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Ninoslav Scukanec Schmidt founded the Institute for the Development of Education in Zagreb, Croatia, where he served as Executive Director since 1999. He has dedicated his career to the development of higher education policies. His main expertise is in institutional governance and strategic management of higher education, equity and inclusion and community engagement in higher education, quality assurance in higher education, and the development of qualifications frameworks.

From 2021 to 2024, he co-chaired the Pan-European Bologna Follow-up Working Group on Social Dimension, which included 27 country members and 5 consultative members. He also successfully co-chaired the 2018-2020 Bologna Follow-up Advisory Group on Social Dimension, which produced the strategic international document “Principles and Guidelines for Social Dimension”, aimed at helping 49 countries in the European Higher Education Area improve their social dimension policies.

He is also engaged by the Council of Europe as an expert in the Steering Committee for Education's Sub-Group on Higher Education Policy and the Working Group on the Democratic Mission of Higher Education, composed of leading European education experts.

In Croatia, he served as a member of the Accreditation Council of the Croatian Agency for Science and Higher Education (2010-2018) and as a member of the Governing Board of the National Center for External Evaluation of Education (2013-2021). From 2014 to 2019, he was a member of the National Council for Human Resources Development, and from 2015 to 2021, he was a member of the National Committee for Enhancing the Social Dimension of Higher Education.

He has repeatedly served as a consultant and expert for prominent international organizations such as the World Bank, the Council of Europe, and the European Commission, as well as various government bodies, higher education institutions, and professional organizations, working on the reform and development of higher education and social and economic development. He is the author and editor of numerous professional and scientific publications on higher education policy development. More information is available [here](#).