

TEMPUS

Modernising higher education

TEMPUS IV- FOURTH CALL FOR PROPOSALS

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Part I

Basic features of the Tempus programme



BASIC FEATURES OF TEMPUS IV

Objectives:

- To support the modernisation of Higher Education in Partner Countries of the surrounding area, including Central Asia.
- To establish an area of cooperation between the European Union (EU) and the Partner Countries.
- To favour voluntary convergence with the EU developments in the field of Higher Education.

BASIC FEATURES (II)

Approach:

- Institutional cooperation.
- Bottom-up programme mainly implemented through calls for proposals seeking projects targeting reforms in higher education institutions and/or systems.
- Strong involvement of national authorities.
- Strong accent on dissemination, sustainability and exploitation of results.
- Complements other EU mobility programmes (e.g. Erasmus Mundus).



BASIC FEATURES (III)

Local Support:

- National Contact Points (NCPs) in EU Member States
- National Tempus Offices (NTOs) in Partner Countries (PCs)



3 TYPES OF ACTIONS

- **Joint Projects:** implemented at institutional level to reform curricula, improve university governance, create more links with society.
- **Structural Measures:** implemented at national level for the development and reform of national higher education structures and systems in Partner Countries.
- **Accompanying Measures:** dissemination and information activities (*conferences, studies, exchange of good practice, National Tempus Offices, Higher Education Reform Experts, etc.*)

GRANT SIZE = €500 000 to €1 500 000

- For both Joint Projects and Structural Projects.
- Minimum grant size for national projects from Montenegro and Kosovo: €300,000.
- Minimum co-financing: 10%

PROJECT DURATION = 24 or 36 months

ELIGIBLE PARTNERSHIPS

National projects: <i>(targeting 1 single Partner Country)</i>	Multi-country projects: <i>(targeting more than 1 Partner Country)</i>
minimum of 6 HE institutions	minimum of 7 HE institutions
3 from the involved Partner Country	2 from <u>each</u> involved Partner country (minimum 2 PC)
3 from 3 different EU countries	3 from 3 different EU countries

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Joint Projects:

- State-recognised public or private HE institutions (either in EU or PC)
- Associations, organisations or networks of HE institutions

Structural Measures:

- State-recognised public or private HE institutions (either in EU or PC)
- Associations, organisations or networks of HE institutions
- Rector/teacher/student organisations



ELIGIBLE PARTNERS

- State-recognised public or private HE institutions (either in EU or PC)
- Associations, organisations or networks of HE institutions
- Rector/teacher/student organisations
- Non-governmental organisations
- Social partners and their training organisations
- Private and public enterprises
- Research institutions
- Public administrations (*Ministries, other national/regional/local administrations*) or governmental organisations BUT with special conditions (*eligible for reimbursement of travel costs and costs of stay only*)

ELIGIBLE PARTNERS

Additional condition for Structural Measures

- The **Ministry/ies responsible for higher education** in each Partner Country must be involved.
- BUT special status.



Programme themes

Themes structured around the main components of the modernisation agenda for higher education.

➤ Joint projects:

- Curriculum reform
- Governance reform
- Higher Education and Society

➤ Structural measures

- Governance reform
- Higher Education and Society



Programme themes

❖ Curricular reform

- ✓ Modernisation of curricula: ECTS, 3 cycles, recognition of degrees

❖ Governance reform

- ✓ University management and student services
- ✓ Introduction of quality assurance
- ✓ Institutional and financial autonomy & accountability
- ✓ Equal access to HE
- ✓ Development of international relations

❖ Higher Education and Society

- ✓ Training of non-university teachers
- ✓ Development of partnerships with enterprises
- ✓ Knowledge triangle education/research/innovation
- ✓ Training courses for public services (Min./ local auth.)
- ✓ Development of lifelong learning
- ✓ Qualifications frameworks



NATIONAL AND REGIONAL PRIORITIES

National projects

(targeting 1 single Partner Country)

- Focus on the national priorities set for the Partner Country.
- Defined by the Ministries of Education in close consultation with the European Union Delegations.

NATIONAL AND REGIONAL PRIORITIES

Multi-country projects

(targeting more than 1 Partner Country)

- Focus on the regional priorities common to all PC within a specific region.
- Extracted from strategic documents of European Commission.
- Can address a national priority which is common to all participating PCs.
- Cross regional cooperation: Possible if the theme of the proposal is identified as a regional or national priority for all the participating PCs.

Priority given to project proposals that:

- Demonstrate a **wide impact** on higher education institutions and systems.
- Involve a representative number of **higher education institutions** from a **Partner Country**.
- **Structural Measures** projects.
- **Multi-country** projects.
- Projects actively **involving** students, women, enterprises, social partners, research institutions, Ministries of Education, NGOs and other non-academic organisations

Part II

Third call for proposals

Quick overview on the selection process and the results



Main steps in the selection process

Process monitored by a Selection Committee (EACEA, Commission)

- **Reception of project proposals: 9 March 2010**
- **Eligibility check**
- **Evaluation of proposals against award criteria by independent experts** (Each application assessed by two different experts) (peer review)
- **Consultation on the shortlisted proposals**
EU Delegations, NTOs and Ministries of Education in Partner Countries
- **Award decision**

Total number of applications received

- Received applications
 - 450 proposals
 - 90 (20%) PC co-ordinator (grant-holder)
- Average budget size: € 950.000
- Average consortium size: 13 partners

Overview of the results of the third call for proposals

450 applications received – 400 eligible

64 proposals recommended for funding

18 proposals have Partner Countries as co-ordinator (28% of the selected projects)

50 Joint Projects

14 Structural Measures (22%)

31 proposals are multi-country (48%)

33 proposals are national (52%)

€ 848.000 = average budget size

14 partner institutions = average consortium size

Selection Results/Tempus IV

	1 st Call	2 nd Call	3 rd Call
Proposals recommended for funding	76	69	64
Proposals with Partner Country co-ordinators	18 (23,6%)	15 (21%)	18 (28%)
Joint Projects	63 (82,8%)	50 (72,5%)	50 (78%)
Structural measures	13 (17,2%)	19 (27,5%)	14 (22%)
Multi-country projects	46 (60,5%)	34 (49%)	31 (48%)
National projects	30 (39,5%)	35 (51%)	33 (52%)

Selection Results/Tempus IV/Syria

University coordinator	Project title	Project type	Partner countries	EU countries	EU grant
Technische Universitaet Dresden	Development of a Modern Higher Education System for Water Engineering in Syria	SMHES	SY(8)	AT, CZ, DE, PL	914.961,00
Université Pierre Mendès France Grenoble II	Création d'un master , en réseau, sur le développement territorial, aménagement, tourisme et mise en valeur du patrimoine au Liban, Algérie et Syrie	JPCR	DZ (3), LB (2), SY (2)	BE, ES, FR, IT	1.121.968,49
University of Alicante	Promoting the modernization and strengthening of institutional and financial autonomy in Southern Neighbouring Area higher education institutions	JPGR	JO (2), LB (2), PS (2), SY (2)	AT, DE ES, IT	1.127.505,75
Salford University	Establishment of a Centre of Excellence for Research and Training in Construction and Environment at Damascus University	JPHEs	SY (6)	DE, FR, PT, UK	598.866,32



Part III

Fourth Call for proposals



Indicative roadmap for selection process – 4th Call for proposals

Steps	Date
Publication of Fourth Tempus IV Call for Proposals	15 October 2010
Deadline for submission of applications	15 February 2011
Expert assessment	March - end April 2011
Consultation of Ministries of Education in Partner Countries, EU Delegation and National Tempus offices	June 2011
Award decision and publication of results	July 2011
Preparation and signature of grant agreements	End July to September 2011
Start of eligibility period	15 October 2011

TEMPUS IV Indicative budget for projects selected under 4th Call: **48,7 €million**

Southern Mediterranean (ENPI South)	€ 11.4 million
Eastern Europe/Caucasus (ENPI East)	€ 11.4 million
Bilateral allocation for Russia (ENPI)	€ 4.5 million.
Western Balkans (IPA)	€ 12.4 million Albania €0.9; Bosnia and Herzegovina €2.2; Montenegro €1; Serbia: €6.3; Kosovo under UNSC Resolution 1244/99: €2
Central Asia (DCI)	€ 9 million (€ 1.8 million <i>indicative per country</i>)

Novelties under the 4th Call for proposals

Main changes:

1- Eligible countries:

- The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia is only eligible on a self-financing basis.
- Libya is a new eligible Partner Country

2- Relevance:

- Priority given to project proposals involving institutions that are new to the programme or have had limited participation in the previous calls for proposals

3- Financial conditions:

- Institutional costs for student mobility are no longer eligible

Novelties under the 4th Call for proposals

4- Mandates:

- Scanned versions can be accepted
- Ministries responsible for higher education in the Partner Countries may submit an endorsement letter at submission phase, however a signed mandate will be required if the application is selected for funding

5- Sub-contracting:

- Costs for subcontracting should not to be shown under “Staff costs” or “Travel costs” but as “**Other costs**” or under “**Printing a Publishing**”.



Submission of the applications: E-form

- Applications will be submitted **on-line** using the eForm:
- **On-line submitted eForm** (including mandatory annexes) is considered to be the **unique reference** document for the submission deadline.
- **Mandatory annexes:**
 - Declaration of Honour
 - Workplan and Budget Excel Table
 - Logical Framework Matrix



Submission of the applications: E-form

Paper copy by post

- **Complete paper copy of the eForm** to be sent by post, including the supporting documents signed in original, by the same deadline as the on-line submission **15 February 2011** (date of postmark).

- **Original supporting documents:**
 - Declaration of honour by the legal representative of the applicant organisation
 - Budget (excel tables) and workplan
 - Logical Framework Matrix
 - Legal entity form
 - Bank identification form
 - Profit and loss accounts/ Balance sheet (if applicable)
 - Mandates: Scanned versions can be accepted



Part IV

Tempus management by EACEA

Tempus Management by the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA)

- Since 1 April 2009 the Tempus programme is managed by the **Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency**.
- **Executive Agencies** were established by the European Commission to implement and to manage programmes and projects.
- They work under the supervision of the **European Commission**.



Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA)

- Fully operational since **January 2006**.
- Management of European actions in the **fields** of:
 - Education and training
 - Citizenship
 - Youth
 - Audiovisual
 - Culture

Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA)



Budget 2010: ~613 millions euros

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Management of the Tempus programme

EACEA

A single interlocutor for the whole project cycle

- **Calls for proposals**
- **Selection of proposals**
- **Contractualisation and funding**
- **Financial and content monitoring**



Management of the Tempus programme

Under supervision of:

- **DG EuropeAid** (for Southern and Eastern neighbouring area, Central Asia) and **DG Enlargement** (for Western Balkans)
- **DG External Relations** and **DG Education and Culture** closely associated

Part V

Tempus Programme in Syria



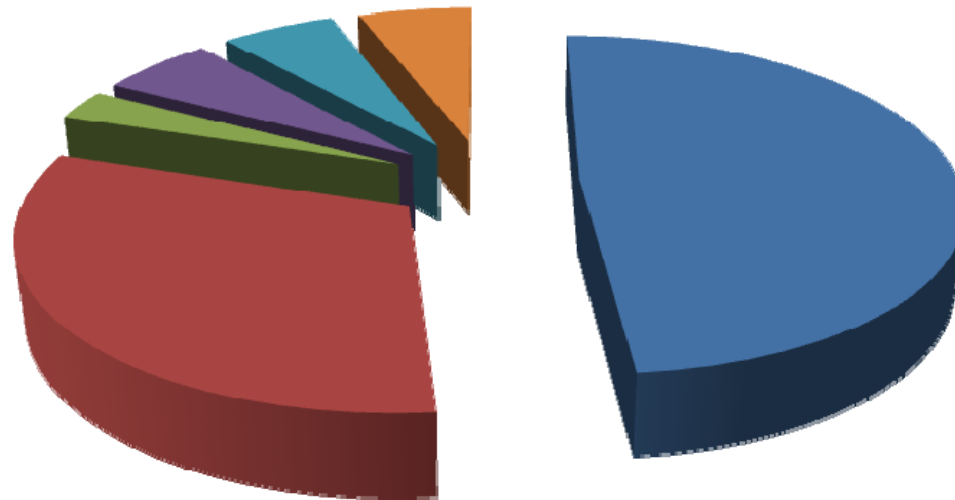
39 implemented and on going projects

- Mainly 27 projects directed towards curricula development
- and 12 projects towards university management and governance, and higher education and society
- Approximately, 4.5 million Euros were spent to buy equipments for the HE institutions
- 4.5 million Euros were spent on staff costs and salaries
- and 4.5 million Euros were spent for mobility from and to EU
- More than 350 academics and higher education administrators from Syria went and expected to go to Europe, and the same number of EU academics came and expected to come to Syria. All for more than 1200 mobility

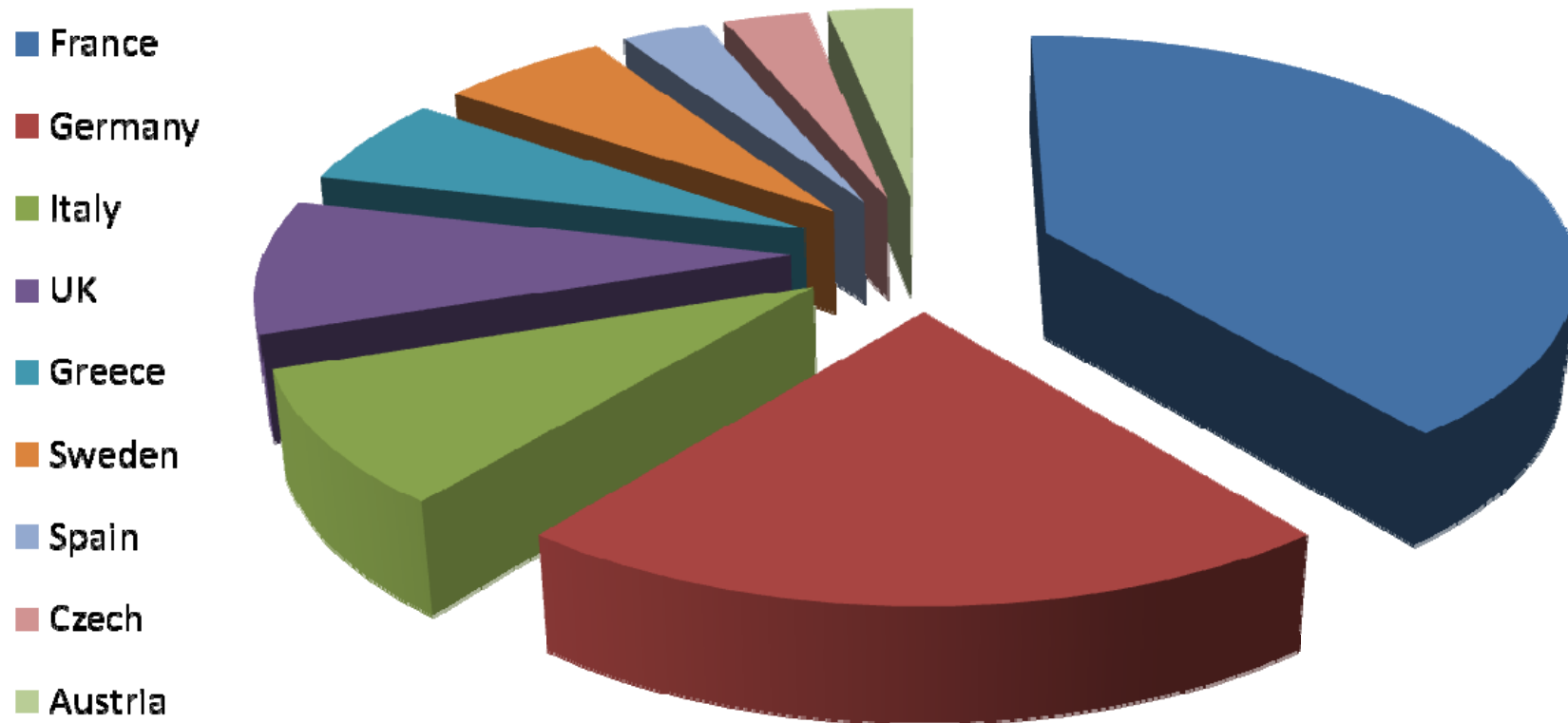


Distribution of projects in Syrian universities and HE institutions (coordinators)

- Damascus University
- Aleppo University
- Al-Bath University
- Tishreen University
- HIAST
- Ministry of Higher Education



Distribution of projects in EU countries (grant holders)



Syrian Priorities for Tempus IV- Fourth Call

- Projects supporting the current infrastructure for academic research in Syria
- Projects supporting the culture of academic research and research methodologies and in particular qualitative research
- Projects of developing curricula in the following subject areas: special needs, education and cultural studies, archeology, health management, biotechnologies, research methodologies ...



National Tempus Office in Syria (I)

- Information and promotion
- Advice to applicants
- Selection related activities
- Feedback activities on ongoing projects
- Cooperation and liaison
- Conducting studies in internationalization and higher education
- Support to a team of higher education reform experts
- Organization and participation in several conferences and activities relevant to higher education in Syria and in the region



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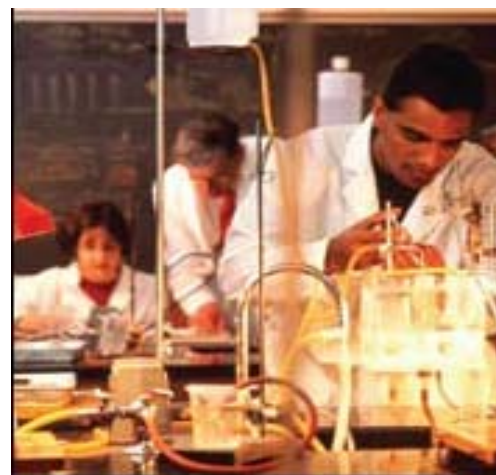


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