

April 20, 2026, New York

Dear members of the City Council of the City of Sarajevo,

I, Edmond Offermann, am writing you about a matter of great concern to me. We, the Three Physicists Foundation, have put large financial resources behind developing an international research program in collaboration with CERN, Geneva. This project will be located at the campus of the University of Sarajevo around the faculty of natural sciences.

The project is both ambitious and forward-thinking. It will begin with an ion-source laboratory and eventually expand into areas such as radioisotope production for cancer treatment and material science research. This development will enhance the University of Sarajevo's reputation as a research institution and foster the growth of high-tech industry in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The initiative is progressing under the oversight of the rectorate of UNSA, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), and CERN.

Recently, I learned that the years of effort invested in this project may be at risk due to the proposal outlined in "Plan Kvadrant C – Marijin Dvor."

The city council was made aware of the objections raised by the UNSA senate through an open letter. The senate has presented its arguments clearly, and I wish to further elaborate on several key points.

Should the council approve the plan in its current form, the construction of a public road and parking lot would halt the international research program. To date, our foundation has invested 4.5 million EUR, with additional investments planned. We have shared our vision for future development with Prime Minister Nihad UK but were never informed that adjacent university property would be redirected for non-academic purposes.

This situation raises serious concerns about the Kanton's management of the University of Sarajevo. The Three Physicists Foundation is dedicated to supporting education and research, but these events have compelled us to become involved in the political process.

It was, and remains, unacceptable that a governmental branch stripped administrative authority from the university senate. Now, there is the added concern that assets are being sold to developers for projects lacking a credible vision for the City of Sarajevo, reminiscent of corporate raiding tactics after the end of former Yugoslavia.

I urge the city council not to accept “Plan Kvadrant C – Marijin Dvor” in its current form. I also recommend that politically independent parties be included in its revision process.

Regardless of the council’s decision, I want to state clearly that the Three Physicists Foundation fully supports the University Senate and will do everything possible to back its demands.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'E. Offermann', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

for the Three Physicists Foundation, Edmond Offermann