

METHODOLOGY: how to research the situation of Higher Education in BiH

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MY ROLE

I am an international expert in researching Higher Education

- Professor of Education- world-class research- 5 books on HE
- Member -Network of Experts on Social Aspects of Education
- Leader of national and international research projects on HE

My role in this project:

- Help design the research framework for the project
- Provide research expertise and an impartial viewpoint

WHAT ARE THE SIX KEY AREAS?

- 1. THE SERVICE TO SOCIETY**
- 2. GOOD GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**
- 3. RESOURCES**
- 4. STUDENT EXPERIENCE**
- 5. INTERNATIONALISATION**
- 6. QUALIFICATION STANDARDS**

WHAT ARE THE 6 RESEARCH QUESTIONS?

HOW FAR DOES HE IN BiH SERVE THE NEEDS OF SOCIETY?

HOW FAR DOES HE IN BiH DEMONSTRATE GOOD GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT?

HOW FAR IS HE IN BiH ADEQUATELY RESOURCED?

HOW FAR DOES HE IN BiH PROVIDE AN EXCELLENT STUDENT EXPERIENCE?

TO WHAT EXTENT IS INTERNATIONALISATION EMBEDDED IN THE HE SECTOR IN BiH?

ARE HE QUALIFICATION STANDARDS IN BiH OF SUFFICIENT QUALITY?

HOW CAN WE ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS?

For each question:

We developed:

A no of **markers/criteria**

a set of **indicators** that would prove each criteria had been reached

For example, in **Service to Society**:

1 criterion was:

HE fosters employability and prepares students for the labour market

The indicators were:

HE equips students and graduates with the skills and attributes needed in the workplace and required by employers

HE provides graduates with opportunities to maintain and renew such skills throughout their working lives

HE addresses regional and local employment needs via consultative consortia which include employers

HOW CAN WE MEASURE THESE INDICATORS?

BY EXPLORING THEM USING METHODS THAT MATCH THEM

FOR EXAMPLE:

DOCUMENTARY ANALYSIS

STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

SURVEYS

FOCUS GROUPS

INTERVIEWS

PARTICIPATIVE WORKSHOPS

WHAT SOURCES DO WE NEED?

POLICY STATEMENTS

ACTION PLANS AND PROGRAMMES

EVALUATIONS

STATISTICS

SAMPLES OF:

POLICY MAKERS, HE STAFF, HE
STUDENTS, STAKEHOLDERS

YOUR ROLE TODAY

TO

- LOOK IN DETAIL AT EACH KEY AREA AND PROPOSED RESEARCH
- DISCUSS THE PROPOSED QUESTIONS, INDICATORS, METHODS AND SOURCES AND MAKE SUGGESTIONS
- ADVISE THE RESEARCH TEAM ON WORKABLE STRATEGIES TO COMPLETE THE RESEARCH SUCCESSFULLY

YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND INPUT IS ESSENTIAL!