Azerbaijan in Tempus Programme

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Azerbaijan

- The largest country in the South Caucasus region
- Area: 86,600 km²
- Capital: Baku
- Language: Azerbaijani
- Government: Presidential republic
Higher Education System in Azerbaijan

- ECTS fully adopted and Diploma supplement issued

- 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 – in the process of development (possible cooperation?)
## Higher Education System in Azerbaijan (as of 2010)

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<th>Total # of HEIs</th>
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Current HE reforms in Azerbaijan

- 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 Fund for HEI
Tempus in Azerbaijan

- Bologna process membership since 2005
- In Tempus since 1995 (ENPI East)
- Experience of regional and cross-regional cooperation
- 22 projects total (something to work on, language is the main problem)
- Network of “Tempus-experienced” public and private HEIs
Azerbaijani HEI in Tempus

- Experienced HEIs
  - Baku State University – 7 Tempus projects
  - Azerbaijan Languages University – 4 Tempus projects (first and only Tempus grant holder in Azerbaijan)
  - Azerbaijan State Oil Academy – 4 Tempus projects
  - Azerbaijan Technical University – 5 Tempus projects
  - Azerbaijan Medical University – 3 Tempus project
  - Khazar University (private) – 5 Tempus projects
  - State Universities in Sumgayit, Nakchivan, Ganja and Lenkoran (up to 5 Tempus projects)

- Very ambitious HEIs
  - Azerbaijan Aviation Academy
  - Qafqaz University (private) – 1 Tempus Project
  - Tourism University
Azerbaijan Tempus National Priorities (JP)

- Modernisation of curricula with 3 cycle structure, ECTS and degree recognition. Disciplines for curricular reform:
  - Engineering in the field of oil and gas, in the field of electricity and engineering in the field of civil aviation; EU languages, teaching, translation, simultaneous interpretation; Telecommunication and information Technologies; ecology and environmental studies; studies on international relations.

- Governance Reform:
  - University management and student services
  - Introduction of quality assurance
  - Development of international relations

- Higher Education and Society
  - Development of partnerships with enterprises
  - Knowledge triangle: education-innovation research
  - Development of lifelong learning in society at large
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