South East European Law School
– Characteristics, way of functioning and achievements –

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Characteristics

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Why SEELS (mission, vision, goals)?

- Promoting European values in the higher education system, becoming part of the joint European Higher Education Area
- Consolidating and Maintaining the Rule of law in the SEE countries
- EU Approximation Process
- Regional Cooperation and Integration
- Competition Among SEE Law Schools
- Improving Academic and Administrative Performance
- Regional Exchange of Legal academic know-how

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Scope

- All legal disciplines and fields
- Regional or cross-border dimension
- Three pillar approach

Education
- Master studies (developing harmonized joint curricula)
- Doctoral studies
- Summer schools

Research
- Joint research programs
- Experts’ forums
- Researchers’ networking

Publishing
- SEE Law Journal
- SEELS Gateway (Internet-based networked database)
- Publications

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Members

* SEELS Founders
  - Albania
    * Law School Tirana
  - BiH
    * Law School Sarajevo
    * Law School Zenica
  - Croatia
    * Law School Zagreb
    * Law School Split
  - Macedonia
    * Law School Skopje
  - Montenegro
    * Law School Podgorica
  - Serbia
    * Law School Belgrade
    * Law School Kragujevac
    * Law School Nis

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Target groups

Students
- Undergraduate
- Postgraduate
- Doctoral students

Academic staff
- Regional lecturers
- International lecturers
- Researchers

Legal professions
- Judges
- Attorneys
- Notaries
- Bailiffs
- Others

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Way of functioning
Establishment

The founding Charter was signed on March 25th, 2011

The Management Board is established and Rules of Procedures are adopted.

The Advisory Board is established.

The Annual Operational Plan and Budget are adopted.

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# Structure

- The governance structure is composed of two main organs:

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<td><strong>(the highest governing body)</strong></td>
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<td>- Inviting of the Advisory Board</td>
<td>- Provide scientific, strategic and political advice</td>
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<td>- Adoption of SEELS Strategy, OP and Budget</td>
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<td>- Decision upon new members</td>
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Coordination and administrative support

Developing annual Operational Plan

Coordination of SEELS projects

Financial management and consolidated accounting for SEELS

Exploring external potential financiers and donors

Developing Communication Promotion Strategy

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Financing

SEELS members

BMZ/GIZ

EU funds and programmes

Public and private sources

Others

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Achievements

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1. **Civil Law Forum** (3rd Regional Conference, March 2013, Tirana, Albania)
2. **Summer Academy on Rule of Law, Human Rights and EU** (24-27th June 2012, Budva, Montenegro)
3. **Academic Staff Mobility** (20 lecturers)
4. **SEE Gender Expert’s Law Forum** (24-25th September 2012, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina)
5. **SEE Post-doc Colloquium in Private Law** (27-28th September 2012, Zagreb, Croatia)
6. **Training on Harmonisation of SEE’s Legislation with the EU Law** (10-14th September 2012, Albania)
7. **IPL (International Private Law) Conference** (4-5th October 2012, Nis, Serbia)
Strategic cooperation

- MoU with Max-Planck Hamburg (2nd April 2012)
- MoU with European Law Faculty Association (ELFA) (10th March 2012)
- International Legal Research Institutes
- International Institutions
Benefits of joining SEELS

- Flexibility, independence and ownership
- Equal rights and treatment
- Competitive standing and international visibility
- EU funds and programs
- Additional incomes and revenues

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