



TEMPUS

The Tempus Programme – Trans Mobility Programme for University Studies – was established by the European Commission in 1990 in order to support the modernisation of higher education in Europe and in neighbouring countries. Today the programme covers 27 partner countries in the Western Balkans, Eastern Europe, the Mediterranean and Central Asia.

The current stage of the Tempus Programme (called “Tempus IV”) got underway in 2007 and is planned to continue until 2013. Two Calls for Proposals in the current round have been published and selected, with a third round launched in November. Following the publication of the Third Call for Proposals, the Tempus Information Days 2009 are organised in each country from mid-November 2009 to February 2010 (see below).

The total budget for the current round is €51 million (€24 million for Eastern Europe), with the budget for each individual project between €0.5 and 1.5 million. Tempus provides funding for two types of projects: a. Joint European Projects based on multilateral partnerships between academic institutions in the European Union and institutions that are not in the European Union; b. Structural Measures, including the introduction of structural reforms in institutions of higher education in partner countries in order to enhance their quality and bring them in line with developments in the European Union.

Previous Tempus rounds have provided Individual Mobility Grants to individuals working in Higher Education sector to help them work on certain specified activities in other countries.

Ukraine has been participating in Tempus since 1993 and has conducted nearly 200 projects (including Structural and Complementary Measures) and received 100 Individual Mobility Grants. The total budget for Tempus in Ukraine since 1993 has been around €75 million.



TEMPUS INFORMATION DAY IN SOUTH UKRAINE

On 24 November the EU-funded National Tempus Office (NTO) held in Odesa the first event of the Tempus Information Days 2009 in Ukraine. It was co-organised with the Ushynsky Southern Ukrainian Pedagogical University with the support of the Delegation, Ministry of Education and Science, Academy of Pedagogical Sciences and Council of Rectors for the Southern Region. About 70 participants represented at the event 23 higher education institutions from Southern Ukraine.

The first session of the Information Day was dedicated to implementation of Bologna principles in Ukraine, conducted by the Higher Education Reform Experts, a new endeavour of the European Commission aimed at promotion and acceleration of higher education reforms in Europe. The experts updated the audience on the latest developments in the European Higher Education Area and major achievements of Bologna process, and outlined the major tasks of launching the National Qualifications Framework in Ukraine.

During the second session the representatives of the NTO presented the results of the Second Call for Proposals of Tempus IV, and priorities, partnership requirements and selection criteria, as well as the major recommendations on preparation of application forms for the Third Call for Proposals. In addition to the Tempus IV, the NTO team presented two other EU higher education programmes: Erasmus and Jean Monnet.

The interactive afternoon session provided room for exchange of ideas and personal experience in developing and implementing of Tempus projects. The representatives of the higher education institutions shared with other participants their knowledge, expertise and know-how for project preparation.

Next Tempus Information Days 2009 in Ukraine will be held in Donetsk on 9 December for the Eastern Ukraine; in Kyiv on 10 December for the Northern Ukraine; in Lviv on 27 January for the Western Ukraine. The nationwide Tempus Information Day will take place on 20 January.

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EU-FUNDED PROJECT NEWS

EU PROMOTES DECREASE IN VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN UKRAINE

On 25 November the EU-UNDP project "Equal Opportunities and Women's Rights in Ukraine" held a press conference on the occasion on the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. Head of Delegation, Ambassador José Manuel Pinto Teixeira, Minister for Family, Youth and Sports Yuriy Pavlenko, and UNDP Resident Representative Ricarda Rieger told journalists about their joint activities aimed at establishing and sustaining gender equality in Ukrainian society.



Ambassador Pinto Teixeira stressed that violence against women is a violation of human rights with far-reaching consequences for the victims, their children and communities, and for society at large. "The EU and UNDP will continue working together with the Government in promoting a decrease in violence against women", – said the Ambassador.

The International Day of elimination of violence against women opened the "16 Days Against Violence" campaign in Ukraine which also includes the World AIDS Day (1 December), International Day of Abolition of Slavery (2 December) and International Human Rights Day (10 December).

During the information campaign between 23 November and 10 December more than 40 events are organised throughout Ukraine: "Human Rights" film festival, conferences, photo and art expositions, presentations, round tables, trainings etc.

Full list of events within the campaign at: <http://gender.undp.org.ua/16/>
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EU PROJECT SUPPORTS AGRICULTURAL PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATIONS

On 26 November the EU-funded project "Implementation Ukraine's Commitments under WTO and ENP Frameworks in the Rural Sector" organised a roundtable on the role of the professional agricultural associations in development of wholesale markets and market infrastructure in rural sector. Representatives of non-government organisations and professional associations of rural sector of Ukraine, project managers and experts took part in the event.

The roundtable was aimed at improving co-operation and offering support to the agricultural professional organisations in organising and implementing educational programmes on food production, quality and safety.

The roundtable participants learned about the activities of professional associations and non-government organisations in rural sector in Ukraine and EU Member States, perspectives of improving government regulations on development of professional self-governed organisations in rural sector, as well as the role of professional rural associations for development of rural markets, development of rural infrastructure and complex development of rural territories.

The participants also developed a proposal for further development of non-government and professional associations in rural sector and increasing their possibilities to offer services on market infrastructure development.

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EU PROJECT FAMILIARISES UKRAINIAN JOURNALISTS WITH EU COMPETITION POLICY AND LAW

On 26-27 November the EU-funded project "Harmonisation of the Competition and Public Procurement Systems in Ukraine with EU standards" organised a seminar on competition policy for Ukrainian journalists.



The seminar on Competition Policy: Action for Harmonisation with EU Standards provided the journalists an opportunity to enhance their knowledge and understanding of the foundations of the EU competition policy and law and compare it with Ukrainian competition rules.

In particular, international experts focused their presentations on the functions of the antitrust law, the state aid control and the public procurement in the EU. The participants had a chance to learn about the roles and competences of the institutions, procedures and principles of the competition policy. They also discussed current priorities and perspectives of the adjustments necessary to improve the competition situation in Ukraine and make it compatible with the EU.

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EU OFFERS TO UKRAINE ITS EXPERIENCE OF DECENTRALISATION

On 26-28 November the President of the EU Committee of the Regions (CoR) Luc Van den Brande visited Crimea to forge closer relations between regional and local authorities from Eastern Partnership (EaP) countries and the CoR. Van den Brande was invited by the Crimean delegation, which participated in the European Week of Regions and Cities 2009 in Brussels last October. The Head of Delegation, Ambassador José Manuel Pinto Teixeira accompanied the President of the CoR.



During the visit he met the Heads of the Crimean Government and Parliament, several representatives of local and regional authorities, including representatives of Mejlis of Crimean Tatars, the Mayor of Yalta and deputy Mayor of Sevastopol. He also visited Yalta and the EU Information Centre at Tavria National University. Van den Brande further insisted that the Ukrainian Parliament should implement the EU regulation on the European Grouping on Territorial Cooperation initiated by the CoR. This would allow Ukrainian and EU regional and local authorities to use this new EU legal instrument to foster and enhance their cooperation. At the meetings he stated that "the CoR wants to offer regional and local authorities in EaP countries the experience of the decentralisation process in the European Union and support their efforts in democratic institutions and administrative capacity-building."

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STUDY TOUR ON SAFETY IN COAL MINING INDUSTRY TO THE EU

On 29 November-6 December the EU-funded "Coal Sector Policy Support Programme" organises a study tour to Poland to familiarise Ukrainian officials with the safety standards in Polish coal mining industry. The event is part of the project component on Improving of Occupational Health and Safety in Coal Mining Industry. 11 representatives of the Ministry of Coal Industry, State Enterprise "Centre of Alternative Types of Fuel", and local offices of the State Committee of Health and Safety at Work take part in the study tour.



The tour programme includes a workshop in the Polish State Mining Authority where the Polish officials and experts introduce the participants into methodological and legislative requirements for prevention of accidents; requirements for candidates for the inspectors and technical positions in mining districts; qualification of miners; and base of activities after accidents, obligations and principle of work for state mining supervision. The participants will visit the Jas-Mos coal mine in Jastrzębie Zdrój, experimental mine "Barbara" of the Central Mining Institute in Mikołów, mining office in Katowice, archive of Mine Survey and Geological Documentation of Polish State Mining Authority and mine underground museum "Guido" in Zabrze. They will also meet with the rector of Mining and Metallurgy Academy and visit the salt mine "Wieliczka". The delegation is accompanied by officials of the Polish State Mining Authority.

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EU-UNDP PROJECT ON CONSUMER RIGHTS PROTECTION SUMS UP ITS ACHIEVEMENTS

On 30 November the joint EU-UNDP project "Consumer Society and Citizen Networks" organised the final roundtable summarising the results of its activity. The project with a budget of more than €3 million was funded by the EU and implemented during 44 month by the UNDP. Representatives of the Delegation, UNDP Ukraine, State Committee for Technical Regulation and Consumer Policy, Ministry of Education and Science, Ministry of Economy, as well as consumer civil society organisations (CSOs) and high officials in legal affairs took part in the event.



The EU-UNDP joint initiative was the first attempt in Ukraine to tackle of the complex issues involving enhancing access to consumer information, assistance to judiciary system involved into consumer rights protection, capacity building of consumer CSOs and consumer education. The project brought about a number of formidable changes in the attitude of Ukrainians towards protection of their consumer rights. The project initiated an ongoing public dialogue on product safety, consumer rights protection and introduced a concept of independent testing of products and services among Ukrainian specialists and media. Ukraine has become a pioneer in introducing consumer education into the secondary schools curriculum by developing consumer essentials course both for secondary schools, higher educational establishments and additionally for civil servants. The awareness campaign "New Ukrainian consumer" was designed to urge Ukrainian consumers to act more responsibly in choosing the products they buy and take on active position in protecting their violated consumer rights. An anti junk-food campaign was conducted during 2008-2009 in partnership with Consumers International targeting unfair advertising of unhealthy food for younger generation. The first Ukrainian independent web resource on consumer rights (see <http://www.consumerinfo.org.ua/>) was launched in 2007 to provide consumers with up-to-date information on quality and safety of goods and services.

More information about the project at: <http://www.undp.org.ua/cscn/>

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EU-FUNDED PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENTS

4 DECEMBER, BRATISLAVA HOTEL, 1 MALYSHKA STREET, KYIV

Seminar on consumer affairs of the EU-funded project "Technical Assistance to Ukrainian Quality Infrastructure"

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8 DECEMBER, STATE COMMITTEE FOR TECHNICAL REGULATION AND CONSUMER POLICY, KYIV

Seminar on the transposition of EU New Approach Directives into the Ukrainian legislation of the "Technical Assistance to Ukrainian Quality Infrastructure"

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9 DECEMBER, DONETSK NATIONAL UNIVERSITY, DONETSK

Tempus Information Day for East Region

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9-10 DECEMBER, PRYLUKY, CHERNIHIV OBLAST

Conference of the EU-funded project "Sustainable local development in Ukraine"

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9 DECEMBER, CLUB OF THE CABINET OF MINISTERS, 7 INSTYTUTSKA STREET, KYIV

Closing Conference of the joint EU-CoE "Support to good governance: Project against corruption in Ukraine (UPAC)"

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10 DECEMBER, UKRAINIAN HOUSE, 2 KHRESHCHATYK STREET, KYIV

Tempus Presentation Session for North and Central regions in frame of Education Fair "Education and Career 2009"

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10 DECEMBER, RUS HOTEL, 4 HOSPITALNA STEET, KYIV

Launch event "EU-Ukraine: Co-operation on Innovation" for four EU-funded Innovation Projects

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11 DECEMBER, OPERA HOTEL, 53 BOHDANA KHMELNYTSKOHO STREET, KYIV

Final conference "Monitoring and Evaluation for Better Government: Challenges and Opportunities" of the EU-funded project "EU Support to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement Implementation"

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12-13 DECEMBER,

Finals of the EU-funded nationwide competition on the European Union among secondary school students "Europa Nostra"

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