

Editorial

Dear readers,

a new year brings new challenges and new joys. We have started into the year 2015 with a number of new to-dos, new partners and new projects.

We are also currently promoting the 5th Call of the APPEAR programme. The programme has three **new target countries - Armenia, Georgia and Moldova**. So if you are a university and wish to foster your collaboration with a university in these countries take a closer look at the information in the article below.

Enjoy reading!

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Thematic Article

APPEAR - supporting higher education and research through academic partnerships and scholarships

APPEAR - 5th Call for Submissions is Open!

The Austrian Partnership Programme in Higher Education and Research for Development - APPEAR is a programme of the Austrian Development Cooperation (ADC) with the aim to implement its strategy in support of higher education and research for development on an academic institutional level in the ADC's southern priority countries and key regions and in three priority countries of the South Caucasus and Black Sea Region.

The overall objective is to strengthen the institutional capacities in higher education, research and management in the addressed countries through Academic Partnerships with Austrian higher education institutions and Master's and PhD scholarships as a contribution to effective and sustainable reduction of poverty.

Components

The programme has two components whereby the focus is on the academic partnerships. However, this is closely related to master's and PhD scholarships that mainly support students and academics from already existing APPEAR partnerships to implement long lasting and sustainable cooperation. Both components share the overall objective of strengthening the institutional capacity of the partners institutions in the eligible countries.

Component 1:

- Academic Partnerships and Advanced Academic Partnerships in higher education, research and management
- Preparatory Funding to support researchers and institutions who do not yet have well-established links to jointly plan and elaborate a project proposal

Component 2:

- Scholarships for master's and PhD studies in Austria for students and academics from the eligible countries

Thematic focus of the programme

Strengthening of institutional capacities in higher education and research for development:

- Water supply and sanitation, rural development, sustainable energy, environment and natural resources; in this field a consideration of the Nexus approach (water - energy - food security) is welcome
- private sector development
- Poverty reduction, peace building and conflict prevention, governance and human rights, gender equality
- Strengthening of skills in social sciences as an instrument to systematically analyze the reasons of poverty and to empower capacities in social science research

Eligible countries

- Ethiopia, Uganda, Kenya
- Mozambique
- Cape Verde, Burkina Faso, Senegal
- Nicaragua, El Salvador, Guatemala
- Bhutan, Nepal
- Palestinian Territories
- Georgia, Armenia, Republic of Moldova

Possible activities

In the field of higher education and research

- Development of curricula or learning material (e.g. innovative content)
- Assurance of quality standards in teaching, methodology and research and improvement of academic management capacities
- Training measures for the academic staff
- Development of joint study programmes with joint degrees
- Exchange of teaching, research or management staff (between the Austrian institution and institution(s) in the addressed countries)
- Short term exchange of students (between research institutions in the eligible countries)
- Partners prepare jointly applications for specific international or EU-programmes.
- Development of co-financing strategies as contribution to sustainable partnerships
- Applied and demand-driven research projects based on the institutional and societal needs in the eligible countries
- Development of research projects and dissemination of results and findings in collaboration with NGOs as a contribution to poverty reduction and improvement of the livelihood of marginalised societal groups in the addressed countries

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Detailed information, application forms and documents can be found at www.appear.at/application

Recent News & Events

14.04.2015

UNIMIG final event in Tbilisi



Tbilisi. The final event of the project UNIMIG - Migration and Higher Education - Building Skills and Capacities was held in Tbilisi at the premises of the Tbilisi State University from 8.-9. April 2015. [read more](#)

23.02.2015

KTU - Study Visit and Consortium Meeting



Budapest. Meeting within the TEMPUS project KTU: Knowledge Transfer Units - From Applied Research and Technology-Entrepreneurial Know-How Exchange to Development of Interdisciplinary Curricula Modules“. The meeting took place in Budapest, Hungary, from 23rd to 26th February 2015. The meeting was organized by Demola, Open Innovation Platform of Budapest and gathered representatives from 12 partner organisations of the project Consortium. The meeting also included a study visit for

Knowledge Transfer Units from Partner Country Universities (PCUs) in Ukraine.

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10.02.2015

MAIN - Workshop in Graz



Graz. The workshop of the TEMPUS project „MAIN: Mastering innovation in Serbia through development and implementation of interdisciplinary post-graduate curricula in innovation management“ took place in Graz, Austria, from 10 - 11 February 2015.

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03.02.2015

Veritas - Training on Formulation of Award Criteria & Quality Standards in Doctoral Education



Yerevan. Higher Education Professionals from Armenian and Europe met in Yerevan/Armenia from January 26-27, 2015 to discuss award criteria and quality standards and procedures in doctoral education. [read more](#)

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