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Creating National Information Centres about the Bologna Process in the Kyrgyz Republic (BOLOGNA.KG)



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The Bologna Process

The "Bologna Process" is a process of reform of Higher Education systems in Europe and in other countries which have signed the Bologna agreements. It does not aim to reduce diversity or to abolish existing national traditions and expertise, but rather it seeks to establish transparency and understanding between systems and general reference points which are accepted by all, in order to create a common Higher Education Space.

The Project

The project has the short name of Bologna.KG. Its full name is "Creating National Information Centres about the Bologna Process in the Kyrgyz Republic". It is supported by the European Commission under the Tempus programme of its Directorate General for Education and Culture. Its activities go far beyond the organisation of the Centres. The aim is to support in the best way possible the desire of the Kyrgyz Republic to reform its higher education system in line with the Bologna Process. To do this, the Project supports and implements the governmental decision to set up Information and Training Centres in Bishkek and in Osh. It furthers collaboration with the Ministerial Work Group which has already set up new Bologna-oriented curricula in Economics. It includes the nomination of Bologna Institutional Coordinators and Bologna Teams in all the 11 Kyrgyz Universities included in the Consortium, and their expert training both in Kyrgyzstan and in Europe. The Project foresees gathering and producing information on the Bologna Process and on how it can be utilised positively in the Kyrgyz Higher Education world; dissemination initiatives culminating in a final public Conference, and an interactive website.



The Information Centres



The National Information and Training Centre in Bishkek, and the Branch Information and Training Centre in Osh, have the task of acting as catalysts and as promoters of understanding of the Bologna Process and its relevance for Higher Education. The Centres are equipped with computers with Internet access and information materials on electronic and paper support. They have regular opening hours. They promote gathering of information about the Bologna Process and its implementation in the signatory countries. They serve as centres for initiatives, including work shops and seminars, about innovation and quality in Higher Education in the Bologna context.

The Tuning Project

The "Tuning Educational Structures in Europe" project, supported by the European Commission through the Socrates-Erasmus action of its Directorate General for Education and Culture. It is a University designed and driven project involving more than 150 European Higher Education Institutions. Its task is to give substance to the Bologna Process, going beyond the 'architecture' of University systems to furnish discipline-based reference points and guidelines for curriculum and course design, generic and subject specific competences, ECTS credits as a tool for quality curriculum design and delivery, approaches to teaching, learning and assessment and quality in study programmes. Tuning is now extending to the 18 countries of Latin America and to Russia.



Tuning in the Kyrgyz Republic

The Kyrgyz Republic's Ministerial Work Group has experimented with applying Tuning methodology to Economics curricula. In the meantime, the Tuning project has extended its work. Part of the training and information activities of the Centres and of the present Tempus project are directed to promoting the knowledge and use of Tuning methodologies in all disciplinary areas.

The Website

www.bolognakg.net is the Project's website. It contains information about the Project, the Centres and the related events. It contains links to the documentation available on the Bologna Process and on related associations, projects, events and activities, including the Tuning Project.

