**Erasmus plus KA203**

**Strategic Partnership for Transdisciplinary Balkan Studies: Geophilosophy of the Balkans (GeoBalkans)**

AUE FON is the winner of the Erasmus plus KA203 Strategic Partnership grant for Transdisciplinary Balkan Studies: Geophilosophy of the Balkans. The project lasts for 3 years (2020 - 2023) and aims to develop and strengthen the foundation of the local and regional academy that will encourage greater tolerance, reconciliation and democratization in the Balkans. Bringing together project partners from N. Macedonia, Serbia, Greece and Italy, and addressing prospective students from the Balkans and all over the world, the project promotes initiatives for overcoming nationalistic political discourses and inter-state disputes, fostering intercultural dialogue and new, critical approaches to the cultural and political heritage of the region.

Key objectives: design, development and establishment of an integrated, trans-Balkan and trans-European Graduate school that will fuse the best European practices in the study of the respective fields, supported through trans-disciplinary cutting-edge methodologies and cooperation in social sciences, humanities and natural sciences.

GeoBalkans is addressed to:

1) Students, researchers and experts in social sciences and humanities

2) Civil Society Sector dealing with the social, political and cultural dynamics of region

3) Policy makers and civil service employees.

AUE FON is the lead partner in the execution of the project. It establishes a consortium of five European universities. In addition to AUE FON, participants are SINGIDUNUM University from Belgrade, Serbia, PANTEION University, Greece, L'ORIENTALE University from Naples, Italy and University of VERONA from Verona, Italy.