ABOUT US

Welcome to the University of Belgrade Centre for Career Development

The Centre for Career Development and Student Counseling was officially established by a decision of the Council of the University of Belgrade in December 2006, and became a new member of the University of Belgrade. Our first office was located at the premises of the Faculty of Law. In April 2008, the Centre moved to <u>Kapetan Mišino zdanje</u>, the building of the Rectorate of the University of Belgrade.



The idea of establishing the Centre, with the main goal of establishing links between the business and academic world was accomplished thanks to an initiative of The Foundation of Crown Prince Alexander for Culture and Education, and a successful cooperation between the University of Nottingham.

The initial team of the Centre attended a special know-how training at the <u>Centre for Career Development of the University of Nottingham.</u> By organizing trainings at the University of Belgrade during 2007, the Centre supported the initial teams of new university career centers founded at other state universities – the University of Kragujevac, the University of Novi Sad and the University of Nis.

Continuous cooperation of our centers significantly contributes to development of various

programs for enhancing skills and preparation of students in Serbia for professional life following graduation.



Our goals:

- Providing an effective system of support for students and graduates to help them develop knowledge and skills important for finding a job or continuing education.
- Increasing the number of students and graduates who have gained relevant work experience during their studies or immediately after graduation.
- Developing cooperation among all the faculties at the University of Belgrade and strengthening the integrative role of the University.
- Promotion of students and graduates of the University of Belgrade as future experts in different business areas and promotion of the University of Belgrade as the leading institution of higher education in the region.

Our key role is to assist students of the University of Belgrade in developing knowledge and skills relevant for employment, help them gain work experience during their studies and useful insights in the world of labour, thus preparing students and graduates for the next step in their career development following graduation.

The services we provide for students:

- We provide students with access to the latest information about professions, employers and opportunities for continuing education, as well as information about on new vacancies.
- We help students to approach available job opportunities in a constructive manner.
- We remain objective and confidential when advising students and directing them in the processes of choosing their career paths, and also when helping them to develop and realize feasible career development plans.
- We organize workshops, short courses, talks and presentations by employers, in order to help students to understand better the world of labour and gain the skills necessary for organizing and successfully managing their careers.

- We cooperate with all the faculties of the University of Belgrade in encouraging professional development of students and their career development.
- We offer information about labour market to graduates of the University of Belgrade and information about postgraduate studies in the country and abroad.
- We work on improving the efficiency of the Centre and out professional knowledge in order to better meet the needs of both students and employers.



The services we provide for employers:

- We advertise your job and internship opportunities, volunteering positions
- We consult and advise companies when planning internships for students and graduates, and help with implementation
- We organize meetups with students (visits to company premises, informal meetings, presentations of companies on faculty premises, panel discussions)
- We organize internship and job fairs

The Career Development Center won first prize at the <u>Euroguidance National</u> <u>competition for best practices in career guidance and counselling</u> on two occasions, in 2016 for the course Career Management Skills, and in 2018 for the program "Prepare – Enroll". We had many opportunities to share our knowhow in the field of CMS, both in Serbia and abroad.

Our team is focused on providing high-quality career guidance for our students. We are always on the lookout for new partnerships, and open for cooperation in the field of career guidance and counseling.

Our Center was instrumental in the realization of Career Guidance and Counseling Strategy in our country. We coordinated the TEMPUS project <u>CareerS</u>, and participated in the FP5 project Information Society Initiative for South-Eastern Europe (ISIS) and the TEMPUS project <u>CONGRAD</u>.