

## **Western Serbia Academy of Applied Studies**

Western Serbia Academy of Applied Studies is a public accredited higher education institution, established in 2019, by merging two colleges, each with a tradition of over forty years in providing higher education - Užice College of Applied Sciences and Valjevo Business College of Applied Studies. The seat of the Academy is in the City of Užice.

In compliance with the Bologna Declaration and Law on Higher Education of the Republic of Serbia, our study programmes are aimed at achieving European standards in the fields of engineering and technology, social sciences, and medical and health sciences.

As an academy of applied studies, we are fully aware of the dynamics of the vocational education development, aimed at overcoming the traditional teaching limitations and therefore, through the cooperation with industrial partners and establishment of laboratories with state-of-the-art equipment, we seek to provide our students with opportunities of combining theoretical knowledge and practical experience, thus ensuring that they acquire the competences today's employers look for.

We are also fully aware of the globalization process transcending national boundaries and making knowledge accessible to everyone. In this regard, the Academy contributes actively to the internationalisation of higher education by taking part in international student and staff mobility programmes, and international cooperation projects.

Our vision is to keep striving for excellence in all the segments of our work in order to increase the satisfaction of our students and staff, and raise the profile of the Academy within the European Higher Education Area.