**Kyrgyz Economic Information named after M. Ryskulbekov**

**Brief information for partnership in Tempus program**

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| **Institution** | |
| **NAME** | **Kyrgyz Economic University named after M. Ryskulbekov (KEU)** |
| **COUNTRY** | **Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic (Kyrgyzstan)** |
| **WEBSITE** | <http://www.keu.edu.kg/> |
| General Information about region/town | **Kyrgyzstan,** officially Kyrgyz Republic, is a country located in Central Asia. It is a unitary Parliamentary Republic. Landlocked and mountainous Kyrgyzstan is bordered by Kazakhstan to the west, Tajikistan to the southwest and China to the east. Its capital and largest city is Bishkek with a population of more than one million inhabitants.  Bishkek is also the administrative centre of [Chuy Province](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chuy_Province) which surrounds the city, even though the city itself is not part of the province but rather a province-level unit of Kyrgyzstan. |
| **DESCRIPTION OF THE INSTITUTION** | Kyrgyz Economic University (KEU) was established in 1954 as educational organization. Since then, it has developed a different models and systems of management of the university. Today, the university offers economic, management, service (tourism, technology of cooking, hotel and restaurants services etc.) and IT education of students in bachelor`s, master`s and post-graduate degree studies.  The administration, teachers and working group have sufficient operational experience in the international projects.  The university has stable qualitative parameters on educational, scientific programs, administrative and managerial system. The university is opened for the international cooperation.  KEU as one of the pioneer in the Kyrgyz Republic, which transferred to introducing of Bologna principles of education, created corresponding structures and posts like: department of quality assurance, office-registrar, course-managers, advisers and group of tutors etc. |
| **THE UNIVERSITY STRUCTURE** | The university structure includes: institutes, faculties, departments, college and lyceum.  **Faculties:**   1. **Faculty of accounting and finance** 2. **Faculty of management and tourism** 3. **Faculty of business and service** |
| **KEU IN NUMBER** | Students - 3002  Academic staff – 365 |
| **Previous and ongoing projects** | * (Tempus Project) TACIS – Bilateral Exchange Programme Agreement in the Framework of Tempus Tacis Project CP – CD – 20583- 1999 * ToHost – Tourism and Hospitality studies in Central Asia ToHost – CA MP JEP 23027 – 2002 * (Tempus Project) TTER – Training for tourism Education Reform TEMPUS-TACIS CM\_SCM-TO33A06-2006 * MUNDUS-ECW Erasmus Mundus, External Cooperation Window (EMECW132838-EM-1-2007-BE-ERA * ERAMUNDUS – Action 2 – Partnership Strand 1 ECW-L09 (182873) * CANQA – Central Asian Network for Quality Assurance and Accreditation, 145688-TEMPUS-2008-BE-SMHES (2008-2011) * PERSEUS – Plan to Establish Research Science Enterprise Oriented Universities for the benefit of Society, Tempus 145171-2008-ES-SMHES * SIU project number CPEA-2011/10017. Project – Education in the filed of innovation and sustainable tourism in Krygyzstan, Georgia and Norway, Project period January 2012 – 2014, Telemark University College (TUC), students exchange program |
| **Ongoing international cooperation** | * Great University Charter, Magna Charta Universitatum, * Association of Central and Eastern Europe (CEEMAN); * International association of high schools’ in tourism and hospitality (EURHODIP); * Association of educational institutions “EdNet”; * Association “Kyrgyz Scientific-educational computer systems” (KSECS); * International Association of trade and economic education |
| **Brief information about faculties** | |
| **FACULTY OF ACCOUNTANCY AND FINANCE** | Faculty of accountancy and finance is the largest one at university with a wide range of programmers related to “Economy”, “Finance” and “World Economy”. The faculty consists of four departments:   * Finance and credit * Accounting, analysis and audit * Mathematics and naturally scientific disciplines * Theory of economy and world economy * Physical training   Since 2004 the faculty has been working with Bologna principals of education based on European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). In connection with it, self-study of students became important part of study process; in addition, there were introduced new posts like: advisor and tutor.  The faculty actively introduces innovation technologies in the process of education, thus making their classes more interesting and efficient. |
| **FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT AND TOURISM** | The faculty provides an education in the following programmes: “Management organization”, Economics and management of enterprises”, Socio-cultural service and tourism”. These educational programmers comprise the synthesis of European and local approaches and provides for Bachelor`s degree of “Management” and “Economics”.  The faculty consists of 4 departments: “Tourism, hospitality and entrepreneurship”, “Economics, management and marketing”, “Foreign language”, “Philosophy and social science”.  There is favorable conditions and requisites to study and work which meet the modern requirements of educational sphere.  Kyrgyz Economic University is prize-winner of the competition “Kyrgyzstan – country of tourism” held in 2005 and was recognized as the best high educational institution in the sphere of tourism. |
| **FACULTY OF BUSINESS AND SERVICE** | The goal of institute is to train mobile and smart professionals in the sphere of commerce, catering and Information Technology. Three departments function under the institute: “Commodity research and expertise, technology”; “Applied informatics”; “Official and state languages”.  IBS provides an education in the following programmers:   * “Customs expertise”; * “Commodity research and expertise”; * “Catering technology” (Specializations: Restaurant service, Catering for tourists); “Retraining in catering”; * “Management (management in restaurant business, management in light industry)”; * “Applied informatics”. |
| **INSTITUTE OF LIFE-LONG OPEN LEARNING** | ILOL provides the continuous education according to the educational programmes “second professional higher education – the second higher education”. Thus, facilitating study in all stages of age to accept the second degree of high education. There is flexible system of study which means that students are allowed to recommence the study at any level of education. This makes more comfortable to study for those who are dealing with corresponding areas of work. The programme of ILOL is favour the development of effective way of teaching by forming the complex and integral approach to knowledge.  **Faculty of distance and evening learning**  The faculty is the subdivision of ILOL. There are following educational programmes function: “Finance and credit”, “Accountancy, analysis and audit”, “Management organization”, Commodity research and expertise”, Catering”. |
| **TEACHING- METHODICAL WORK AND EUROPEAN SUPPLEMENT TO THE DIPLOMA OF KEU** | One of the main activities of the university is teaching-methodical work. Main tasks are to promote improving the teaching methods, professional development of academic staff of the university. Improving of teaching-educational process is also important part of the university`s activities.  For the last year, 10 teachers participated in the competition “The best innovative teaching-methodical complex of educational programme based on competent approach for higher educational institution of the Kyrgyz Republic” organized by Ministry of Education and Science and Association of educational organizations “EdNet”.  In the framework of teaching-methodical work implemented the following:   * worked out the provision about manager`s courses. Methodical recommendations about preparation for written exam. An electronic teaching-methodical complex provision; * the elective disciplines for students are introduced, for instance: Business English, Kyrgyzstan in 21 century, Communication, Chinese language, Principle of academic honesty; * tranings for young teachers are held on theme: “Pedagogy and psychology at higher school“, „Interactive methods of teaching“. New types of lecture. „Heuristic method“ and „Art of oral presentation“ for teachers of economics, „Business games“, „Text handling“; * Diploma Supplement of European standard is issued for Master`s degree |
| **QUALITY EDUCATION AND INNOVATIVE TEHCNOLOGY** | KEU is focused on quality of education and using modern information technology in the study process of the university, for example:   * introducing the system of management quality; * improving the quality of academic staff; * introducing innovative technologies of study and university management.   There is monitoring system of student`s knowledge which carried out by written exam and computer test. The last one ensure the highest reliability of knowledge assessment, thus facilitating teachers` work while assessing the students` work. Objective, reliability, assessment of knowledge and other advantages of computer test can be implemented only in accordance with the text content of the subject. |
| **CENTER FOR CAREER AND MARKETING** | The center provides a wide range of meetings with leading companies and organizations in order to assist to alumni for searching job. There are bilateral agreements between more than 110 companies in different branch of economy and public bodies. The main partners are: Microcredit company „FINCA“, Ministry of Finance, Trade union, Bank Asia, Muza Travel, hotel Silk Road Lodge, Sayakat,, Target tourism etc. Thus, the center assists graduates to achieve their career goals by providing professional development skills and employment opportunities for new alumni entering the job market in public and private organizations, agencies as well as in educational institutions. |
| **SCHOOL OF MASTER`S STUDY AND SCIENCE PROGRAMME** | The school provides an education for Master`s degree in the field of „Economics“, „Finance and credit“, „Management“. The lectures are taught by leading teachers and scientists of the university and other partner universities.  The Master`s study programme is built on the basis synthesis of european and local approaches and provides for adopting the Master`s degree in the:  „Management“;  „Economics“.  The main application requirements: Each applicant is required to have a Bachelor`s degree in the fields of economics and management.  Alumni obtained the MA Diploma are likely to find job opportunities with organizations, governments, business sector, NGOs and universities. |
| **SH. MUSAKOJOEV RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF INNOVATIVE ECONOMICS** | The institute function as a main research centre in the fields of innovation in the Kyrgyz Republic. It implements research projects upon the agreement with Ministry of Education and Science. 6 research projects implemented in the following areas:  1. Strategy of innovative modernization of economic development of the Kyrgyz Republic up to 2035;  2. Forming competitive environment  3.Series of textbooks of economics for secondary and high schools  4. Action measures of Interstate target programme cooperation in the field of innovation of Common Wealth Independent States up to 2020;  5. Elaboration of stabilization methods of carotinoids  The institute staff take active part in workgroup, commission, seminars, workshop, research conferences at local and international levels.  Students' life at KEU is varied and full of different social and cultural events and is never boring. Competitions, concerts, KVN, meetings with interesting people, themed evenings, sports events etc. are all part of university life. KEU students have a reputation for being good stage managers and performers of interesting entertainment programs and shows. It has become a good tradition to hold a memorial service for students annually, have autumn balls, celebrate New Year, Christmas, St. Valentine's day, Graduation Ball, Youth Day, Students' Day and etc.  In our University there is a working principle: student + teacher = equal partnership. All problems are solved together and the basis of all activity is academic honesty and conscientiousness.  There are all conditions for realization of student talent and abilities in the University. There are folklore and dance groups and our students participate in various festivals and competitions. |
| **WHAT KIND OF CONTRIBUTIONS CAN MAKE KEU IN PROJECT REALIZATION** | * Promote research and teaching activities of academic staff, young scholars and students; * Support the internationalization of educational programs in the filed of economics, management, tourism, service and food safety; * Development the basis of introduction of PhD program in the system of education of Kyrgyz Republic; * Participate in mobility program; * Organize conference, seminars, workshops; * Coordinate and assist in implementation of projects * Assist in forming the consortium within a project. |

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