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Tempus IV

Central Asian- German Cooperation seminar

Tempus IV in Central Asia

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BASIC FEATURES (I)

- Objective: to establish an area of cooperation and modernisation in higher education between the European Union and the partner countries in the surrounding area, including Central Asia. Strong linkage with EU higher education policies (Lisbon and Bologna).
- Programme focusing on institutional cooperation. Complementarity with Erasmus Mundus and External Cooperation Window.

TWO TYPES OF PROJECTS

- Tempus IV finances two types of projects through annual calls for proposals:

Joint Projects: at institutional level, curriculum development, governance reform, higher education and society, thematic networks

Structural Measures: at national level for higher education reforms, governance reform (accreditation, quality assurance, autonomy, qualification frameworks), higher education and society

BASIC FEATURES (II)

- Strong involvement of national authorities in the definition of priorities, the selection of projects and during impact assessment.
- Strong linkage with EC Delegations in partner countries (liaising with authorities, selection of projects).
- Programme supported by a network of National Contact Points in EU Member States and National Tempus Offices in partner countries.

BASIC FEATURES (III)

- Bottom-up programme mainly implemented through calls for proposals complemented by structural measures targeting higher education systems.
- New strategic activities: direct support to Ministries of Education in partner countries and support to teams of reform experts in partner countries.
- Strong accent on dissemination and exploitation of results.

PROGRAMME PRIORITIES

- Programme-wide priorities and project types are defined around the EU higher education modernisation agenda.
- National priorities defined by the Ministries of Education for both Joint Projects and Structural Measures (selected from the programme-wide priorities).
- Strict adherence to national priorities for national projects (involving one single partner country).
- Programme-wide priorities for multi-country projects (involving more than one partner country).



NATIONAL PRIORITIES FOR JOINT PROJECTS

- Kazakhstan: curriculum reform (engineering, sciences and technologies, social sciences and business, health and social protection), university management and student services, quality assurance;
- Kyrgyzstan: curriculum reform (economics and business administration, computer and software engineering, information technologies), university management and student services, quality assurance;
- Tajikistan: curriculum reform, higher education and society
- Turkmenistan: curriculum reform (social sciences and business, health care and social security, sciences and technologies), quality assurance, international relations
- Uzbekistan: curriculum reform (engineering and technologies, health sciences), partnerships with enterprises

NATIONAL PRIORITIES FOR STRUCTURAL PROJECTS

- Kazakhstan: university management and student services, quality assurance
- Kyrgyzstan: quality assurance, institutional and financial autonomy and accountability
- Tajikistan: training courses for public services
- Turkmenistan: international relations, quality assurance
- Uzbekistan: quality assurance, knowledge triangle education-innovation-research

PRIORITY GIVEN TO PROJECT PROPOSALS THAT

- Involve a representative number of higher education institutions from a partner country.
- Involve non-academic consortium members.
- Promote interregional cooperation activities.
- Demonstrate that they actively involve students or their organisations.
- Demonstrate a strong institutional and individual capacity building process.
- Demonstrate a wider impact on higher education institutions and systems.

GRANT SIZES AND PROJECT DURATION

- From €500,000 to €1,500,000 (for both Joint Projects and Structural Projects).
- Minimum grant size for countries with annual budgets below €1 million (the case for Central Asia): €300,000.
- Project duration: up to 36 months.

ELIGIBLE PARTNERSHIPS

- For national projects: minimum of six institutions/partners (3 EU, 3 local).
- For multi-country projects: minimum of five institutions/partners (3 EU and 2 local).
- Public authorities and rector/teacher/student organisations eligible as applicants for Structural Measures.
- Universities in Partner Countries can act as grant applicants.

NEW TEMPUS CALL IN 2009

- Central Asia: €5 million (indicative allocations of €1 million per country).
- January 2009: foreseen date for second call for proposals
- April 2009: foreseen deadline for the submission of proposals
- Information campaign in January/March 2009
- Budget should be doubled in 2010

TEMPUS III IN CENTRAL ASIA (2000-06)

- Universities with 6-10 projects: Turkmen Polytechnic Institute, Turkmen State Institute of Transport and Communication, Magtymgul Turkmen State University, Bukhara State University,
- Universities with 5 projects: National University of Uzbekistan, Urganch State University; Kyzgyz International University, State Power Engineering Institute of Turkmenistan, Osh State University, Osh Technological University, Pavlodar State University, Issyk Kul State University,
- Universities receiving most IMGs: Jalal Abad State University (45), National University of Uzbekistan (38), Samarkand State University (32), Tashkent State University of Economics (30), Tashkent State Technical University (29), Tashkent Institute of Textile and Light Industry (29)



TEMPUS III IN CENTRAL ASIA (2000-06)

Main fields:

- Kyrgyzstan: Information technologies, computer sciences and software engineering, education and teacher training
- Kazakhstan: Information technologies, computer sciences and software engineering, internal quality assurance systems, credit transfer system
- Tajikistan: Internal quality assurance systems, public health and social policy
- Turkmenistan: Agriculture and food sciences, information technologies, computer sciences and software engineering, university-industry links
- Uzbekistan: Institution building for public services, computer aided engineering, university evaluation, management, internal quality assurance systems

TEMPUS III IN CENTRAL ASIA (2000-06)

- Number of projects per EU countries:

1. Sweden → 72 projects
2. Germany → 70 projects
3. Spain → 55
4. France → 45
5. UK → 45
6. Italy → 37
7. Netherlands → 29
8. Belgium → 27
9. Austria → 20
10. Poland → 19

TEMPUS III IN CENTRAL ASIA (2000-06)

- Host countries for Individual Mobility Grants:
 1. UK → 182 IMGs to the UK
 2. Germany → 125 IMGs to Germany
 3. Austria → 72
 4. France → 60
 5. Netherlands → 45
 6. Italy → 30

Results from first call Tempus IV 2008

	Number of partners in all proposals	Number of proposals where country is involved as coordinator or partner
Kazakhstan	122	52
Kyrgyzstan	67	23
Tajikistan	45	19
Turkmenistan	19	6
Uzbekistan	101	35

Quality of project proposals under Tempus IV - 2008

	Project where PC is involved	Passed academic evaluation	Passed academic & technical evaluation	Went to consultation
Kazakhstan	52	15	15	15
Kyrgyzstan	23	6	6	6
Tajikistan	19	7	4	4
Turkmenistan	6	3	3	3
Uzbekistan	35	10	7	7

Results from first call Tempus IV - 2008

- Good response to call for proposals
- Larger grant size, more open partnerships
- Higher percentage of ineligible projects (new parameters, call not read, not complied with minimum partnership requirements)
- Greater number of multi country projects
- Preference continues to go to curriculum development projects
- Structural Projects are few and seem difficult to set up (need strong support from the Ministries, reform at system level)

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- Participation of EU countries in 2008 call (Central Asia)

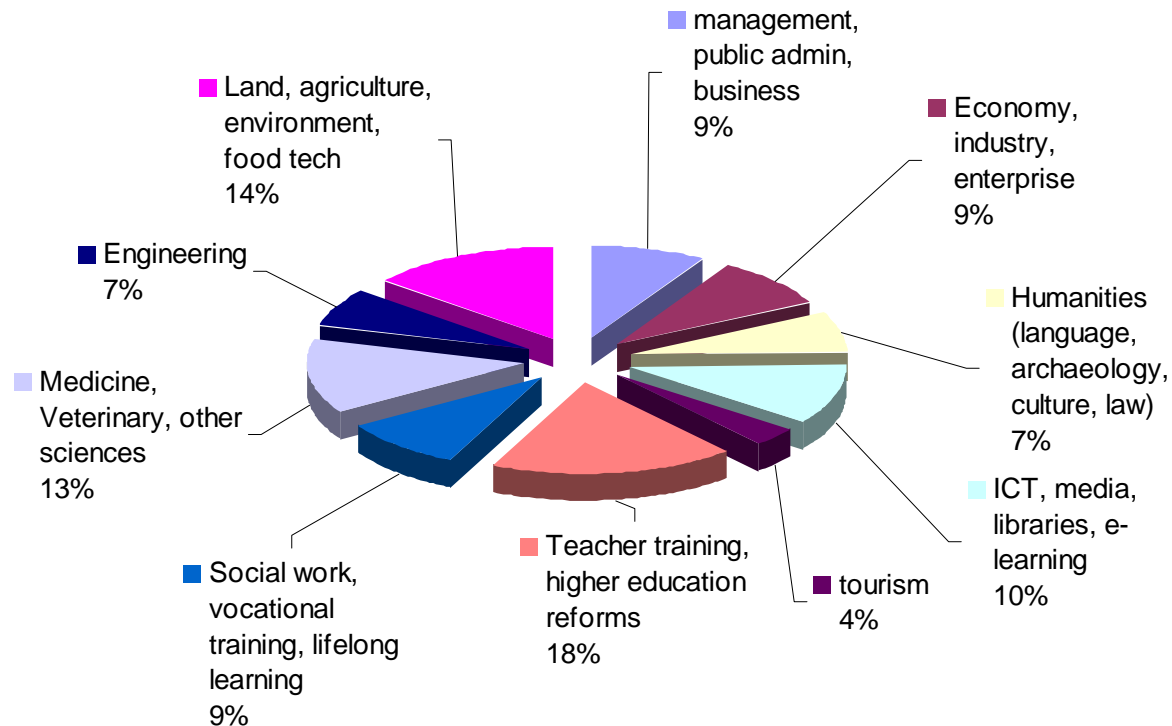
1. Germany → 77 institutions participated in the call
2. France → 49 institutions
3. Italy → 45
4. Spain → 34
5. UK → 33
6. Sweden → 24

Average consortium size: 19 partners

Average grant request: €880.000

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Received proposals' main themes



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