



National Erasmus+ Office in Uzbekistan:

NEO's role and support in project implementation





- assists the European Commission services and the national authorities in the implementation of the Tempus/Erasmus+ programmes
- acts as an interface between the Commission's services and the national authorities
- assists in promoting the EU higher education policies (National Team of HERES)



Support of 4 structures



- Delegation of European Union
- National Coordinating Unit (NCU)
- Ministry of Higher and Secondary Specialised Education (MHSSE)
- National Erasmus+ Office (NEO)





Specific activities

- information and promotion activities
 advice to Tempus/Erasmus+ actors (NEO guidelines for local project partners)
 selection related activities
- assistance to on-going projects
- ➢ field monitoring



NEO's support to project implementation (1)



- Joint information and dissemination activities
- Promote inter-project cooperation and enhance synergy between projects (Round Table meeting) and exchange of best practices
- Assistance to institutions involved in project implementation of projects in relation to equipment purchase and customs clearance and contacts with local authorities and the EU Delegation



NEO's support to project implementation (2)



- Advice and consultations on contract/project management
- Visa support both to EU (NCU) and local project participants (EU Delegation)
- Informing about current HE developments (agreement with HSMC)



Tips for partners (1)



Preparation phase:

- Joint development of project proposals and active involvement of local partners, including budget planning
- Needs analysis to be developed jointly with local partners
- Planning of clear management structure and justified choice of local coordinator
- Realistic definition of target groups, planning of relevant capacity building activities
- Planning of appropriate period of seminar,
 mobility period both in EU and partner country



Tips for partners (2)



Successful project start:

- Meeting with all local stakeholders, set up sound management structure, decision-making procedure, continued and ensured support of university authorities, clear understanding of role of each partner
- Work plan to be updated considering the recent developments in HE system (third cycle, foreign language training; retraining and upgrading system of HE staff)
- Project documentation available in local language for university administration
- Appropriate information and dissemination activities from the project beginning; regular meetings with NEO and the Ministry
- Assisting local partners in development not only academic competencies, but management competencies as well



Tips for partners (3)



- Ensuring active participation of local partners in overall project management and further input to reporting
- Adherence to initially developed transparent selection criteria for mobility participants
- Proper preparation of any activity beforehand (reserve list due to approval), including mobility period for local partners to be efficiently implemented in host EU university



Tips for partners (4)



Advantages

- Good programme reputation and recognition of considerable impact on HE modernisation
- Purchase of equipment: specific procedure and supportive role of the NCU
- support of the Ministry of Higher and Secondary Specialised Education



Tips for partners (5)



What difficulties/challenges can be faced during implementation?

- Lack of coordination and communication between local (regional) partner institutions (role of national coordinators)
- Fair/objective and target oriented selection of mobility participants
- Lack of information on project activities (project website) within and outside university, leaded to misunderstanding of programme objective and its image



Tips for partners (6)



What difficulties/challenges can be faced during implementation?

- Administrating of the project budget for the local partner universities
- Creation of new structures (centres, offices)
- > Proper preparation of training period and mobility

Presentation about findings and frequently developed recommendations of preventive field monitoring of the NEO







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Welcome to Uzbekistan and have a good start of your project!