

**Azerbaijan Teachers Institute** is looking for educational institutions as partners to apply for Tempus IV programme.

ATI was founded in the beginning of XX century and has branches in 11 regions of Azerbaijan. ATI is unique in a sense – this is the only Institute in Azerbaijan which along with Bachelor and Masters degrees in different fields of study, offers additional education and retraining courses. Our Institute is leading in Azerbaijan’s system of additional education and upskilling. Each year more than 10.000 high education institution and secondary school teachers, kindergarten tutors study at the advanced courses of ATI.

We would be glad to find partners interested in the Tempus IV focused on

**“Improvement of working mechanisms of Additional Education and teaching capacities in Azerbaijan”.**

In line with the “State Program on reforms in the higher education system of the Republic of Azerbaijan in 2009-2013” and also the will of the country to integrate into European education system the project envisages to develop not only an ideal mechanism defining demands and needs of audiences in AE, but what is more important to design a model based on partners experience that will be applicable in Azerbaijan. Taking into account that the majority of ATI’s teachers and students are women the project will also enhance women empowerment in higher education.

Summarizing the project by stages would give us following:

- Identification of current situation of AE in Azerbaijan and EU Universities and also analysis of the effects of the initiated reforms;
- Design of a strategic plan for introducing of updated or even new mechanisms of AE without losing traditions and identities of Azerbaijan;
- Implementation of new mechanisms during the third project year;
- Evaluation of changes in AE in ATI including 11 branches at the end of the project;
- Dissemination of results in the form of a brochure and an international conference. 11 branches of ATI is an ideal network for dissemination.

If you would be interested in discussing proposals, I encourage you contact me.

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