



Development of the Concept of the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) at the National Level: Harmonization of the Credit and Implementation of the Learning Outcomes Based Study Programme Design

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INTRODUCTORY TUNING SEMINAR FOR THE PROJECT EXPERTS

Vilnius, 25-26 March, 2010

**Venue: “Klaipėda” Hotel Conference Centre, L.Stuokos-Gucevičiaus str. 3, Vilnius
Vilnius University, Universiteto str. 3**

Goals of the seminar:

1. To acquaint Lithuanian experts with the expectations and position of national authorities on changes in Lithuanian higher education and establish Project's importance in the wider national and European context;
2. To give in-depth knowledge of ECTS and Tuning methodology to Lithuanian experts;
3. To discuss and compare the Lithuanian practice in study programmes design in different subject areas in the context of Tuning methodology;
4. To reach consensus on list of generic and subject specific competences to be used in professional field research;
5. To agree on the content of methodology developed by Subject Area Groups;
6. To discuss the tasks and their compatibility of Strategic Documents Development Groups;
7. To create *modus vivendi* among different working groups and experts of the project.

Outputs of the seminar:

1. Subject Area Groups' report on the existing practice on study programmes' design and its evaluation in the context of Tuning methodology;
2. The lists of generic and subject specific competences to be used in professional field research;
3. Consensus on the content of the methodology developed by Subject Area Groups;
4. Consensus concerning the compatibility of the tasks of Strategic Documents Development Groups;
5. Agreement concerning *modus operandi* within and among working groups.

Learning outcomes of the seminar:

After the seminar the participants will be able:

1. To place project activities and establish their importance in the wider national and European context;
2. To discuss applications of ECTS in different contexts;
3. To position the existing practice of programme design and credit allocation in Lithuania against the practice promoted by the ECTS and Tuning project;
4. To identify differences and similarities of the challenges in study programme design and implementation faced within the subject area;
5. To identify the (mal)practice of credit allocation and credit use;
6. To differentiate between the concepts of “learning outcomes” and “competences” in different contexts;
7. To express their views on generic and subject specific competences in their own subject area in ECTS terms.

PROGRAMME

THURSDAY, 25 MARCH 2010

- 10.00 – 10.30 Registration and Coffee
- 10.30 – 12.30 PLENARY SESSION “ECTS AND TUNING IN EUROPE AND LITHUANIA”**
City Hall, “Klaipėda” Hotel Conference Center
Chair: Dr. Rimantas Želvys, Vice-rector for Research of Vilnius Pedagogical University, member of the Strategic Group of the ECTS in Lithuania project
- 10.30 – 10.50 **Address by Mr. Gintaras Steponavičius, Minister of Education and Science of Lithuania**
- 10.50 – 11.50 **“Tuning in Perspective: profiles, learning outcomes, competences, ECTS, quality assurance”**
Dr. Robert Wagenaar, Joint coordinator of the Tuning Educational Structures in the European Projects
- 11.50 – 12.20 **“The Needs for Tuning in Lithuania: first impressions after the launching of the project for the development of the national concept of ECTS in Lithuania”**
Dr. Juozas Galginaitis, Vice-rector for Academic Affairs of Vilnius University, Leader of the ECTS in Lithuania project
- 12.20 – 12.30 **Research of professional field - prerequisite for study programmes’ development in accordance with Tuning Methodology**
Dr. Arūnas Poviliūnas, Head of the Department of Sociology, Vilnius University, member of the Strategic Group of the ECTS in Lithuania project
- 12.30 – 14.00 Lunch break
- 14.00 – 17.15 PARALLEL SESSIONS “NEEDS AND PRIORITIES FOR ECTS IMPLEMENTATION IN LITHUANIA”**
After short introductions of Tuning Experts the discussions on ECTS implementation in Lithuania will follow: study programmes’ design, promotion of incoming and outgoing students, establishing dialogues with the employers, use of ECTS in the lifelong learning context. ECTS terms and tools in different contexts will be explored and discussed
Facilitators: OVC Consulting
Group A - room 238 “Seminar room”, Universiteto str. 3
Group B - Park Hall, “Klaipėda” Hotel Conference Center
Group C - Tower Hall, “Klaipėda” Hotel Conference Center
Group D - room 238 “Seminar room”, Universiteto str. 3
Group E – City Hall, “Klaipėda” Hotel Conference Center
- 14.00 – 15.30 **I part of sessions**
- 15.30 – 15.45 Coffee Break
- 15.45 – 17.15 **II part of sessions**
- 17.15 – 17.30 Coffee Break at the Hotel
- 17.30 – 18.30 PLENARY SESSION “NEEDS AND PRIORITIES FOR ECTS IMPLEMENTATION IN LITHUANIA”**
City Hall, “Klaipėda” Hotel Conference Center
Presentations of parallel sessions’ results
- 18.30 – 20.00 Dinner at the hotel restaurant

FRIDAY, 26 MARCH 2010

- 10.00 – 13.00** **PARALLEL SESSIONS OF SUBJECT AREA GROUPS**
Chaired by the Tuning experts
Discussions on existing practice in Lithuania on the study programmes' development and its evaluation in the context of Tuning methodology.
Review and approval of the list of generic and specific competences to be used in professional research field.
Experts of Strategic Documents Development Groups are welcome to participate in the discussions of Subject Area Groups.
- Subject Area Groups:**
Public Health - Park Hall, "Klaipėda" Hotel Conference Center
Social Work - room 201, Faculty of Philosophy, Universiteto str. 9/1
Arts - City Hall, "Klaipėda" Hotel Conference Center
Informatics - Piazza Hall, "Klaipėda" Hotel Conference Center
Chemistry - Tower Hall, "Klaipėda" Hotel Conference Center
Philology - room 238 "Seminar room", Universiteto str. 3
Medicine - Park Hall, "Klaipėda" Hotel Conference Center
- 10.00 – 11.30 **I part of sessions**
- 11.30 – 11.45 Coffee Break
- 11.45 – 13.00 **II part of sessions**
- 13.00 – 14.30 Lunch at the hotel restaurant
- 14.30 – 16.00** **PARALLEL SESSIONS of SUBJECT AREA GROUPS and GROUPS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF STRATEGIC DOCUMENTS**
- 1. Parallel sessions of Subject Area Groups continued**
Chaired by the Tuning experts
- 2. Discussion of Strategic Documents Development Groups' experts**
Room 239 "Seminar room", Universiteto str. 3
Chaired by Ingrid van der Meer, Tuning expert and Raimonda Markevičienė, Head of the Office of International Programmes and Relations, member of Strategic Group of ECTS in Lithuania Project
Facilitator: Aurimas Juozaitis, OVC Consulting
Discussions on content of Strategic Documents Development Groups' tasks and their compatibility
- 16.00 – 16.15 Coffee Break at Hotel
- 16.15 – 17.00** **PLENARY SESSION – PRESENTATION OF THE OUTCOMES OF THE SEMINAR**
City Hall, "Klaipėda" Hotel Conference Center
Chair: Dr. Rimantas Želvys, Vice-rector for Research of Vilnius Pedagogical University, member of the strategic group of the ECTS in Lithuania project
- 17.00 – 18.30 Dinner at the hotel restaurant