

Strengthening Research Development and Innovation (RDI) in higher education in Azerbaijan

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Project description:

Project objective is strengthening of policy&management of RDI in higher education in three components. C1: Developing capacity to manage RDI in HE - A national coordination model for RDI in Azerbaijani HE system to be proposed. Up to 3 funding schemes to be designed, one piloted. Evidence based policy development to be supported with sound monitoring processes on financing, results/outputs and impact assessments. C2: Improving capacities to participate in research funding opportunities -The capacity of the RDI centres & ULPs in identifying and promoting funds for RDI to be strengthened. To increase R&I activities in HEI, new incentives for the academic staff to be designed. "Open Innovation" concept, including model of cooperation between HEIs, industry& government will be developed. "Open Science" concept to be developed to promote excellence in research and ensure wider dissemination.

C3: Modern doctoral training programme - New strategic framework for modern doctoral training programmes with new learning outcomes-based curricula to be designed. Training curricula for trainers in the area of RDI related skills to be developed and piloted.

Expected results:

- A national coordination model for RDI in Azerbaijani higher education system;
- Three schemes (one financial) designed and the Beneficiary staff trained to implement them;
- Sound monitoring processes of RDI activities at Azerbaijani Universities;
- Strengthen capacity of the university RDI centres and University Liaison Points in identifying and promoting research funding opportunities;
- Model of cooperation between higher education institutions, industry and government;
- "Open Innovation" model for shared use of research infrastructure;
- "Open Science" model to promote excellence in research and ensure wider dissemination;
- Modern doctoral training programmes with new learning outcomes-based curricula designed and piloted as five e-courses on research and innovation topics for 300 PhD students and other interested stakeholders.