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Higher Education in Serbia

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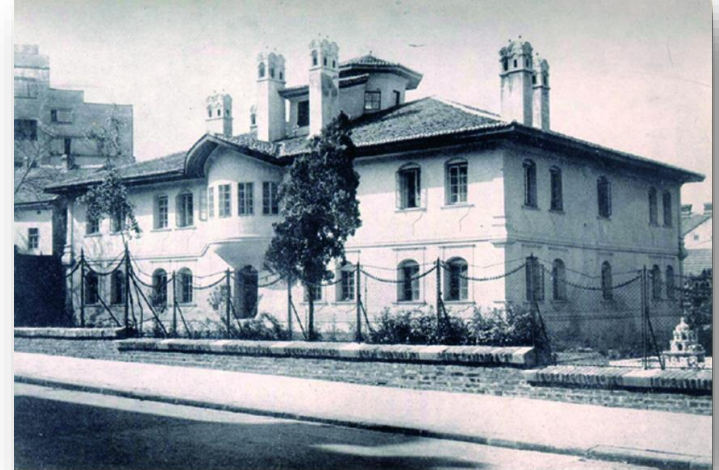
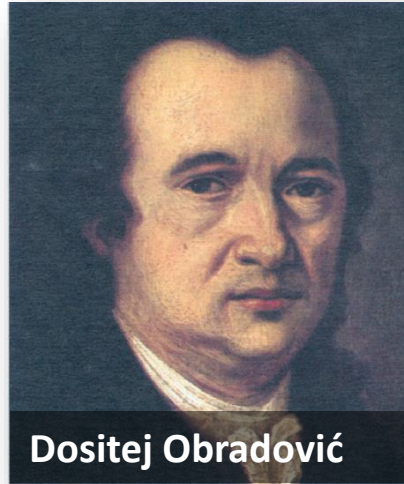
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- **Overview of HE in Serbia**
- **Current issues and challenges**

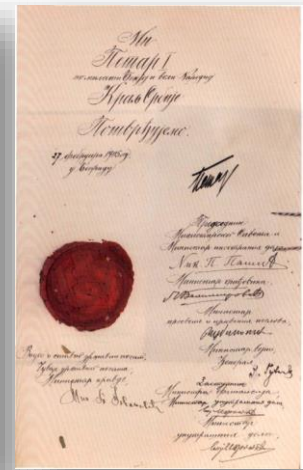
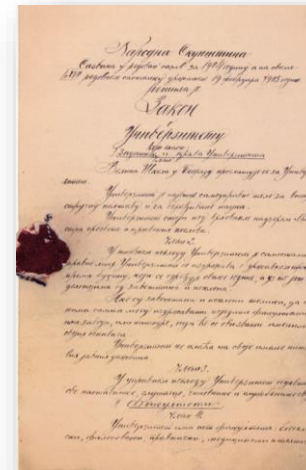




Historical Overview



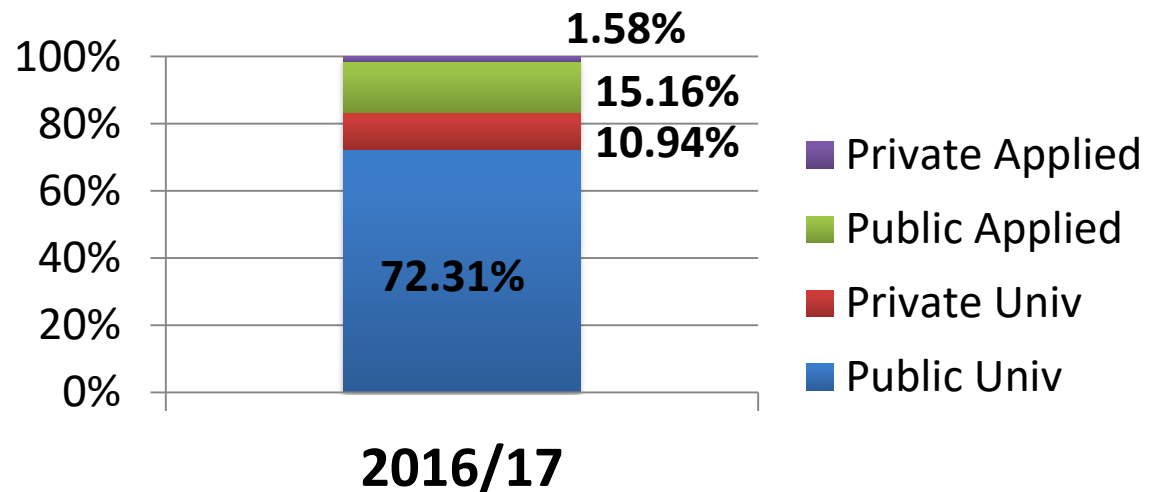
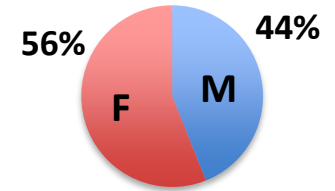
- 1808 – 1813. Great School in Belgrade
- 1838 – 1841. Lyceum in Kragujevac
- 1841 – 1863. Lyceum in Belgrade
- 1863 – 1905. Great School
- 1905 University Law (Univ. Belgrade)
- 1960 Establishment of other universities (Novi Sad, Niš...)



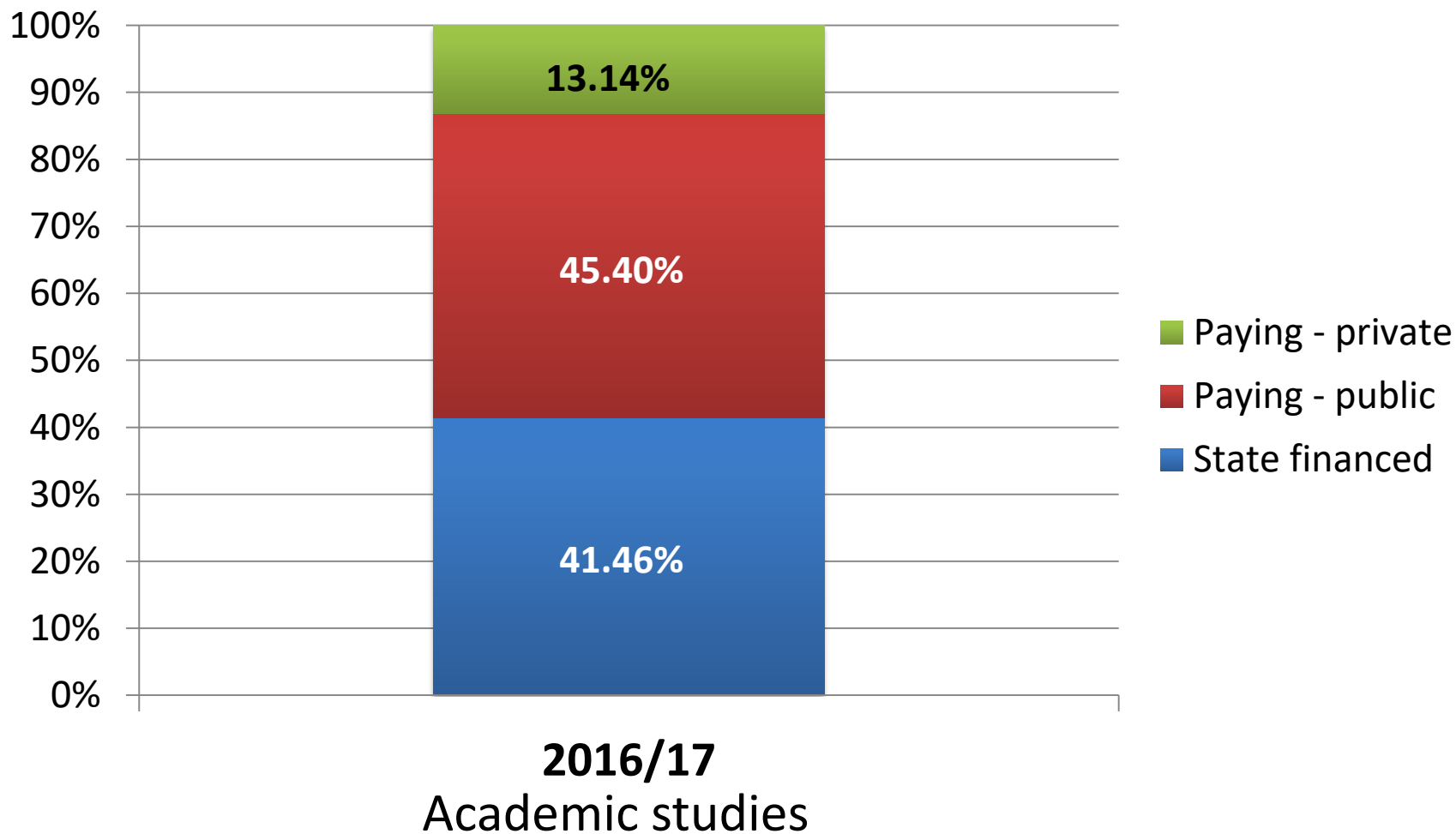
HEI in Serbia

- **Universities (18)**
 - 8 Public
 - 10 Private
- **Schools of Applied Studies (61)**
 - 48 Public
 - 13 Private

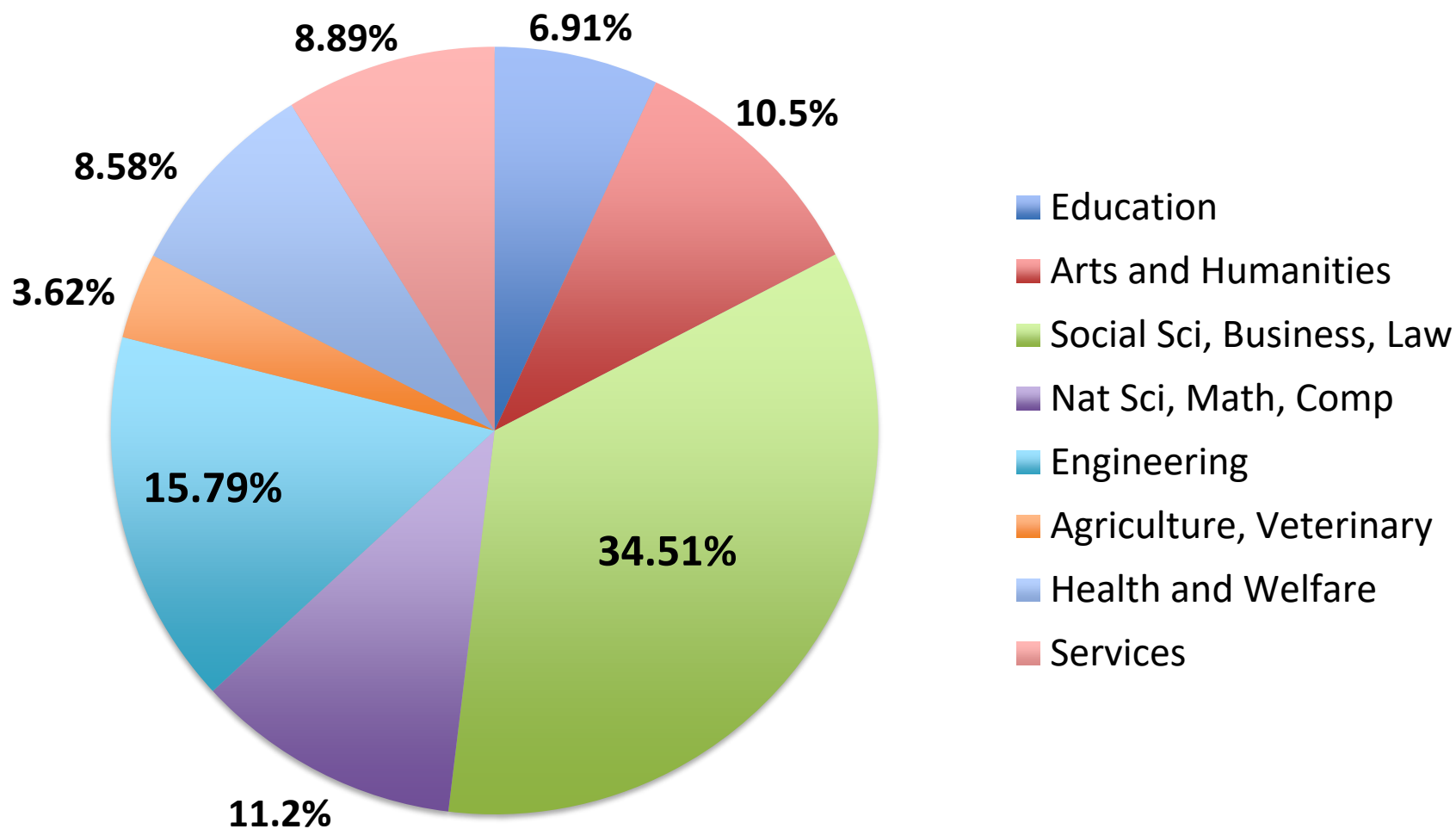
262,108



Distribution of students according to financing (218,231)



Fields of Education



Legal framework

- Bologna Declaration – signed in 2003 (Berlin)
- Law on Higher Education
 - enacted in 2005 – Bologna principles
 - Three cycle system
 - Mobility
 - Quality control
- 2017 Law on Higher Education



HE Bodies in Serbia



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- Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development
- National Council for Higher Education (NCHE)
- Commission for Accreditation and Quality Control (CAQA) (Member of ENQA from 2013, and EQAR from 2014) – Now National Accreditation Body) – certificate for accreditation
 - MESTD – work permit
- Conference of Universities of Serbia (CONUS)
- Conference of Academies of Applied Studies (CAAS)
- Student Conference of Universities
- Student Conference of Academies of Professional Career Studies

New Law on Higher Education (2017):

- Strengthening third mission of universities
- Introduction of short-cycle and part-time studies
- Strengthening the cooperation with industry Council of Employers
- New category of teaching staff – top business experts
- More government control and less institutional autonomy



Challenges



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- University Autonomy
- Financing of Public Universities
- Participation in EU Funded Research (FP9, ERC..)
- Status of Serbian HEI in European Education Area
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University Autonomy in Europe

The Scorecard 2017

29 Countries

Serbia

The country is included for the first time in the Autonomy Scorecard in the 2016 update.

Recent developments:

- Ban on recruitment of public employees in Serbia, affecting university administrative staff

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 **26th**
in Organisational

 **23rd**
in Financial

 **20th**
in Staffing

 **23rd**
in Academic

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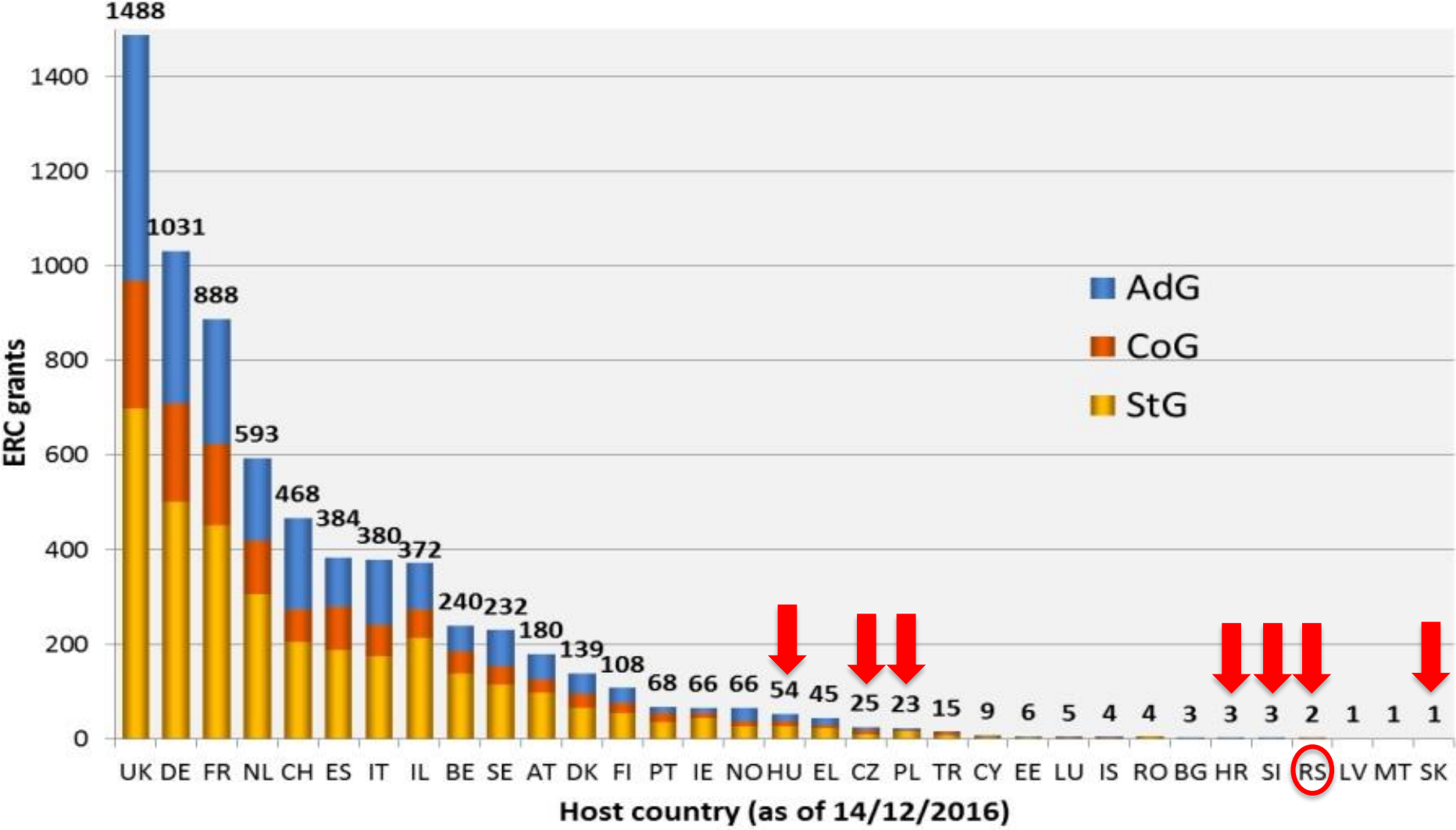
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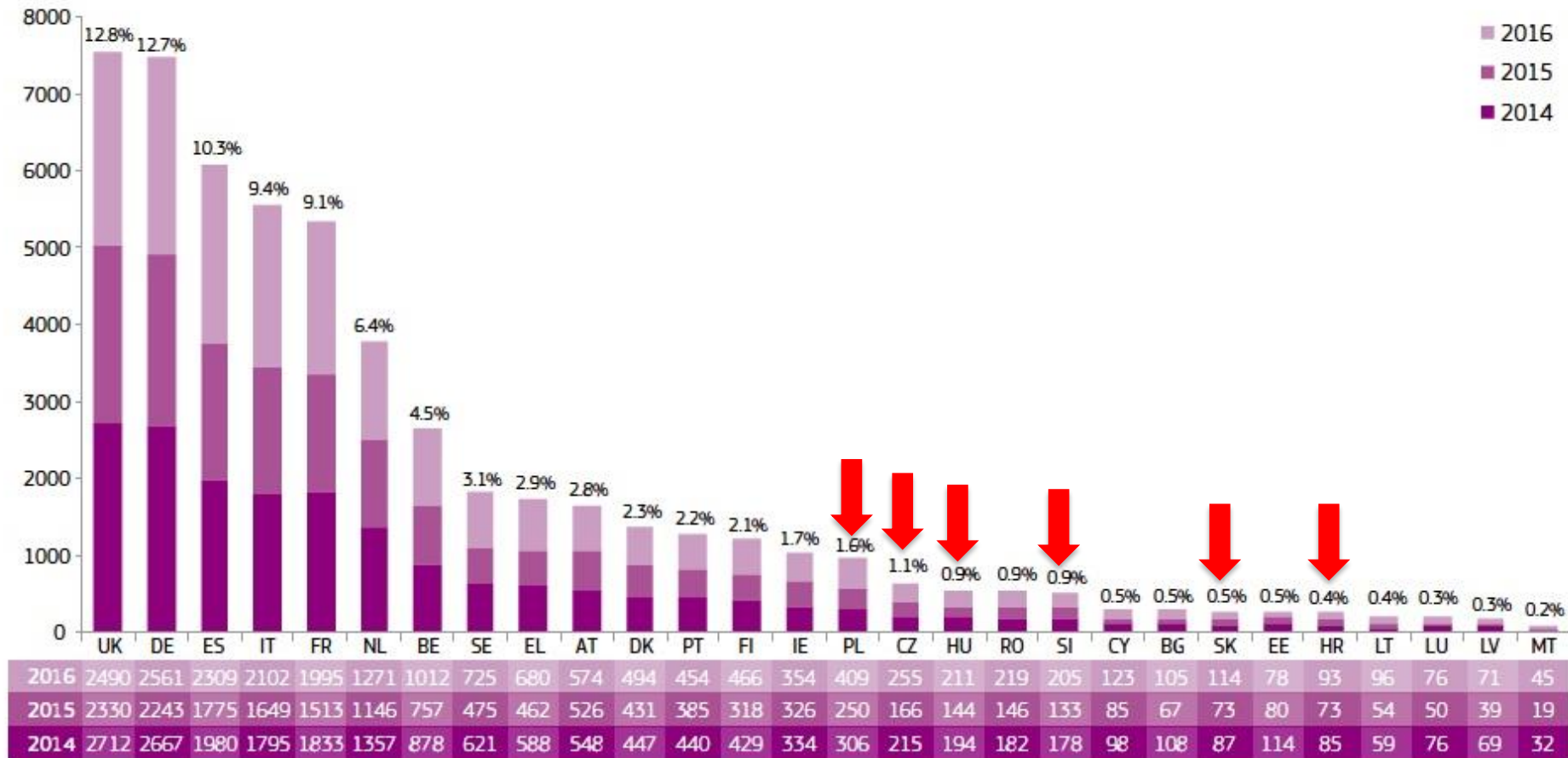
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Horizon 2020

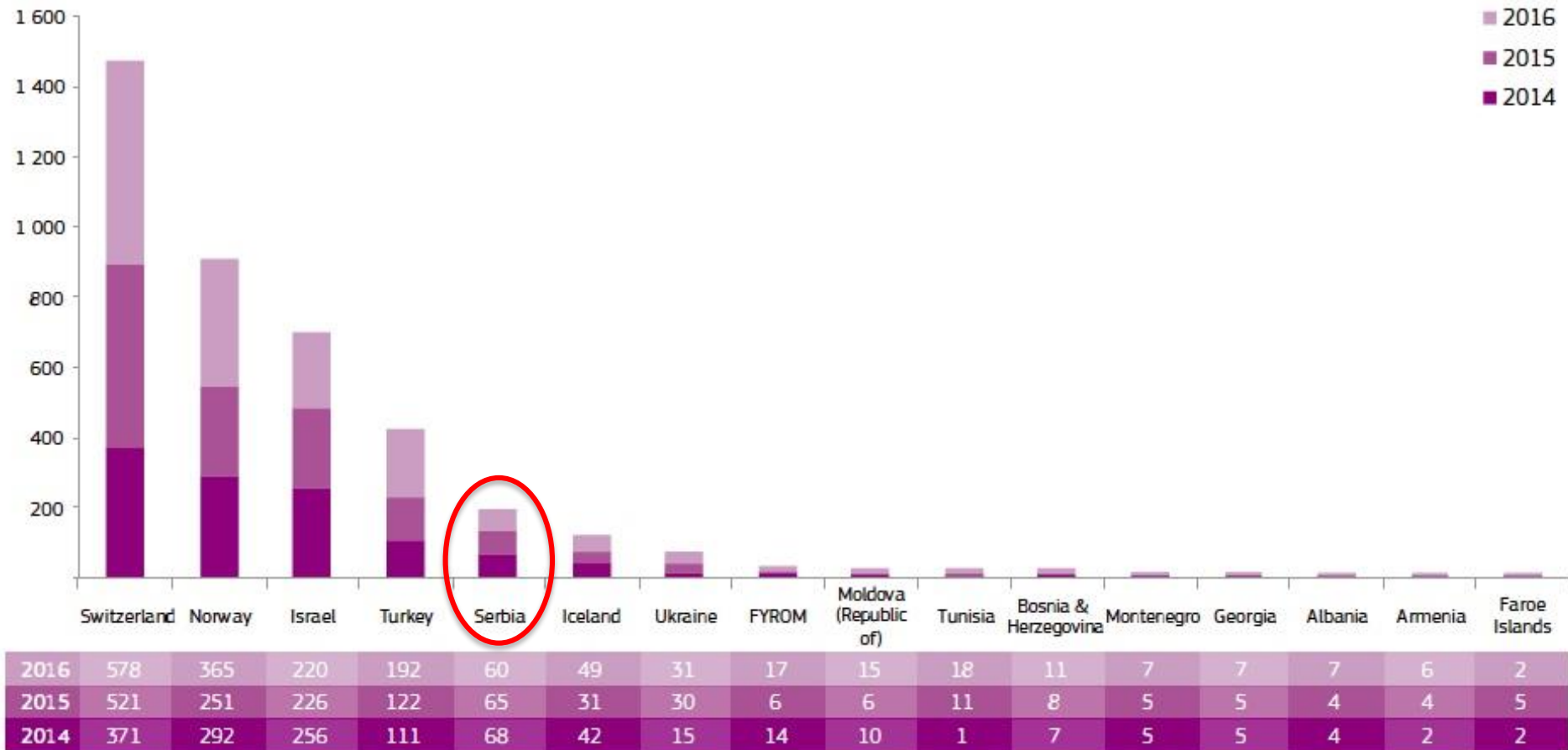
FIGURE 16: Number of participations to Horizon 2020 per Member State, 2014-2016, and share of total Horizon 2020 participations



Source: Corda, calls in 2014, 2015 and 2016, Signed Grants cut-off date by 1/09/2017 (including grants to named beneficiaries)

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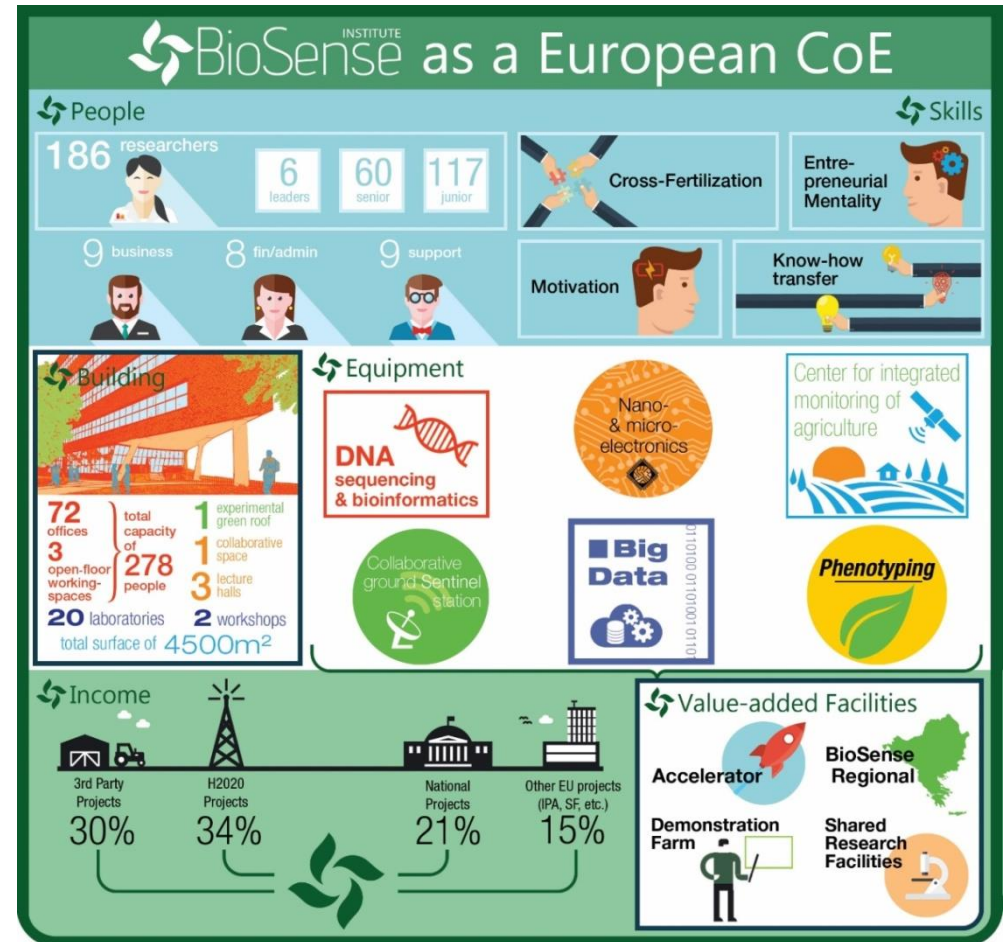
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Pi ANTARES project



ANTARES – H2020 TEAMING project

To evolve BioSense Center into European Center of Excellence in ICT research applied to Agriculture and Environment



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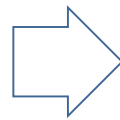
European Education Area



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Mutual
recognition of
diplomas



European
universities



EU student
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