**PUBLIC: Promotion of University-Business Collaboration on Central Asian Countries in ICT**

*Duration: 3 years.*

*Budget: about 450 000 Euro.*

**Wider objective** is to consolidate relations between employers and universities in central Asian countries and improving the quality of human resources.

**Specific Objectives of the project:**

The PUBLIC project highlights some of the most important aspects in developing successful university-business partnership:

* Reconsideration of Master curricula on ICT based on the joint work between representatives of education and business;
* Adapting of several syllabi within ICT Master specialty to the evolving needs of the labour market;
* To create information platform in order to facilitate the labour market research on the relevance of graduates and postgraduates competencies on ICT

The PUBLIC project concentrated on collaborative research between universities and external partners from industry, enterprises and regional authorities. An experience of EU universities on forming and development relations with employers will be analysed, and special Guidelines for CA countries (with translation into corresponding national languages) will be published. After wide discussion in all participants, National Methodology of academics and professionals joint work on adaptation of Master curricula and syllabi on ICT will be prepared and presented to the Ministries. Specialized subdivisions on collaboration with ICT companies (SCIC) will be opened on the base of universities for implementation of the Methodology. The SCIC centres will promote experience exchange within the countries, organizing joint conferences, etc.

At the national level it will be created the web platforms both for the involvement of new stakeholders to the project and for permanent research of the labour market needs and the corresponding adjustment of Master curricula on ICT. In this way implementation of PUBLIC project will help to increase an educational level of CA countries on ICT and to improve the quality of human resources.

WP 1. Deep analysis of “university-business” relations in EU and CA countries

WP 2. Guidelines on Cooperation programme for the Subdivisions on relations with employers

WP 3. Subdivisions on collaboration with ICT companies (SCIC)

WP 4. Development of CA ICT Competences Framework Portal

WP 5. Adjustment of Master courses on ICT to the labour market needs

WP 6. Reconsideration of curricula and syllabi for the relevant priorities

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| **No** | **Partners** | **Country** | **Type** |
| **P1** | **University of Patras** | **Greece** | **UNI / coordinator** |
| **P2** | Bath Spa University | United Kingdom | **UNI / EU** |
| **P3** | Link Campus University | Italy | **UNI / EU** |
| **P4** | Koblenz-Landau University | Germany | **UNI / EU** |
| **P5** | Stiching Network University | Netherlands | **UNI / EU** |
| **P6** | Tashkent State Technical University | Uzbekistan | **UNI / CA** |
| **P7** | Karshi State University | Uzbekistan | **UNI / CA** |
| **P8** | Association of Employers | Uzbekistan | **ASSOTIATION** |
| **P9** | Ministry of Education | Uzbekistan | **MINISTRY** |
| **P10** | Kyrgyz State Technical University | Kyrgyzstan | **UNI** |
| **P11** | BAFE | Kyrgyzstan | **UNI** |
| **P12** | Osh Technological University | Kyrgyzstan | **UNI** |
| **P13** | Bishkek Business Club | Kyrgyzstan | **ASSOTIATION** |
| **P14** | Ministry of Education | Kyrgyzstan | **MINISTRY** |
| **P15** | Khujand State University | Tajikistan | **UNI** |
| **P16** | Khorog State University | Tajikistan | **UNI** |
| **P17** | Tajik Pedagogical University | Tajikistan | **UNI** |
| **P18** | Sogd Broadcast Company | Tajikistan | **ASSOTIATION** |
| **P19** | Ministry of Education | Tajikistan | **MINISTRY** |
| **P20** | KIMEP | Kazakhstan | **UNI** |
| **P21** | Al-Farabi Kazakhstan National University | Kazakhstan | **UNI** |
| **P22** | Association of high-tech energy eff. & innovative companies | Kazakhstan | **ASSOTIATION** |
| **P23** | Academy of Pedagogy | Kazakhstan | **ASSOTIATION** |
| **P24** | Ministry of Education and Science | Kazakhstan | **MINISTRY** |