



# *“The Impact of COVID-19 on Universities”*

**Joint Webinar**

**18<sup>th</sup> of June 2020**

**14.00 - 16.00 CET (GMT+2)**

## **Agenda**

**Web address:** [www.bsun.org](http://www.bsun.org)

### **Panelists:**

Prof. Sorin COSTREIE, Vice-Rector, University of Bucharest

Prof. Anastas GERDJKOV, Rector, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”

Prof. Gentiana KERA, Vice-Rector, University of Tirana

Prof. Ivanka POPOVIĆ, Rector, University of Belgrade

Prof. Sergey SIDORENKO, Vice-Rector, “I. Sikorsky” Kiev Polytechnic Institute

Prof. Sibel SUZEN, Vice-Rector, University of Ankara

### **Moderators:**

Prof. Eden MAMUT, Secretary General, Black Sea Universities Network

Prof. Luciano SASO, President, UNICA – Network of Universities from the Capitals of Europe

## **14:00 – 14:30 Session 1 – Towards Virtual & Blended Education**

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- Which were the main challenges for your university during the COVID-19 crisis?
- Which are the most relevant lessons learned regarding the online teaching and assessment? Did you experience issues in specific disciplines?
- How can we provide high quality virtual and blended student mobility?
- How can we provide high quality opportunities of virtual and blended mobility to our teaching and administrative-technical staff?

## **14:30 – 15:00 Session 2 – New Challenges for University Management**

### **Panelists:**

Prof. Gentiana KERA, Vice-Rector, University of Tirana

Prof. Ivanka POPOVIĆ, Rector, University of Belgrade

Prof. Sibel SUZEN, Vice-Rector, University of Ankara

- Can other «providers» of online education (Coursera, Edx, etc.) compete with universities? Will universities survive in the new digital era?
- Research and innovation activities: which were the main challenges and opportunities for your university?

## **15:00 – 15:30 Session 3 – University Administration**

### **Panelists:**

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Prof. Sergey SIDORENKO, Vice-Rector, “I. Sikorsky” Kiev Polytechnic Institute

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- Administration: which were the main challenges and opportunities for your university?
- Use of facilities (laboratories, libraries, etc) which were the main challenges and opportunities for your university?

### **15:30 – 16:00 - Education and the Society**

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- How to reduce the risk of digital divide also due to socio-economic differences in our societies?
- Did your strategies related to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org>) change due to the crisis?
- Which role can the universities play to help our societies to face the incipient economic crisis?