

REFERENCE: 530154-TEMPUS-1-2012-1-IT-TEMPUS-JPGR

TITLE: Student Support and Development Services

DESCRIPTION: The project aims to establish in target Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) from Georgia/Kazakhstan/Kirghizstan/Azerbaijan/Israel advanced and up-dated services to students and alumni according to the best European practices, able to meet the challenges of a globalised world. This objective will be achieved by enhancing human resource capacity and infrastructures.

After an analysis of the needs and constraints, 30 staff members of Partner Countries (PC) universities will travel to the European Union for a two-weeks study visits in order to share experience and know-how for planning and administering services support for Career planning, Student Life Services, Academic guidance and Orientation, Mentoring and mobility. The competence acquired will be discussed and disseminated in the countries in order to design an Action Plan and start the pilot organisation of services in each target university. After the six months pilot stage, all Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) will share results and present case studies for the identification of the models that best fit with the organisational and decisional local situation. Training sessions and additional workshops will be organised by the EU representatives to assist PC universities in designing and proposing strategic plans and future development of Student Support and Development Services (SSDS).

The project will also develop a website that will not only be used by the partnership for the project results development and assessment, but will also offer, in local languages and in English, all the documents, as student surveys, methodology, tools, reports, training materials, handbooks and case studies for a wide dissemination of project aims and results and the involvement of students, relevant stakeholders from all the countries involved. The project evaluation and the direct involvement of students will provide the opportunity for a better focus on the Action Plan, develop the quality culture and put the basis for a continuous international cooperation for the up-date and improvement of the strategy and methodology and the start up of further future activities.

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- Akhmet Baitursynov Kostanay State University, KZ
- Students Alliance of Kazakhstan, KZ
- Sapir Academic College, IL
- Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, IL
- SAPIR'S STUDENT UNION, IL

PROJECT SUMMARY

- Public Association "Managers of New Generation", KG
- Azerbaijan Student Youth Organizations' Union, AZ
- Tallinna Ülikool, EE
- "Stefan cel Mare " University of Suceava, RO

REQUESTED GRANT: 1,111,716.09

CONTRACT DURATION: 24 months

REFERENCE:	530340-TEMPUS-1-2012-1-AZ-TEMPUS-JPHES
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TITLE:	ECDL National Operator and Test Centers in Azerbaijan
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DESCRIPTION: The wider objective of the project is to set up ECDL National Operator and Testing Centres in partner universities and to build computer skills capacity needed for the integration of key competencies of lifelong learning into the development strategies of higher educational institutions in Azerbaijan. The rationale of this project is based on "2009-2012 State Program on the reform of higher education" focusing on development of Information and Communication Technologies based education system in Azerbaijan Republic.

To achieve this objective, this project will establish ECDL testing centres, train the trainers, improve computer literacy level, localize international certification and will promote recognition of certification in wider audience. The specific objectives are:

1. To install National Operator, Testing and Training Centres in partner universities
2. Capacity building for national operator and testing centres in partner universities
3. To offer trainings on computing skills in Azerbaijani partner universities through modern software and IT technologies
4. To localize a set of tutorials, supplementary materials, testing manuals and web page of ECDL
5. To implement the ECDL certification in the country
6. To develop a cross-country knowledge-exchange network among students and teachers

The principal outputs / outcomes are:

1. Design of National Operator and Testing Centres
2. Capacity built for the Operator and Centres
3. Trainings of target groups in Azerbaijan
4. Dissemination of the project outcomes
5. ECDL recognition and sustainability
6. Quality plan
7. Management of the project

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- Kungliga Tekniska Högskolan (Royal Institute of Technology), SE
- Azerbaijan State Agricultural University , AZ
- Azerbaijan State Pedagogical University, AZ
- Azerbaijan University, AZ
- Azerbaijan University of Architecture and Construction, AZ
- Azerbaijan University of Languages, AZ
- Azerbaijan Tourism Institute , AZ
- Baku Business University, AZ
- Nakhchivan Private University, AZ
- Lenkeran State University, AZ
- Information Systems Management Institute , LV

REQUESTED GRANT: 997,283.20

CONTRACT DURATION: 36 months

REFERENCE: 530379-TEMPUS-1-2012-1-LV-TEMPUS-JPCR

TITLE: Development of Training Network for Improving Education in Energy Efficiency
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DESCRIPTION: This proposal aims to priority: modernisation of curricula with 3 cycle structure, ECTS and degree recognition in the Teacher training and education science in Physical science (BY) and Engineering and engineering trades (Belarus, Azerbaijan, Kosovo*¹). The project involves higher education institutions from Latvia, Estonia, Lithuania, Poland, and Belgium as well as from such partner countries: Belarus, Kosovo*, and Azerbaijan. Development of the curricular reform in Engineering and engineering trades is highlighted as a priority in all partner countries.

The wider objective is to enhance networking among higher education institutions across the Partner Countries and EU Member States for improving the education in the field of the energy efficiency enhancement, energy saving and use of renewable sources of energy.

The project aims to such specific objectives:

1. To enhance the quality and relevance of higher education in the partner countries by bringing together education excellence and best practice in the field of the energy efficiency enhancement, energy saving and use of renewable sources of energy field (declared field) on the base of creation/ modernisation of study programs;
2. To make compatible/unified curricula for improving the education and expertise of target groups (students/ master-students and academic/ teacher staff) in the declared field;
3. To confirm teaching/learning approaches (lectures, practice classes, didactic materials, etc.) and tools (equipment, hardware/software, user/methodological guides, manuals, etc.) for improving the target groups education and expertise;
4. To create Electronic Libraries by directions (enhancement of energy efficiency; energy saving; energy effective materials; use of renewable sources).

Realisation of the Project will allow creating Joint Educational Platform as a system of developed/improved compatible education tools and didactic materials needed to transfer experience of EU Universities to Partners Countries Universities.

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- University Mitrovica, XK
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- Belarusian State University , BY
- Belarusian National Technical University, BY
- Belarussian State Agrarian Technical University, BY
- Khazar University , AZ

REQUESTED GRANT: 1,416,599.03

CONTRACT DURATION: 36 months

¹ This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.

REFERENCE: 530385-TEMPUS-1-2012-1-AZ-TEMPUS-JPCR

TITLE: Curriculum Development and Capacity Building in the field of EU Studies

DESCRIPTION: The project on Curriculum Development and Capacity Building in EU Studies (CURDEUS) aims to enhance knowledge of EU Studies and promotes European dimensions of quality in education and facilitate networking between universities in the EU and Azerbaijan.

The project specifically aims to:

- Update the existing curriculum and establish a new curriculum in the field of EU Studies in accordance with European standards;
- Develop or build teachers' professional capacity in the field of EU Studies;
- Establish a permanent EU Studies Centre in Azerbaijan (at Khazar University), which will function as a resource centre and think tank in this field;
- Develop double and/or joint degree programmes in EU Studies with interested institutions.

In accordance with these objectives, the main outcomes of the project will be as follows:

- a) A new and/or harmonised curriculum in European Studies in line with European standards;
- b) Increased capacity (trained professional academic staff, availability of high quality teaching materials and other resources) in the field of European Studies in Azerbaijan;
- c) An European Studies Centre in Azerbaijan which will ensure the sustainability of the project
- d) Develop joint degree programmes in EU Studies between Azerbaijani universities already offering course on the EU (Khazar University and Baku State University and European universities having already an expertise and well-established programmes in this field (Leiden University, the University of Lodz, the University of Lusophone and the University of Genoa).

This programme will facilitate further cooperation between all involved universities and contribute to the sustainability and dissemination of project results.

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- Ganja State University, AZ
- Nakhchivan State University, AZ
- Baku State University, AZ
- Baku Slavic University, AZ
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CONTRACT DURATION: 36 months

REFERENCE: 530561-TEMPUS-1-2012-1-DE-TEMPUS-JPCR

TITLE: Development of new modules for international bachelor and master programmes in sustainable tourism management.

DESCRIPTION: This multi-country project is designed to modernise curricula in sustainable tourism management (STM) in selected HEI in Azerbaijan, Armenia and Georgia. Tourism is a regional priority for the Caucasus. The project focuses on the development of new study modules and teacher trainings in STM, a hitherto underdeveloped field in all three countries. The new modules cover innovative topics, such as the integration of theory and praxis, intercultural communication, E-learning and IT technologies, and will be implemented in existing as well as new BSc. and MSc. study programmes, and accredited with ECTS. The interdisciplinary approach to STM is reflected by involving HEI from different academic fields such as agriculture, tourism and business studies.

The Caucasus region is politically diverse but should be touristically jointly developed. Thus, the project is designed to foster regional networking and mutual understanding, and the cooperation between the EU and its partner countries. Training and the development of study modules in intercultural communication will support the establishment of enduring partnerships.

As project outcomes, a common understanding of sustainability and regional development will be achieved, modules on STM will be created according to the Bologna standards, and new methods and materials for teacher and tutor training will be introduced. The practical relevance of study programmes is enhanced by the formal integration of practical placements in the curricula, in close cooperation with tourism businesses and NGOs.

Regular monitoring of milestones guarantees the accomplishment of the aims. The implementation of an E-learning platform assures communication between the partners, as well as the dissemination of results. The sustainability of the project will be secured by strengthening the international academic cooperation on a permanent base, by developing comparable qualification standards in STM, and by the accreditation of the modules.

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- Azerbaijan Tourism Association, AZ
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- Armenian State Agrarian University, AM
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PROJECT SUMMARY

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- Berlin Guesthouse Ltd, AM
- Hyur Service, AM
- Iakob Gogebashvili Telavi State University, GE
- Shota Rustaveli State University, GE
- Ilia State University, GE
- Agricultural University of Georgia, GE
- Transboundary Joint Secretariat for Nature Conservation, GE
- The Regional Environmental Centre for the Caucasus, GE
- Baku State University, AZ
- Baku Tourism Information Centre, AZ
- CHE Consult GmbH, DE
- Aragvi Adventure Centre Ltd, GE
- Rezeknes Augstskola, LV

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