Evaluation of Quality of Cooperation in Education Ecosystem as a Mechanism for Building Professional Competencies

ENHANCING INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN HIGHER EDUCATION THROUGH EUROPEAN PROGRAMS: CASE STUDY "TEMPUS IV AT NVSU"

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ABOUT NVSU

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Nizhnevartovsk State University is located in the city of Nizhnevartovsk, 2nd largest city in Khanty-Mansiysk Autonomous Area – Yugra, center of the West Siberian oil-producing region, 2305 km away from the capital of Russia, Moscow.

ABOUT NVSU

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• Nizhnevartovsk State University (NVSU), established in 1988, is the first higher education institution in Khanty-Mansiysk Autonomous Area–Yugra.

• NVSU today is an innovative higher education institution, an educational center of the Eastern education Area of Yugra and a major supplier of highly qualified, competent and successful professionals.

• NVSU offers educational programs at bachelor, master, postgraduate and advanced training levels in humanities, natural sciences, economics and management, information technologies and mathematics, pedagogy and psychology, arts and design, engineering, physical training and sports.

FROM REGIONAL UNIVERSITY TOWARDS INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

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INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS AT NVSU

Apart from cooperation agreements, joint mobility initiatives, cross-border scholarships, NVSU has been actively involved in a range of international education and research projects:

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"ERASMUS+ (Action 1: Higher education student and staff mobility):
- University of Barcelona
- University college South Denmark

NORDIC-RUSSIAN COOPERATION PROGRAM "Bridging the cooperation gap: Nordic-Russian Network for International relations in Higher Education

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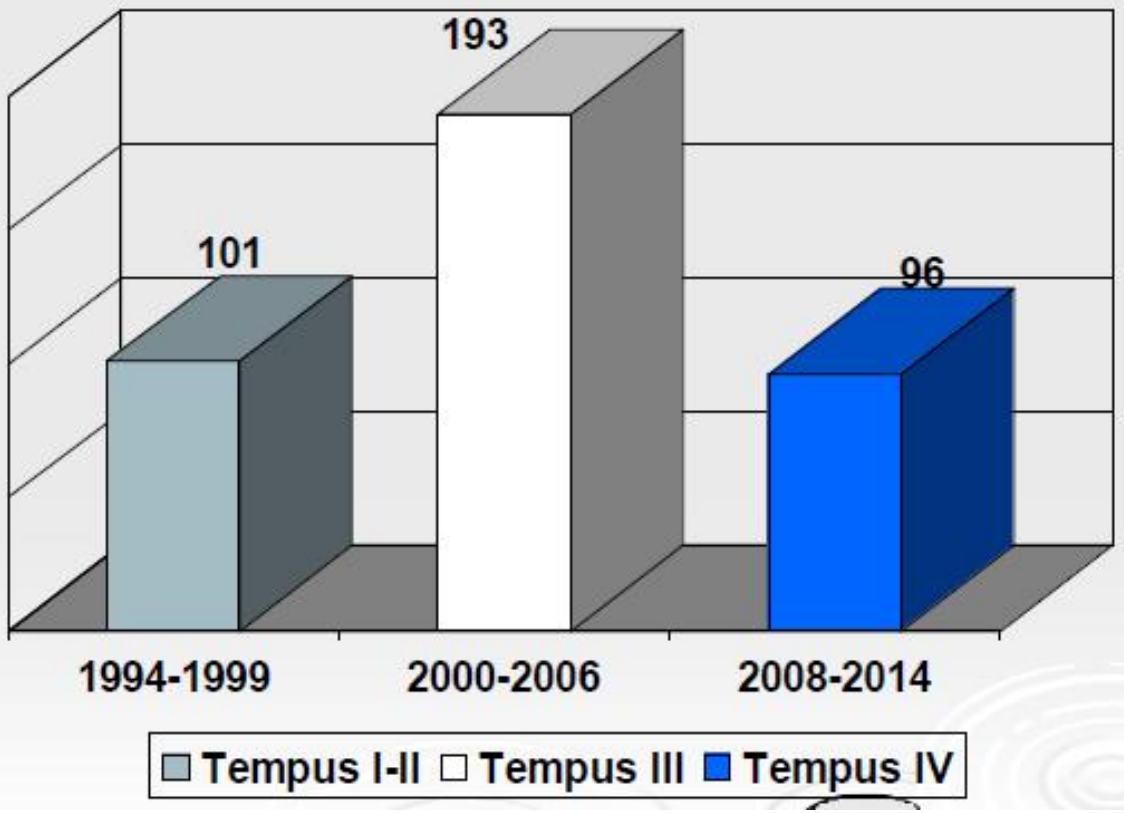
TEMPUS IV (2008-2014)

- is the European Union's programme which supports the modernisation of higher education in the Partner Countries of Eastern Europe, Central Asia, the Western Balkans and the Mediterranean region, mainly through university cooperation projects.

Impact of TEMPUS IV on HE in Russia

- ***Ø****Enhanced internationalization on the system and institutional level*
- ***Ø****Enhanced involvement in strengthening the EHEA*
- ***Ø****Enhanced curricula quality (competence-based standards, stronger links with industry…)*
- ***Ø****Enhanced role of universities in society (e.g. in LLL promotion and implementation)*

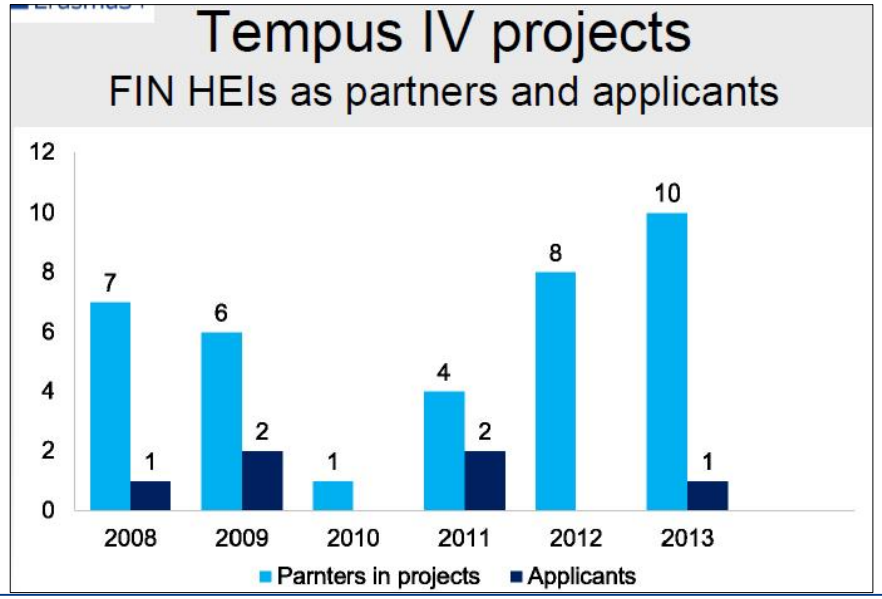
Number of projects with Russian participation



“Russian-Finnish Tempus Projects

- *Of high quality in terms of implementation and impact*
- *Characterized by strong commitment of Finnish partners*
- *Resulting in enhanced bilateral cooperation of universities”*

(National Erasmus + Office, Russia)



OVERVIEW OF E3M PROJECT

Project Title ”E3M - Evaluation of Quality of Cooperation in Education Ecosystem as a Mechanism for Building Professional Competencies”

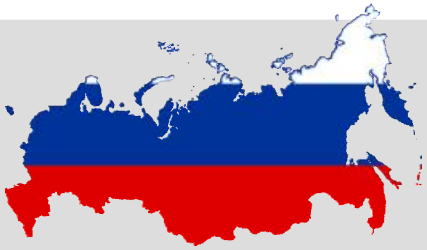
Project Number: 2013-5503/001-001

Duration: December 2013 – December 2016

Sub-programme: Joint Projects

Consortium: **eleven** partners from **five** countries

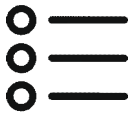
PROJECT CONSORTIUM

EU	RU
	
1.JAMK University of Applied Sciences – coordinator (Jyvaskyla, Finland) **2.AP University College** (Antwerp, Belgium) **3.University of Girona** (Girona, Spain) **4.Carinthia University of Applied Sciences** (Spittel, Austria)	**1.Nizhnevartovsk State University** – RU coordinator (Nizhnevartovsk, Russia) **2.Voronezh State University** **3.Herzen State Pedagogical University of Russia** (Saint-Petersbrurg) **4.Academy of Labour and Social Relations** (Moscow)
Non-academic Partners	
SPACE (Antwerp, Belgium)	Bologna Club (Rostov-on-Don)

OBJECTIVES

Wider Objective:

To promote the reformation and modernization of the higher education in the Russian federation

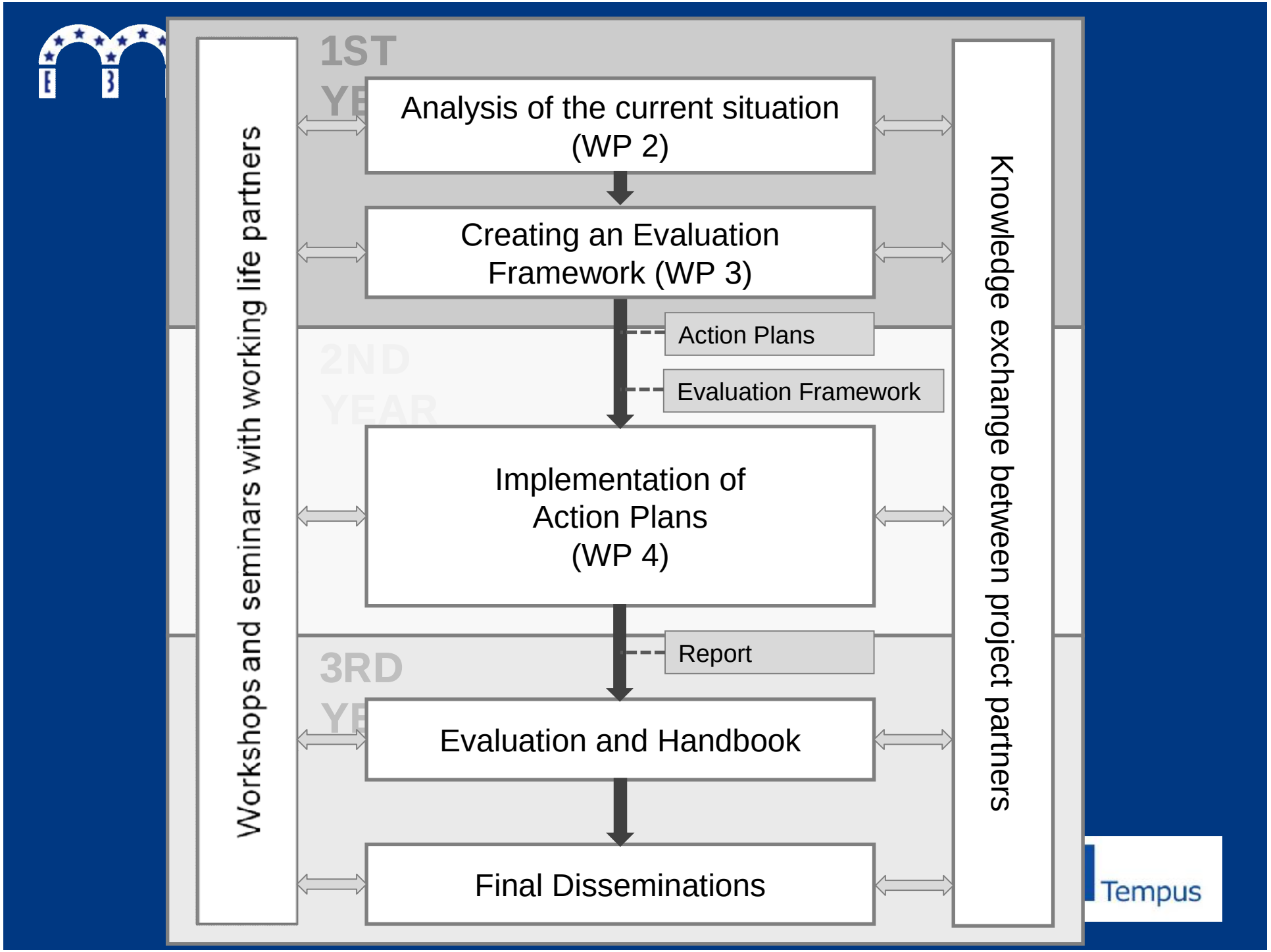


Specific Project Objectives:

- Assessment of cooperation between HEIs and working-life organizations using general evaluation framework
- Implementation of action plans to enhance working life relevance and cooperation in co-beneficiary HEIs.
- Increasing the know-how of HEI staff in working life cooperation methods and ways of integrating them into curricula.

WORKPLAN

Work Package	Leader
WP 1. Management	JAMK University of Applied Sciences
WP 2. Analysis of the present situation in cooperation between HEIs and working-life partners	VSU (Voronezh State University, Russia)
WP 3. Development of Action Plans	UdG (University of Girona, Spain)
WP 4. Implementation of the action plan at faculty level	**NVSU** (Nizhnevartovsk State University, Russia)
WP 5. Evaluation of the results: Guidelines for future improvement and wider implementation	AP (Artesis-Planteijn University College, Belgium)
WP 6. Dissemination of results	CUAS (Carinthia University of Applied Sciences, Austria)
WP 7. Exploitation of results	ALSR (Academy of Labour and Social Relations, Russia)
WP 8. Quality Management	Herzen State Pedagogical University of Russia


1ST YE
Analysis of the current situation (WP 2)
Creating an Evaluation Framework (WP 3)
Action Plans
Evaluation Framework
2ND YEAR
Implementation of Action Plans (WP 4)
Report
3RD YE
Evaluation and Handbook
Final Disseminations
Workshops and seminars with working life partners
Knowledge exchange between project partners
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EVENTS

Kick off Meeting and Steering Committee I

(8-11 April, 2014)

Herzen State Pedagogical University of Russia (Saint-Petersburg)

EVENTS II

Study of the Best EU practices in HEI-employer cooperation:

Benchmarking Visit (1-12 December, 2015)

- *JAMK University of Applied Sciences*
- *AP University College*
- *Carinthia University of Applied Sciences*

Benchmarking Visit II (18-29 May, 2015)

- *JAMK University of Applied Sciences*
- *Girona University*
- *Carinthia University of Applied Sciences*

JYVÄSKYLÄN AMMATTIKORKEAKOULU
JAMK UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES

Universitat de Girona

ARTESIS PLANTIJN HOGESCHOOL ANTWERPEN

CARINTHIA UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES
FACHHOCHSCHULE KÄRNTEN

Exploitation seminar (12-16 October, 2015)

- *Academy of Labour and Social Relations*

EVENTS

Meeting in Antwerp: Handbook and Dissemination (18-22 April, 2016) /

AP University College

(monitoring recommendations (EACEA, NEO Russia->additional meeting to discuss the format and content of the Project Handbook

EXPECTED RESULTS

Evaluation Framework
(HEI-employer cooperation)

Description of the Best Practices (RU and EU) -> Toolkit

Action plans (department/faculty level) and unified model (university) for Enhanced Cooperation between HEIs and employers in Russia

Project Handbook

IMPACT ON NVSU INTERNATIONZALIZATION

NVSU gains:

- First large multinational project (11 partners, 5 countries)
-Established partnerships with new EU partners (AP University College, Carinthia University of Applied Sciences) & deepen/strengthen cooperation in existing partnerships
- Exchange of best practices
- Analysis of the approaches, mechanisms and practices employed by the EU higher education institutions in “cooperation with employers”
- Develop strategies for efficient and effective HEI-enterprise cooperation aligned with regional priorities
- Promote academic mobility
- Upgraded competencies

Project Website:

http://www.tempus-e3m.com/

Questions?

Thank you!