

# aim and scope of

ASECU was founded in 1996 as *Association of South-Eastern Europe Economic Universities* with the general aim of promoting the interests of those economic universities in South-Eastern Europe which are public, recognized or financed by the state of origin.

At the General Assembly of 2007 it was decided to enlarge ASECU and to take in the countries of eastern Europe and the Black Sea region and associated members from the Middle East and north-eastern Africa. ASECU was modified in *Association of Economic Universities of South and Eastern Europe and Black Sea Region* and presently counts forty five (45) members. Forty one (41) of them are full members from the countries Albania, Armenia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, FYROM, Greece, Montenegro, Poland, Russia, Romania, Slovakia, Serbia, Turkey and Ukraine. As associated members have been accepted four (4) Universities from Lebanon and Egypt.

The specific aims of the Association are:

To promote cooperation between Economic Universities, Faculties, Departments; i.e., especially: a) to exchange views and information about syllabi, b) to exchange undergraduate and postgraduate students and c) to exchange teaching and research staff.

To provide members with the opportunity exchange information, opinions etc. by publishing a relevant scientific journal or by cooperation in elaborating scientific studies in relation to the future development of higher education and research as well as to improve their quality in the field of economic studies and business administration.

To undertake initiatives for the protection of the interests of members and their institutions, so as to be supported by international organizations and in particular by the higher education institutions of the European Union.

To encourage cooperation between universities inside and outside the countries referred to in the Association.

To pursue cooperation in the field of higher education with the consolidation of close relations with other organisations having similar aims, e.g. E.U.A.;

To provide opportunities for harmonising the degrees of faculties and departments of the universities participating in the Association;

To promote cooperation between economic universities, faculties, departments in the field of research for the benefit of the economy, the society, peace and the cultural development of the countries referred to the Association.

## Presidency and Board Members

The following Board was elected during the fourth General Assembly of ASECU, on the 2nd of March 2007, at the University of Macedonia in Thessaloniki, Greece.

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