

QUALITY ASSURANCE IN HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS OF AZERBAIJAN

Duration: 36 months

Summary Description:

The Quality Assurance in Higher Education Institutions of Azerbaijan proposal comes from the real needs to support and strengthen quality assurance in several universities. The project intends to bring the best practice of EU Universities in issues of quality assurance management system to Azerbaijan; create comprehensive framework for quality assurance; to develop QA offices in universities; support and assist universities in getting international accreditation.

Objectives:

Project's intended objectives are:

- to create frameworks for quality assurance and international accreditation
- to establish new or support development of existing offices of Quality Assurances in Higher Educations institutions in Azerbaijan;
- support the introduction and further implementation of international (OECD/UNESCO) and European standards and guidelines on Quality Assurance;
- help Universities with pre-accreditation preparation and accreditation processes;

Target groups

The direct target groups of this projects is ADA University, Ministry of Education of Azerbaijan as well as several other local Universities.

Main Activities

In order to achieve the aims of the project, the partnership will implement the following activities:

- A survey of Quality Assurance Offices of EU Universities to collect information on the way these Universities address the issue;
- A survey of Quality Assurance agencies in EU to collect information on the way these agencies address the QA;
- Identification of best case examples and best practices in EU Universities;
- Preparation of strategic plan and toolkit on QA for the member Universities;

- Choosing the best fitting accrediting agency in Europe and negotiate the terms and conditions for accreditation of the member universities;
- Launching the process of establishment of QA office or starting strengthening existing ones;
- Launching the process of pre-accreditation or accreditation for partner University

Expected Outcomes

- Strategic plan for QA offices to follow for the next 5 years
- Common standards and procedures for QA
- QA toolkit
- Launching pre-accreditation or accreditation process
- Establishment links between accreditation agencies and partner Universities
- Final report

Dissemination and exploitation of results

- Organizing two major conferences in Quality Assurance with participation of all Higher Education Institution of Azerbaijan and Ministry of Education;
- Organizing workshops for universities on issues of quality assessment and accreditation process;
- Dissemination QA procedure toolkit among HEI of Azerbaijan.

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