

**ERASMUS+ PARTNER
IDENTIFICATION**

A. PARTNER ORGANISATION	
PIC	893421411
Organization ID	E10257763
Full legal name (National Language)	AKADEMIJA TEHNIČKO-UMETNIČKIH STRUKOVNIH STUDIJA BEOGRAD
Full legal name (Latin characters)	ACADEMY OF TECHNICAL AND ART APPLIED STUDIES
Acronym	ATUSS
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B. PROFILE	
Type of organisation	Higher education institution
Is the partner organisation a public body?	Yes
Is the partner organisation a non-profit?	Yes
Number of employees	290
Number of students	5300
C. ACCREDITATION	
Has the organisation received any type of accreditation before submitting this application?	<p>Academy of Technical and Art Applied Studies Belgrade (ATUSS) is a merger of five HEIs founded by the Republic of Serbia in 2019. It consists of the following schools of applied studies: School of Electrical and Computer Engineering of Applied Studies in Belgrade, School of Applied Studies for Information and Communication Technologies in Belgrade, School of Civil Engineering and Geodesy of Applied Studies in Belgrade, School of Railroad Transport of Applied Studies in Belgrade and Textile School of Applied Studies for Design, Technology and Management in Belgrade. The above-listed schools are referred to as Departments of the Academy of Technical and Art Applied Studies Belgrade.</p> <p>ATUSS operates based on a permit issued by the Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development on December 3, 2019. Individual Departments, i.e. HEIs, went through the process of accreditation, managed by the Accreditation and Quality Assurance Commission in the Republic of Serbia. The permit issued by the Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development ensures realisation of studies and overall operation of the above-listed schools of applied studies which, having gone through a status change, are now part of the Academy of Technical and Art Applied Studies and are able to implement accredited</p>

study programmes in accordance with the law (for all study programmes accredited in individual Departments, please refer to the Statute of the Academy of Technical and Art Applied Studies, Articles 41, 42 and 43: http://atuss.edu.rs/uploads/ATUSS_Statute_ENG).

With regard to participation in EU programmes, the Selection Committee of the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) of the European Commission has positively evaluated the application of formerly VISER, now Department School of Electrical and Computer Engineering for the attainment of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education in 2019. The then Erasmus code for VISER as an individual institution used to be RS BELGRAD13. After the change of legal status, Department VISER applied for a Transitory Charter in 2020, in order to obtain the new code for the Academy of Technical and Art Applied Studies. Application reference number is **273000-EPP-1-2020-1- RS-EPPKA1-ECHE**, while the newly attributed Erasmus code is **RS BELGRAD25**.

D. BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE

Please briefly present the partner organization:

Academy of Technical and Art Applied Studies (ATUSS) is a public higher education institution, financed from the budget of the Republic of Serbia and obtaining income from tuition fees. It provides students with undergraduate, specialist and master applied studies. Curricula for undergraduate study programmes are developed, authorized, accredited and granting upon their completion ECTS points (180 ECTS for undergraduate studies, 60 ECTS for specialist studies and 120 ECTS for master studies). The main domain of ATUSS is formal education, with teaching staff working not only on improving methodology, but also on modernizing, innovating and conducting research at all of the Departments of the Academy. You will find brief descriptions of Departments' activities and fields of expertise below:

Department School of Electrical and Computer Engineering specializes in Audio and Video Technologies, Automation and Vehicle Control Systems, Environmental Engineering, Electronics and Telecommunications, Information Systems, New Energy Technologies and Computer Science (New Computer Technologies and Computer Technique). It is a higher education institution with abundant experience in providing students with the know-how and giving them the skills to become active participants in the work market. It dates back to the early second half of the 20th century, and therefore takes pride in its long history of teaching, but it has also remained committed to new developments in education. In order to maintain high learning and teaching quality, Department VISER invests significant funds in its student labs, equipping them with cutting-edge instruments. It has also put great emphasis on

professional development of all staff, regular improvement of curricula and course books, and overall enhancement of teaching materials to ensure quality knowledge acquisition in students and provide a contemporary work environment for its staff. Today, Department VISER is among the most equipped HEIs in the domain of electrical and computer engineering in Serbia. One of its most recent developments is the introduction of short-cycle study programmes, in line with the latest trends in the development of study programmes for applied studies. Through its participation in several international projects thus far as a coordinator or a partner, Department VISER has aspired to ensure quality and productive cooperation with partners from local and foreign institutions of higher education, but also with business and other organisations.

Department School of Communication and Information Technologies specializes in Internet Technologies, Postal and Logistics Systems, Communication Technologies, Banking and Business Informatics, as well as Network and Software Engineering. Formerly a technical school for studies pertaining to the postal system and related services, Department School of Applied Studies for Communication and Information Technologies in Belgrade has been focused on telecommunications, the postal system and internet technologies. It is particularly proud of its numerous generations of students whose final theses have been recognised and praised in the areas of information and communication technologies.

Department School of Civil Engineering and Geodesy specializes in Civil Engineering, Geodesy – Geomatics and Architecture. It was established through a merger of two school, dating back to 1976 and 1960, respectively – School of Civil Engineering and School of Geodesy. Their students are provided with practical knowledge in their expert fields, with particular focus on the implementation of legal norms, standards and quality benchmarks, as well as the latest technological developments in everyday practice.

Department School of Railroad Transport specializes in Railroad Transport, Railroad Machine Engineering, Electrical Engineering in Transport, Commercial Business in Railroad Transport, Public Urban and Industrial Transport. Due to the nature of its studies, the roots of this HEI can be traced back to the 1950s. Once a school for railroad workers in the former Yugoslavia, it today is an independent HEI committed to teaching and research activities based on long-term tradition. The main goal of this school is to teach and engender highly educated professional whose skills are necessary in the national railroad system, but also in other transport-related companies in the 21st century. They have cooperated with a series of commercial and scientific institutions locally and abroad (Bulgaria, Bosnia and Herzgovina, Croatia, etc.).

	<p>Department Textile School of Design, Technology and Management specializes in Design of Textile and Outwear, Textile Engineering, Management in Textile Industry. The mission of this HEI is to educate professionals in textile production and prepare its students for the contemporary trends in the textile industry in Serbia and beyond. It cooperates with public bodies and institutions in professional development of its staff, regularly organising courses and seminars. During the process of education reform in Serbia, in the early 2000s, Department Textile School of Applied Studies for Design, Technology and Management in Belgrade invested efforts to meet all standards in terms of its management, human resources, classrooms, equipment, library and study programmes. With regard to the Erasmus+ programme, this school was a co-applicant and a participant in a project submitted by the School for Textile and Leather Design in Novi Pazar titled „The Road of Jeans“.</p>
<p>What are the activities and experience of the organisation in the areas relevant for this application?</p>	<p>Through its international cooperation, Department VISER has particularly focused on the improvement of education in Serbia, as well as introducing new forms of studies, development of applied studies and the advancement of cooperation with the economy. It has also gained abundant experience in international cooperation over the past 10 years. For successful project realisation, the expertise of Department VISER and the equipment related to ICT and Audio and Video Engineering may be a significant contribution.</p> <p>Department VISER has finished all the necessary preparations for mobility projects for students and staff. It also adopted a Rulebook on Mobility, all the necessary forms, a mechanism of mobility recognition and language policies. Department VISER applied for mobility projects, for the first time, in 2019 and was awarded with four mobilities in this project term. As mentioned earlier, Department VISER has also obtained ECHE (Erasmus Charter for Higher Education) in 2019. By participating in mobility projects, Department VISER wants to invest in the improvement of education of students and staff, enhance their overall experience and help include other schools of applied studies of ATUSS in international projects.</p> <p>The list of EU projects Department VISER has participated in thus far is given at the bottom of this document. Other Departments of the Academy have little or no experience in EU programmes.</p>

What are the skills and expertise of key staff/persons involved in this application?

Dr Vera Petrović – Ph.D. Professor of academic and applied studies. She was a professor at the Academy of Diplomacy and Security, Belgrade, Serbia. She is Acting Head of the Department School of Electrical and Computer Engineering of Applied Studies in Belgrade; Vice President of the Conference of the Academy of Schools of Applied Studies in Serbia; VISER team leader at EUROBOT, whose students won the competition in 2005 and participated in the European one; Teaching professor at the following courses: Control in real-time, Control of dynamic process, Information technologies; Mentor of 120 graduate theses in the field of ICT; Team leader for accreditation and quality assurance at VISER. She published 1 monograph, 8 books, 50 scientific papers and 1 technical solution. Member of the Program Committee of the International Conference MIT. She has strong contacts with social partners and professional associations. Member of a team for the construction of the Temple of Saint Sava in Belgrade.

Dr Amela Zeković – Finished her bachelor and master studies at the Faculty of Electrical Engineering, University of Belgrade, at the department of Electronics, Telecommunications and Automatics. She obtained her PhD diploma in 2015 at the Faculty of Electrical Engineering, University of Belgrade, in the domain of signal processing and video transmission. After completing formal education, she also received certificates for successful completion of about 10 courses on online platforms. She published around 30 academic papers in local and international journals and conferences. She was also a visiting researcher at the University of Southampton, UK and University of Dresden, Germany. When it comes to international projects at VISER, she worked as a coordinator of Erasmus+ PT&SCHE projects and was a representative of VISER's team for quality and equipment in the Erasmus+ DBBT-MS project. In November 2018, she was appointed as Coordinator for International Cooperation at VISER. She teaches at the study programme Electronics and Telecommunications.

Dr Dragan Novković – Obtained his bachelor and master diploma at the Faculty of Electrical Engineering, University of Belgrade. He finished his doctoral studies at the Faculty of Technical Sciences in Novi Sad. He currently works at the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering of Applied Studies in Belgrade and is a professor in the fields of Acoustics and Audio Engineering. He is the author of more than 20 scientific paper on various topics from the two above-mentioned fields. Furthermore, he is in charge of international mobility projects. He is engaged in international cooperation projects in and outside of School (he initiated TEMPUS 544108-TEMPUS-1-2013-1-RS- TEMPUS-JPHES StudAVP project and was a participant in several others). Outside of School, he is engaged in international projects on culture and science funded by the Creative Europe programme. He is also active in initiating and leading projects in the sphere of technological innovation.

Tara Pešić, Master of Language and Culture – Graduated from the Faculty of Philology, University of Belgrade in 2013 at the department of English Language, Literature and Culture. She holds one master's degree in English Culture from the Faculty of Philology, University of Belgrade and a double-degree in Human Rights and Democracy from the University of Bologna and University of Sarajevo (ERMA Master's Programme). She has been teaching as a PhD Teaching Assistant at the Faculty of Philology

since 2015, teaching Contemporary English as an elective course and working as a translator for a number of institutions and companies. As of March 2019, she has worked as a Teaching Assistant at the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering of Applied Studies in Belgrade, teaching all first-year students from all seven study programmes offered by the School, and is currently part of the School's team for international cooperation, supporting mobility projects and overall international cooperation as a professional in linguistics and translation.

Dr Svetlana Štrbac-Savić – A professor and Head of the Information Systems Department at the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering of Applied Studies (VISER) in Belgrade. Her current professional and scientific interests include Data Structures and Algorithms, Applied Mathematics, Programming and Business Software. She graduated from the Faculty of Mathematics in Belgrade, department of Computer Science and Informatics. She finished post-graduate studies and a master's programme at the School of Electrical Engineering (Software Systems), University of Belgrade. She received her PhD degree at the Faculty of Mining and Geology, University of Belgrade, Serbia. By 2016, Dr Svetlana Štrbac-Savić published more than 40 papers in national and international conferences and journals. She was a project manager for VISER of ERASMUS + capacity building project in the field of Higher Education. Project title was “ Introduction of part-time and short cycle studies in Serbia ”, PTSCHE 561868-EPP-1-2015-1-EE-EPPKA2-CBHE-SP.

Dr Aleksandra Grujić – A professor and Head of New Energy Technologies and Environmental Engineering Department at the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering of Applied Studies (VISER) in Belgrade. Her current professional and scientific interests include high voltage technique, renewable energy sources, electricity market, waste to energy and ICT in electrical engineering. She received her B.Sc., M.Sc. and PhD. degrees at the School of Electrical Engineering, University of Belgrade, Serbia, in 2000, 2006 and 2016, respectively. Dr Aleksandra Grujić published more than 50 papers in national and international conferences and journals. She was a beneficiary project manager of ERASMUS project name “Waste management curricula development in partnership with the public and private sector”, WaMPPP 561821-EPP-1-2015 EPPKA2-CBHE-JP.

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H. OTHER EU GRANTS

Programme or initiative	Reference number	Beneficiary Organisation	Title of the Project
Erasmus+, KA2 Cooperation for Innovation and the Exchange of Good Practices, Capacity Building in Higher Education	598698-EPP-1-2018-1-FI- EPPKA2-CBHE-JP	JYVASKYLAN AMMATTIKORKEAKO ULU (Department VISER as a partner)	Professional Development of Vocation Education Teachers with European Practices (Pro-VET)
Erasmus+, KA2 Cooperation for Innovation and the Exchange of Good Practices, Capacity Building in Higher Education	586029-EPP-1-2017-1-RS- EPPKA2-CBHE-SP	UNIVERZITET U BEOGRADU (Department VISER as a partner)	Implementation of Dual Education in Higher Education of Serbia (DualEdu)
Erasmus+, KA2 Cooperation for Innovation and the Exchange of Good Practices, Capacity Building in Higher Education	561868-EPP-1-2015-1-EE- EPPKA2-CBHE-SP	TALLINN UNIVERSITY (Department VISER as a partner)	Introduction of part-time and short cycle studies in Serbia (PT&SCHE)
Erasmus+, KA2 Cooperation for Innovation and the Exchange of Good Practices, Capacity Building in Higher Education	561688-EPP-1-2015-1-XK- EPPKA2-CBHE-JP	UNIVERSITY OF MITROVICA (Department VISER as a partner)	Implementation of the study program - Digital Broadcasting and Broadband Technologies (Master studies) (DBBT-MS)

Erasmus+, KA2 Cooperation for Innovation and the Exchange of Good Practices, Capacity Building in Higher Education	561821-EPP-1-2015-1- RS- EPPKA2-CBHE- JP	VISOKA TEHNICKA SKOLA STRUKOVNIH STUDIJA U NISU (Department VISER as a partner)	Waste management curricula development in partnership with public and private sector (WamPPP)
TEMPUS, Tempus Joint Project - Higher Education and Society	544108-TEMPUS-1- 2013-1- RS-TEMPUS- JPHES	University of Arts in Belgrade (Department VISER as a partner)	Development of higher education and society by creating a collaborative environment in the field of arts and media through regional student partnership in production of audio/video content (StudAVP)
TEMPUS, Tempus Joint Project - Curricular Reform	517022-TEMPUS-1- 2011-1- RS-TEMPUS- JPCR	School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (Department VISER)	Innovation and Implementation of the Curriculum Vocational Studies in the Field of Digital Television and Multimedia