

Horizon 2020
Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions
 ITN- European Training Networks

PROFILE FORM

Organization Name / Department	Caucasus University www.cu.edu.ge	Organization Short Name	CU
Organization Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private University <input type="checkbox"/> Public Research Centre <input type="checkbox"/> Large Scale Enterprise <input type="checkbox"/> Small and Medium Scale Enterprise	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Body <input type="checkbox"/> International NGO <input type="checkbox"/> National NGO	
Research Fields	<input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry CHE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Entrepreneurship, Innovation, Commercialization, Ent, Inn, Com. <input type="checkbox"/> Social and Human Sciences SOC <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Sciences ECO <input type="checkbox"/> Information Science and Engineering ENG <input type="checkbox"/> Environment and Geosciences ENV <input type="checkbox"/> Life Sciences LIF <input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics MAT <input type="checkbox"/> Physics PHY	<u>Sub-Fields / Keywords:</u> Agribusiness; Business Administration, green economy and energy saving technologies. Knowledge transfer, Research-oriented learning, modern entrepreneurial research methods.	
Short Description of the Organization / Department	<p>Caucasus University (CU) is an accredited higher education private institution for students seeking a superior education. Engaging teaching methods are used, and these are buttressed with professional experience programs and exchange programmes for both students and scholars. CU consists of various schools: Business, Law, Media, Technology, Humanities and Social Sciences, Governance, Tourism and Economics and HealthCare School. The university has the legal right to award standard and diplomacy specialist qualifications based on Georgian legislation: bachelors, masters and PhD degrees. There are also various certificate programs available at CU, including short study courses.</p> <p>Needs and offering for the project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research-oriented learning trainings in Business-Administration; • Teaching modern entrepreneurial research methods; • To train in teaching advanced research methods. 		
Previous Related Projects / Research Experience	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Seventh Framework Programme (EU), Project Title: "IncoNet Ca/SC", Grant agreement #244417, 2010 – 2013. 2. EE Project: "Training of Georgian experts with the help of the specialists of Tallinn University of Technology in order to commercialize innovation technologies and organize business incubators" (<i>Soros Foundation</i>), 2009 – 2010. 3. INTAS Project, NO:06-1000017-8811 South-Caucasian Republics: Research and Development of Science, Technology and Innovation Policy (SCRIPTS), 2007-2009. 4. Project "KOMNINOI- Modernization of Georgia's Legislation and Training of Civil Servants and Judges". Project funded by the Department of International Development Cooperation (Hellenic Aid) of the Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 2007-2008. 5. Project "Strengthening of Capacity to Improve the Quality of Higher Education in Georgia". Project funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Latvia, 2007. 6. ICEG European Center Project: Caucasus&Central Asia Review, Grant Agreement # 206160606, 2006-2008. 7. The Archimedes Foundation: "Analysis of existing Georgian key technologies", 2006-2007. 8. UN Development Program (UNDP) "Support in Implementation of EDPRP", 2004-2005. 		

<p>Short Description of the Project idea (if foreseeable)</p>	<p>Project foresees creating universities, private businesses and business support organizations international network, directed to train doctoral students in innovation, knowledge transfer, entrepreneurship and R&D, conducting university research and teaching based on business needs, to implement research oriented teaching programs, to support post – doctorates in order to continue continue their scientific activities, to increase set of skills, both research-related and transferable ones, to increase internationalization of participating organizations, to contribute researchers' competitiveness and growth. Above mentioned will facilitate creating doctoral international network, will foster increasing innovative capacity of universities, preparing highly qualified competitive specialties, increasing business competitiveness and considerable growth of PhD dissertations quality.</p> <p>Planned Activities within the Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Trainings <p>PhD Students and Post Docs training trips;</p> <p>Trainers' arrival in participant universities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Annual Conferences <p>Periodical participation in annual conferences.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Round Table <p>In participating countries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Program (joint) site creation. ✓ Seminars <p>For disseminating Program results gained in Tbilisi.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Creating Data Bank ✓ Other important activities for fullfiling the project
<p>Short Description of Project participant organizations</p>	<p>East European University (EEU) http://eeu.edu.ge (Georgia)</p> <p>(EEU) is a private university founded and accredited in 2012 in Georgia that strives for academic excellence and integrity in teaching and research. In 2012 EEU obtained authorization and programs' accreditation from National Centre for Educational Quality Enhancement of Georgia. EEU runs bachelor's and master's degree programs in faculties of Law, Business and Economics and Humanities. EEU offers excellent educational and research environment guaranteed by modern academic programs, high-qualified professors and best infrastructure.</p> <p>Needs and offerings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Implementing Research – oriented teaching programs in Business Administration; -(Agribusiness field) Agribusiness; Exploring modern methods in the direction of commercialization; -Assimilating modern approaches of knowledge transfer. Knowledge transfer; -Working out short-term training courses in the areas of agribusiness, green economy and energy saving technologies. -Trainings in Agriculture in Business Administration); <p>Georgian Institute of Public Affairs (GIPA) https://gipa.ge (Georgia)</p> <p>The non-profit organization Georgian Institute of Public Affairs (GIPA) was founded in 1994 based on an agreement between the Government of Georgia and the National Academy of Public Administration in Washington, D.C. with the goal of developing and implementing teaching and research programs to positively impact the effectiveness of public administration and respect for the public service in Georgia through the education of a cadre of public servants in public administration.</p>

Needs and offerings:

- To improve the standards of academic research: to strengthen the quantitative and qualitative research methodologies, evidence-based research, statistical and comparative analysis, to train local professors in teaching advanced research methods according the fields of Social Science (political science, economics; psychology, media, etc);
- To improve academic writing skills, to include proposal design, bibliography preparation, research grant application writing and scholarly article/thesis/dissertation writing;
- To encourage interaction between Georgian and international academic researchers;
- To foster interaction between researchers, civil society, and government policy-makers;
- To raise Georgian scholarship to an international standard;
- To encourage the publication of Georgian scholarly research in local and international academic journals;
- To develop research library capacity and resources for university professors and PhD candidates;
- Linkage between governmental structures and ongoing business, the aim of which is to support business activities by improving management of innovation activities;

Georgian Innovation and Technology Agency (GITA) <http://gita.gov.ge/ge/> (Georgia)

In the light of building the knowledge-based and innovation-driven economy of Georgia in 2014, the Government of Georgia, under the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development, has established the Georgia's Innovation & Technology Agency (GITA). Through its mandate, the Agency is in charge of innovation policy elaboration and implementation. The main directions of GITA in the process of building the innovation ecosystem in the country are (1) formation of legal framework for the development of innovational activities; (2) provision of infrastructure for innovations (Technological Park, Fabrication Laboratories (FabLab), Innovation Laboratories (iLab), Business Incubators, BroadBand for All – High Speed Fiber optic internet, Accelerators etc.); (3) capacity building on entrepreneurship and innovational skills (trainings, seminars, workshops, hackathons etc.); (4) promotion of entrepreneurship and development of innovative ideas by improving access to finance; (5) R&D commercialization.

Needs and offerings:

- GITA needs more opportunity for trained trainers, to communicate with them and in this framework bring foreign trainers in Georgia;
- Improving private sector competitiveness and productivity through a focus on MSMEs, Startups, increased access to finance, support measures to increase firms' capacity to innovate and to export, including the upgrading of broadband internet services in Georgia and strengthen the investment climate. The Government is keen to develop the capacity, services, and infrastructure for Georgia to form as an innovative, knowledge-based economy, while reducing individuals' and businesses' perception on the risks associated with innovation).
- During the project, GITA will support connection of academic sector with private sector, there has been a progress of partnering between academic institutions and private industry that's poised to address many of the modern challenges to advancing research, innovation and technological development. GITA also will participate in lobbying the methodology and be the mediator to the Research and Innovation Council.

Georgian Small and Medium Enterprises Association (GSMEA) (Georgia) <http://www.gsmea.ge/?lng=eng>

Georgian Small and Medium Enterprises Association – GSMEA is a non-political and non-profit organization founded in accordance with Georgian legislation on September 10, 2010. The association aims to protect the interests of small and medium businesses, to promote the creation of healthy competitive conditions in the country, as well as to establish active communications between SMEs and public agencies, financial institutions and international organizations.

Together with the small and medium businessmen, the founders of the association are following business-unions.

Needs and offerings:

Knowledge Raising of financial accounting international standards (IFRS for SMEs);

-Awareness raising of Small and medium enterprises in the area of fund raising (alternative ways of banks and MFOs in addition), particularly qualification raising in SMEs and start-up funding oriented private investment and venture capital funds obtaining.

-Professional development in Innovation and R&D commercialization (improving inventions and commercialization).

-Trainings in Business Development. The association aims to protect the interests of small and medium businesses, to promote the creation of healthy competitive conditions in the country, as well as to establish active communications between SMEs and public agencies, financial institutions and international organizations.

University of Economics in Bratislava (UEBA) <https://www.euba.sk/?lang=en> (Slovakia)

The University of Economics in Bratislava (UEBA) is nowadays considered one of the most important educational and scientific-research institutions in the Slovak Republic. The UEBA is a public Higher Education Institution focusing on Economics, Business, and Management.

It provides higher education in **Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral** programmes for full-time and part-time students. On the basis of the comprehensive accreditation of Higher Education Institutions in the Slovak Republic, which took place in the years 2008-2009 in compliance with the Act on Higher Education, the UEBA was included in the highest category of HEIs in the Slovak Republic, among "Higher Education Institutions of University Type".

Needs and offerings:

Training under the supervision of mentors (mainly from the Faculty of business management) within Bratislava Business School, at the summer schools and providing practical energy economics research at their Kapusany or involving into the preparation of their scientific journal.

-Prepare overall educational and training program based on the consortium overview and individual activities in order to contribute to the overall project aim - to support the entrepreneurship, innovation and commercialization of early stage researchers;

Tallinn University of Technology (TTU) www.ttu.ee (Estonia)

Tallinn University of Technology is the flagship of Estonian engineering and technology. TTÜ serves as the engine for interdisciplinary synergy.

Facts about TTÜ

- ✓ TTÜ is founded in 1918
- ✓ Public University
- ✓ Only university of technology in Estonia
- ✓ Location in Tallinn, capital of Estonia
- ✓ 1900 international degree students from around 90 countries
- ✓ QS World University Ranking 601–650 (2016)
- ✓ Campus university, modern infrastructure
- ✓ Academic partnership with ca 500 universities
- ✓ Internationally recognized & fully accredited degrees
- ✓ 4 Bachelor`s and 17 Master`s programmes taught in English

Needs and offerings:

TTÜ is the most preferred university – 72% of school leavers in Estonia prefer TTÜ for continuing their studies.

	<p>-Offers trainings in economics, finance and econometrics; -Host researchers (PhD students) from other consortium members; -Offer doctoral courses in quantitative methods, economics and finance organized by DFE and there are also several courses related to innovation and technology from other faculties.</p> <p>Lviv Polytechnic National University http://www.lp.edu.ua/en (Ukraine)</p> <p>Lviv Polytechnic National University is the oldest technical higher educational institution in Ukraine and East Europe. It was founded in 1816. University consists of 16 institutes, 114 departments; autonomous, additional and general subdivisions.</p> <p>Lviv Polytechnic National University trains students in 16 research-educational institutes, there students from Ukraine and other countries are enrolled in 64 bachelor programmes (first cycle of higher education) and 124 specialties (second cycle programmes), 123 out of which are master programmes. There are over 2,200 faculty members, 320 of whom hold the degree of Doctor of Science and over 1200 - the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. Modern teaching laboratories and computing laboratories with Internet access enable courses to be kept up to date and taught to a high standard.</p> <p>Needs and offerings:</p> <p>-Offers providing classes for PhD students whose major are not business, economics or management in such subjects: - Academic Entrepreneurship; - Scientific Project Management; - Technology of preparation of grant applications and patents.</p> <p>Trainings for PhD students in Accounting, Management, Finance, Economics (including International Economics).</p>
Our Current Intention	Caucasus University currently collaborates with other EU organizations for partnership and also seeks qualified, experienced organization (participating in previous Horizon 2020 projects) who will take a role of Project Coordinator , will hold trainings for students etc.
Related Call	Horizon 2020 MSCA-ITN-ETN European Training Networks (Program will be announced in September 2018). Link for previous call: http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/topics/m_sca-itn-2017.html
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