

## EdNet Association



“Education Network” Association (EdNet) is a non-profit organization established in 2003. Education Network Association ([www.ednet.edu.kg](http://www.ednet.edu.kg)) is an association of higher educational institutions, which unites more than 30 universities from Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan and Tajikistan and is aimed at education quality enhancement and assisting assistance reformation in higher education. Based in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, EdNet’s mission is to meet increasingly challenging needs of the market and provide “Assistance to development and integration of business and education in Central Asian countries to enable the realization of the economic potential of the region”. To achieve its mission

EdNet develops successful partnership with local and international universities and educational institutions, government officials, business sector and donor organizations and unites their capacities in order to serve as a platform for the useful initiatives and reforms in higher education. EdNet has an exchange membership status with European Association of Higher Educational Institutions EURASHE and Central and Eastern European Association for Management Development CEEMAN. Moreover EdNet Association has a very well established partnership with the Ministry of education and science, Ministry of economic regulation, Ministry of youth and labour and with the wide range of civil society institutions and individual experts. Organization conducts surveys involving employers, students and other stakeholders to the process of education assessment.

EdNet Association has an experience of developing new state educational standards based on competence approach. Since 2007 more than 3000 faculties have attended School for teacher development of EdNet which educates the local and regional universities’ representatives how to develop programs and curricula on the base of competence approach.

EdNet Association is the founder of the journal "Higher Education of the Kyrgyz Republic", published quarterly and distributed among the universities of the country.



**Projects and programs carried out by Ednet Association:**

- «A study analyses about formation of the model for quality assurance and accreditation in Kyrgyzstan» (2009-2011)
- Project TEMPUS CANQA «Central Asian Network for Quality Assurance and Accreditation» (2009-2011)
- Project TEMPUS PERSEUS «Plan for the creation and development of research centers at universities, focused on meeting the needs of society» (2009-2013)
- Project Tempus EDUCA «Educational Management for Central Asia (Modernization and development of curricula on pedagogy and educational management in the Central Asian countries)» (2011 - 2013)
- Project Tempus CIBELES «Curriculum Invoking Bologna-aligned Education Leading to reform in Environmental Studies» (2010-2012)
- Since 2006 EdNet participated in «TUNING» project financed by Tempus program, and aimed at introduction of program structure and description at all levels using competency-based approach.
- «Support of the reforms in higher education in the Kyrgyz Republic» (2008)
- USAID - Student loans (EdNet organizes assessment of quality of education in pilot educational institutions of Kyrgyzstan) (2009-2010)
- «Quality of higher education: definition and instruments to assure it» project (2010)
- «Modernization of the content of higher education and quality assurance system» project (2011-2012).

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