



TEMPUS PROGRAMME

PROJECT REPRESENTATIVES' MEETING Brussels, 19-20 March 2007

Preparation of new phase of Tempus Programme





PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES (I)

- Overall objective:
 - → To establish an area of cooperation in the field of higher education. To promote voluntary convergence with EU higher education developments deriving from the Lisbon agenda and the Bologna process.





PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES (II)

- To promote reform and modernisation of higher education in partner countries.
- To enhance quality and relevance of higher education in partner countries.
- To build up the capacity of higher education institutions in the partner countries.
- To foster the development of human resources.
- To enhance mutual understanding.





BASIC FEATURES

- Geographical coverage: 26 partner countries in the Western Balkans, Eastern Europe, the Mediterranean and Central Asia.
- Bottom-up programme mainly implemented through calls for proposals.
- Strong involvement of national authorities in the definition of priorities and in the selection of projects.
- Network of National Contact Points in EU Member States and National Tempus Offices in partner countries.





INNOVATIVE ELEMENTS FOR NEW PROGRAMME

- More strategic orientation regarding the support of reform efforts.
- Reinforcement of national and regional priorities.
- Three programmes components: Joint Projects, Structural Measures, Accompanying Measures.
- Strengthening of structural measures to complement bottom-up cooperation between higher education institutions.
- Reinforcement of regional cooperation. Increase of average project size.
- Simplification of selection, monitoring and reporting procedures.
- Reinforce exploitation and dissemination of project results. Strengthen the dissemination of good practice through studies, conferences and networking events.
- Role of National Tempus Offices in partner countries as promoters of Bologna process.





IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW PROGRAMME

- Centralised programme management by Executive Agency for Education, Audiovisual and Culture in Brussels under joint leadership of Commission Directorates-General responsible for education and external relations.
- Executive Agency responsible for entire project cycle including contract and payments.





TIMETABLE (I)

- Milestones in programme preparation:
 - **→** Meeting of National Contact Points and National Tempus Offices, 9 November 2006.
 - → Meeting of representatives from EU Member States and Partner Countries, 5-6 March 2007.
 - **→** Tempus Student Conference, 19-21 April 2007.
 - **→** Meeting of National Contact Points and National Tempus Offices, June 2007.





TIMETABLE (II)

- Launch of programme:
 - **→** Adoption of individual financing decisions establishing the programme between July and October 2007.
 - **→** Launch of first call for proposals under Tempus IV in summer 2007, for a first deadline at the beginning of 2008.
 - **→** First projects starting with the academic year 2008/2009.