

# TEMPUS

Modernising higher education

## Azerbaijan in Tempus Programme

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# Azərbaycan



- The largest country in the South Caucasus region
- Population: 9.3 Mio (2011)
- Area: 86.600 km<sup>2</sup>
- Capital: Baku
- Language: Azerbaijani
- Government: Presidential republic

# Higher Education System in Azerbaijan

- Three cycle degree system (bachelor, master and PhD)
- ECTS fully adopted and Diploma supplement issued
- Most common model 240+120 credits (4+2 years)
- Unified admission exams by a separate government body “State Committee on Student Admission”
- Quality assurance mechanisms:
  - At institutional level – quality assurance departments – self-assessment, surveys, improvement oriented
  - At national level – Accreditation Unit at Ministry of Education (institutional and programme accreditation)
- National Qualification Framework – still in the process of development (possible area of cooperation?)

# Higher Education System in Azerbaijan (as of 2012)

Total # of HEIs	54	
Type	Public (36)	Private (18)

Total # Teaching staff	15 993
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Students	BA	MA	PhD	Total
Sum	106518	32 835	3 941	143 146

# Current HE reforms in Azerbaijan

- Curriculum Development (Focus on joint degree programmes)
- University Autonomy
- Development of NQF-based academic standards
- Programme accreditation (in regulated professions: medicine, education, law)
- Improvement of university quality and management
- New financing formula development (student voucher)
- Development of Competitive Innovation Funds for HEI



# Tempus in Azerbaijan

- Bologna process membership since 2005
- In Tempus since 1995 (ENPI East)
- Experience of regional and cross-regional cooperation
- 32 projects total. In Tempus IV (2008-2012) 17 projects awarded, 12 on-going, 18 institutions involved.
- Network of “Tempus-experienced” public and private HEIs

# Tempus Projects in Azerbaijan

Project / Selection	2009	2010	2011	2012
# of submitted projects	18	20	40	45
Projects funded	2	2	5	5
AZE coordination	-	1	-	2

# National Tempus Office in Azerbaijan

## Overall objective:

“to improve relevance, effectiveness and impact of the Tempus Programme in the country through assistance to European Commission’s services and national authorities in the Tempus programme implementation”

## Specific objectives:

- Promotion of the programme and assistance to potential applicants
- Monitoring of Tempus Projects
- Promoting Bologna process and providing information on the implementation of reforms (organization of seminars, conferences, conducting studies)
- Engagement in more structured dialogue with educational authorities, involving higher education stakeholders.



# Azerbaijani HEI in Tempus

- Experienced HEIs
  - Baku State University – 8 Tempus projects
  - Azerbaijan Languages University – 5 Tempus projects (first Tempus grantholder in Azerbaijan)
  - Azerbaijan State Oil Academy – 7 Tempus projects
  - Azerbaijan Technical University – 6 Tempus projects
  - Azerbaijan Medical University – 6 Tempus project
  - Khazar University (private) – 7 Tempus projects (Recent project grantholder)
  - State Universities in Sumgayit, Nakchivan, Ganja and Lenkoran (up to 7 Tempus projects)
- Very ambitious HEIs
  - Azerbaijan Aviation Academy
  - Qafqaz University (private) – 7 Tempus Projects (Recent project grantholder)
  - Tourism University



# Cooperation between Ukraine and Azerbaijan under Tempus programme

- 144882 (QATMI) – Project coordinator: University of Oldenburg
  - Institute of International Relations of Kyiv National Taras Shevchenko University
  - Zaporizhzhya National University
- 159239 (Innovation cross-universities network for development of partnership with enterprises) – Project Coordinator: KTH
  - Poltava National Technical University after Yuri Kondratyuk
  - Ivano-Frankivsk National Technical University of Oil and Gas
- 51664 (Modernising Undergraduate Medical Education in EU Eastern Neighbouring Area) – Project coordinator: University of Leeds

Ivano-Frankivsk National Medical University

National O. Bohomolets Medical University

- 517346 (Establishing Modern Master-level Studies in Industrial Ecology )  
Project coordinator: KTH
  - National Technical University "Kiev Polytechnic Institute"
  - Chernihiv State Technological University
  - Association of power efficient engineering of Ukraine

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