forest Institute
Serbia	University of Belgrade
Slovenia	University of Ljubljana



# Knowledge exchange - student conferences

Selection of annually 28 students on the basis of their bachelor or master's thesis.

Students conferences shall be combined with other special events such as seminars, trade fairs, etc.

A student conference typically lasts 5-6 days.

Selection criteria are: **sustainability** (mandatory), innovation, feasibility, economic or societal benefit, language etc.

## Further training / Preparation practical projects

1-2 days preparation of practical projects (further training for students).





# Knowledge application - practical projects

The practical projects enable students to detect problems and challenges, to formulate concrete problem descriptions and to generate and present applied solutions in a limited time.

Per year, each 1 practical project in two of the partner countries, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, Russia, Serbia.

Participation of annually 2x14 students at one practical project.  
A practical project usually last 5-6 days.



# Knowledge dissemination - public events

Through the public events, new findings from the students conferences, the practice projects as well as other thematic information are made accessible to a wider audience. The information is prepared target groups oriented and contributes to the sensitization of the society for a sustainable forest- and wood industry.

The public events are prepared by the students of the host country.

The public event lasts between few hours and one day and is implemented after each student conference and after each practical project.



# Internet-based exchange platform

An internet-based exchange platform for the Innovation School Sprungbrett will be created.

On the platform all involved persons may exchange their conference proceedings, the results from the practical projects and other professional information.



# Dates + ECTS-points + Certificate of Global Competence

## Date / Event / Place

21 – 26.09.15 – student conference in Switzerland

09 – 14.11.15 – practical project (1) in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bihac

22 – 27.02.16 – practical project (2) in Macedonia, Skopje

## Students receive:

- 2 ECTS-points
- 10 points - Certificate of Global Competence
- Certificate of participation

## How does it work «Certificate of Global Competence»?

[www.bfh.ch/service/international\\_relations\\_office/certificate\\_of\\_global\\_competence](http://www.bfh.ch/service/international_relations_office/certificate_of_global_competence)

