Since 2019, the University of Applied Sciences Bonn-Rhein-Sieg (H-BRS) has implemented an ERASMUS+ internship programme called “Get Balkanized”, which is funded by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD).

Within this internship programme we are able to grant annually 15-20 internships in institutions in Albania, Bosnia-Hercegovina, Kosovo and Serbia, so far up to 2022. In order to offer high quality internship posts we would like to extend our network of practise partners (political foundations, research institutions, think tanks, INGOs, social enterprises, public administration etc.) related to social, educational, labour market, health, or migration policies amongst others.

Framework conditions:
- **Grant**: 700 Euro per month + travel allowance (additional funding by the institution offering the internship is not mandatory) up to a maximum of 5 months
- **Time windows** for running the internships: February-September
- **Applicants**: students from the studying programmes Sustainable Social Policy (B.A.) and Analysis and Design of Social Protection Systems (M.A.)
- **Announcement** of internship positions: September
- **Application** period: October-December
- **Preparation** of interns: January-February

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“The university programme Get Balkanized offered to me the opportunity to apply the knowledge and experience I have gained during my studies of Sustainable Social Policy at the H-BRS. I contributed to the GIZ project “Preventing human trafficking in the Western Balkans and supporting victims (PaCT)”, gained professional experience, and established valuable international contacts for my future professional life.”

“The internship programme Get Balkanized is an opportunity for our institution to offer an internship to international students. The interns enrich our intercultural teams and bring along expertise in the field of social policy which is highly relevant not only for the development of our institution but for our societies as well. We do offer a unique working atmosphere in which the interns can contribute in manifold ways to our mission.”