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**International experience:** ■ Lead teams to evaluate possibilities and cooperation with: Nicosia and Limassol, Cyprus 1992, Bucharest, Romania 1995 and 1997, Tripoli, Lybia 1997 ■ Worked at the Magdalena Clinic Special Hospital for Cardiac Surgery, Krapinske Toplice near Zagreb, Croatia 1998-1999. Completed international cooperation project concerning the development of Cardiac Surgery at the University Hospital, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovine from 1997 (Financed by the Medaid Foundation since February 2000) Completed March 2002 ■ Completed international project in the new cardiac centre in Skopje, Macedonia from 2000-2004 (Financed partly by Medaid and then by the Frederic and Jean Maurice Foundation) ■ Completed a government funded project in Algiers, Algeria between 2002-2004 ■ Completed project at the Open Heart Clinic in Tbilisi Georgia from June 2002 to December 2007 (Financed by the Frederic and Jean Maurice Foundation) ■ Preparing new projects in Kosovo and in Baku, Azerbaijan.

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