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| Role in the institution | | **The Geography and Environmental Sciences Department (GEN) offers undergraduate degree programs in the field of geography. All courses in the department are designed to meet requirements of modern education with high standards. The department provides students with the knowledge and skills they need to become highly qualified specialists. GEN also delivers courses for the multi-disciplinary department in economics, management, civil engineering and petroleum engineering.** | | | |
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| **PROJECT INFORMATION** | | | | | |
| Discipline/Academicfield | | | **Geography** | | |
| Type of project idea | | | **Joint Project**  Curricular Reform | | |
| My role in the project? | | | **Applicant** | | |
| Which National / Regional Priority? | | | **National** | | |
| Which countries should be involved? | | | **Local and International** | | |
| Duration of the project? | | | **3 years** | | |
| **Project description** | | | | | |
| In 2005, Azerbaijan joined the process intending creation of a single European space of higher education and which began in 1999. Joining of Azerbaijan to the Bologna process made a need to get higher education in the country, meeting the common European standards. Since 2005, reforms are carried out in this direction.  Recently, Azerbaijani labour market needs in high quality specialists. Therefore, there is an urgent need to prepare high quality specialists in local conditions. However, recent capacity of local universities is rather weak. Developing a universities’ capacity at the national level will allow for better education that can lead to sufficient transformations in a society as well.  In 1999, after the approval of the "Reform Programme in the field of education in Azerbaijan Republic", in entire education system, including at high education level the reform has become systematic. New specialties, departments were added to the structure of specialist training. The speciality of geography at the Khazar University was opened in 2008. Recent capacity of the university is not sufficient to meet all the educational needs.  The goal of the proposed project is Improvement of education on Geography and Environmental Sciences in Azerbaijani Universities. The project are expected to meet the European Universities standards and experience in modernization of curricula on Geography and Environmental Sciences and establish a Water Management Center at Khazar University and equip it with advanced technology that will allow staff and students to make research and analysis.  The new condition that will be created after the project is completed will enable to power capacity of Khazar University and increase quality of education. In addition we are going to conduct trainings and non degree courses for students of participating universities. The center will also develop training courses for teachers in Water Management for Azerbaijani Universities.  Within the center will be established a laboratory that will be maintained with modern computers and analysis equipments as well. Using the advanced equipment of the laboratory, students and academic staff will be able to conduct regular research and analysis.  The target groups for the project are undergraduate and graduate students and academic staff from all participating institutions. Administrative staff will be involved in the management and planning of the activities, as well as in the quality control of the project. Academic staff and students will be exchanged during the second and the third years of the project through the respective mobility programs.  This project will contribute to improvement and the modernization of teaching methodology in Geography and Environmental Sciences in Azerbaijani Universities.  We are looking for partners from EU countries with experience in the field of Geography and Environmental Sciences with specialisation on Water Management to help us to achieve the goal of proposed project. | | | | | |