**TEMPUS PARTNER SEARCH FORM**

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| **General Information** | |
| Partner Country | Kyrgyzstan |
| General Information about region/town | Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan |
| Name of university  Website: | Kyrgyz-Russian Slavonic University (KRSU) named after the first president of the Russian Federation B.N. Yeltsin  <http://www.krsu.edu.kg> |
| Brief description of university, faculty, department, number of students | **Kyrgyz-Russian Slavonic University** was founded in 1993 by the Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation and Mutual Assistance between the Kyrgyz Republic and the Russian Federation (signed on 10.06.1992, Moscow, Russia),  the Decree of the President of Kyrgyz Republic (signed on 28.09.1992, Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic) and the Agreement of Establishment and Activities of Kyrgyz-Russian Slavonic University between the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic and the Government of the Russian Federation (09.09.1993), the Enactment of the Government of the Russian Federation (No.143, signed on 23.02.1994, Moscow), the decrees of the State Committee of the Russian Federation for Higher Education No. 326-128/1 (14.02.1994) and the Ministry of Education and Science of the Kyrgyz Republic.  The University is made up of 8 faculties as follows:   * Faculty of Natural and Technical Sciences * Faculty of Economics * Faculty of Law * Faculty of Humanities * Faculty of International Relations * Faculty of Medicine * Faculty of Architecture, Design and Construction * Faculty of Distance Learning   Along with traditional Specialist Degree programmes (5 years), the university offers Bachelor Degree (4 years), Master Degree (2 years) programmes as well as PhD (equivalent of a Candidate of Science degree) and Doctoral (Doktor Nauk)degree programmes. The medium of instruction at KRSU is Russian.  Upon graduation students are granted diplomas and academic degrees of two states: the Kyrgyz Republic and the Russian Federation.  The University has nearly 11,000 students and over 1474 members of teaching staff. |
| Relevant information on previous or on-going international cooperation | Tempus 2003, HEICA, Aga Khan Humanities Project (AKHP) |
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| **Project description** | |
| Type of the project:  Joint project (JP)or  Structural Measure (SM) | Structural Measure (SM) |
| Area of project:  Curriculum Reform (CR),  Governance Reform (GR) or  Higher Education and Society (HES) | Higher Education and Society (HES) |
| Subject area/academic  Discipline (see Annex 6) | Public Health Social Work |
| Relevance to national or  regional priorities | National priorities |
| Brief need analysis | Twenty first century health issues are complex and multidimensional, requiring innovative responses across professions at all levels of society. Public health social workers draw on the rich traditions and complementary methods of these two fields to enhance effectiveness and promote health. In hospitals, schools, government agencies and local community-based settings, public health social workers make the connection between prevention and intervention from the individual to the whole population.  It is noteworthy that the system of public health & social welfare in soviet period was all encompassing, diversified and expensive. It was based on large scales of profit repatriation in society. In new conditions of the post-Soviet transition period, when resources are in the disposal of government significantly reduced, support of public health and social welfare services in Kyrgyzstan became difficult. Despite the backing of major western lenders, including the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank, Kyrgyzstan has had economic difficulties following independence. The government has reduced expenditure, ended most price subsidies, and introduced value-added tax. Overall, the government appears committed to the transition to a market economy. While economic performance has improved considerably in the last few years, and particularly since 1998, difficulties remain in securing adequate fiscal revenues and providing an adequate social safety net.  The emergence of new, complex social health concerns demands that the public health field strengthen its capacity to respond. It is believed that academic institutions are vital to improving the public health infrastructure.  Following this, our general aim is to assist in the development of public health and social security capacity in Kyrgyzstan through preparation of highly trained professionals in public health and social welfare. We believe that this will be made possible via academic collaboration between the consortiums of partner-universities in an anticipated TEMPUS 6th programme through :   * Establishment of international forum for further discussion of public health and social protection issues in the region; * Development of new postgraduate programmes of study (master degree courses) in the fields of public health and social welfare.   Through these objectives, KRSU is committed to address the multifaceted dimensions of health in the changing context and develop skills in social work professionals of Kyrgyzstan to analyse health issues in micro, meso and macro contexts as well as work towards protecting health as a human right. |
| Objectives and activities | * To compare and contrast the Kyrgyz public health care and social protection systems with the systems of public health care delivery and social protection organization in other countries; * To prepare highly skilled professionals majoring in public health and social work; * To develop and improve the technical base and learning facilities in training specialists in these noted fields; and as such; * To foster multidisciplinary perspectives, cultural competence, activism in public and social health policy, interdisciplinary and creative collaboration and professional leadership. |
| Target groups and  Stakeholders (enterprises,  Student organizations, for SM  -Ministry of Education and Science of Kyrgyzstan) | Ministry of Education and Science of the Kyrgyz Republic  Ministry of Social Protection of the Kyrgyz Republic  International University of Kyrgyzstan  Kyrgyz State Pedagogical University named after Arabaev |
| If possible information about other HEIs in Kyrgyzstan to be involved in project |  |