







Georgian Partner HEIs:





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Role of Universities the Regional Development













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Background

International experience shows that economic growth depends on effective planning and implementation of not only national, but also regional development policies, it depends on strong and competitive regions. Regional development is viewed as an important factor for achieving success on a national level. Redefining mission and strategic development plans of the regional HEIs are important in order to be more relevant to the communities and regions where the universities are located. Therefore the project will address the challenges, namely the lack of cooperation between universities and local governments as well as less involvement of both sides into each other's Strategy and Mission development.

Objectives Aim:

The aim of the project is to make Georgian regional HEIs more relevant to the communities and regions they are located and to serve as a basis for regional development.

Specific Objectives of the project are:

- to develop mission, vision and strategic development plans for regional universities based on SWOT analysis and local needs analysis in cooperation with local authorities and social partners.
- to increase cooperation between Universities and Local Government Authorities to increase their capacity and enhance specification of each region.
- to improve and modernize the management structures in universities of Georgia and make their administrative structures compatible with those of the European universities by gathering and sharing best practices from EU Partners.

Outputs:

- SWOT analysis at Regional Universities.
- Training materials for Universities.
- Study of best practice of regional universities in EU
- Sharing of EU best practice at local level (in-house training);
- · Local needs analysis;
- Creation of Rectors' Conference:
- Training kits and trainings for HEIs administration and Local Authorities trainings;
- Updated/revised mission, vision and strategy of regional universities; Management Plan for each University; Enhancement of Professional capacity of HEIs and local government. LLL courses
- Project web-site, conference

