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During the period of the realization of this research project, within thematic section Financial Systems Integration of the Balkan Countries in the European Financial System, the following topics were treated:

- Transformation of financial and banking sector in Balkan countries
- Financial liberalization and growth
- Harmonization of financial regulation
- Venture capital, finance, taxation and regulation
- Foreign Direct Investments
- Monetary policies and the exchange rates.

As the result of the first and the second year of the research project "Pavle Savić" it has been organized two international scientific conferences – one in Belgrade at the end of the first year of the project (2008) and one in Nice at the end of the second year of the project (2009). For the reason that during these two years of the realization of the project two research teams (one from France and the other from Serbia) were researching the relevant topics for this project, we are publishing this book in order to allow wider population access to this very important scientific achievement.

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# INTRODUCTION

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## ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF NICE - SOPHIA ANTIPOLIS AND CEMAFI

The University of Nice - Sophia Antipolis, second largest multidisciplinary university in France with 25,000 students, stands out as a higher education institution strongly committed to international openness. Spreading across the French Riviera, the University's geographical location, at the heart of the Mediterranean Basin, has helped develop a vivid cosmopolitan spirit drawing an ever-growing number of students from around the world, motivated by a prestigious training and research institution and a privileged study environment. Since its inception in 1965, the University has integrated a very significant rate of both international students and researchers who immediately felt at home within any of academic facilities: eight campuses, two institutes, a School of Engineering, a College for Doctoral Studies, an Institute for Scientific Culture, over 60 research laboratories, and more. Having fully adapted to the European LMD system effective since 2004, the University delivers over 230 diplomas recognized throughout the European Union. CEMAFI ("Centre d'Etudes en Macroéconomie et Finance Internationale"), created in 1989, is directed by Prof. Claude BERTHOMIEU. The CEMAFI is the research and teaching structure for Master "Macroeconomics and International Finance" and for students preparing their PhD in Economic Sciences. The research topics of CEMAFI are centered on the macroeconomic analysis of contemporary developed and developing countries in a context of world competition. CEMAFI constitutes the centre of an international network in macroeconomic research.



## ABOUT THE INSTITUTE OF ECONOMIC SCIENCES

The Institute of Economic Sciences (IES) was founded in 1958 as Department for Economic Researches and Methodology Planning of the Federal Bureau for Economic Planning. The Institute operated under this name until 1963 when, according to former Federal Government Regulation, it became Yugoslav Institute for Economic Research. In 1969 the Institute got its current name. In 1977, the Republic of Serbia, based on legal authority, made the Right founding of the Institute so today the Institute is registered as an independent institute within the Ministry of Science and Technological Development of Republic of Serbia. The Institute has the status of scientific institution of special public interest and importance.



The IES, as a research institution deals with scientific research in the field of macroeconomics, microeconomics, regional economic development, development studies of national and world market, international economic relations, beside the activities in consulting, professional training, and education related to current business economics, management, marketing, entrepreneurship and small and medium business development, financing, banking, etc. The Institute carries out the scientific and research activities through two scientific centers: Center for Economic Researchers and Center for Microeconomic Researchers & Consulting.

IES was very devoted to educational activities. In 1963, the IES Postgraduate School, the first postgraduate school in ex-Yugoslavia, not related to university started and it lasted until 1986. Twenty years later, IES created public-private partnership with Belgrade Banking Academy - Faculty for Banking, Insurance and Finance, the new academic initiative which offers different kind of undergraduate and graduate study programs, such as Investment Banking, Financial & Banking and Business Management and Business Administration.

The Institute is a fonder and publisher of 2 scientific journals: *Economic Analysis* and *Journal of Women's Entrepreneurship – JWE*.