

TEMPUS

Modernising higher education

Azerbaijan in Tempus Programme

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Azərbaycan



- The largest country in the South Caucasus region
- Population: 9.1 Mio (2010)
- 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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| Total # of HEIs | 53 | |
| Type | Public (37) | Private (16) |

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| Total # Teaching staff | 14 993 |
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| Students | BA | MA | PhD | Total |
|----------|--------|--------|-------|---------|
| Sum | 104518 | 30 835 | 3 841 | 139 194 |

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 grantholder 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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