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UZWATER NEWSLETTER

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Dear Uzwater colleagues,

This newsletter is there to keep you all updated on the work and development in the Uzwater project. There are close to 100 persons involved now; that is great, but it makes it impossible to know what is going on everywhere in the network. We need a newsletter. It will be very simple but hopefully serve its purpose. Partners both in Uzbekistan and in the EU countries, please contribute by producing one or several issues or at least articles. This issue comes from Uppsala University.

All the best

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Now when we are not together the homepage is our only meeting ground. Please visit the homepage at least once a week. www.uzwater.ktu.lt. Register so you have access to Intranet. The homepage will be in three languages – English, Uzbek and Russian.

Those who did not yet list their entire partner teams or course teams on the webpage do this as soon as possible. It will make the work for all of us much simpler!

An overview of the UZWATER project

It is not surprising that it is difficult to get an overview of the entire UzWater project. The application itself, which has all the details, is 170 pages and to this should be added about 30 pages of Excel tables. To help everyone I made a list of all the work packages (next page). Each one of them is a task to be conducted in the project. On the following page the details of the work packages 1 to 4 is given. Again it is only some of the most basic information on where we are today in the development of the UzWater project. Still perhaps it is good to see for those, who do not have the complete overview, which is almost all of us.

Aral Sea website

A most useful site on the Aral Sea situation is found at www.unep.org/geas. It is recommended for both an overview of the situation and some new data.



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UZWATER Work packages and deliverables

- WP 1 Methods** **Development of Curricula, Courses, Teaching materials, & Methods**
- 1.1 Two training visits to EU Universities
 - 1.2 Curricula and syllabi of Master Programme
 - 1.3 15 core courses
 - 1.4 Study material for 15 core courses
- WP 2** **Establishing Study Centres for Environment and Sustainability Studies**
- 2.1 Equipped study centres at each partner university
 - 2.2 Goals and Activity plans for study centres
 - 2.3 Master Programme web-platform
 - 2.4 National centre for sustainable water management
 - 2.5 National centre for ESD
- WP 3** **Implementation of the Master Programme at Partner Universities**
- 3.1 Teachers trained at EU partner universities
 - 3.2 Intensive teaching periods by EU teachers
- WP 4** **Applied projects and master thesis work**
- 4.1 Plans for applied projects at each university
 - 4.2 Cooperation with stakeholders
 - 4.3 Master thesis
- WP 5** **Communication and dissemination**
- 5.1 Communication and dissemination strategy
 - 5.2 Web platform
 - 5.3 Public events to launch the study centres
 - 5.4 Dissemination conference
- WP 6** **Sustainability Actions**
- 6.1 Sustainability Plan
 - 6.2 Multi-stakeholders meetings and seminars
- WP 7** **Quality Control and Monitoring**
- 7.1 Quality Report by Advisory Board
 - 7.2 Self-evaluation reports
 - 7.3 Monitoring Reports
- WP 8** **Management of the Project**
- 8.1 Coordination meetings
 - 8.2 Management Intranet
 - 8.3 Activity, Interim and Final Reports



Work package 1. Development of curricula, courses, teaching materials, teaching methods for Master Programme in environmental science and sustainable development with focus on water management at partner universities		
WP	Requested (Deliverable)	What happened
WP 1.1	Two training visits to EU Universities by 8 Uzbek teachers 4 weeks	During 2013, 4x8 = 32 Uzbek partners visited all EU partner universities 1 week
WP 1.2	Curricula and syllabi of 15 core courses of Master Programme; Programme to be approved by Ministry of Education	During 2013 curricula and syllabi not finished. Approval is waiting.
WP 1.3	15 core courses; teams for each of the core courses, course descriptions, content, planning of lectures, seminars etc	During 2013 teams were formed for all 15 core courses. Description of courses not yet ready.
WP 1.4	Study material for 15 core courses; BUP textbooks etc and other materials is adapted to the local conditions.	All teams have been asked to produce compendia for each course in English and Russian. To be finished by April 2014.
Work package 2. Establishing Study Centres for Environment & Sustainability studies at each partner university; one national centre for water management; one national centre for ESD		
WP 2.1	Study centres at each partner university, with computer class facilities, literature, and software in the subject areas.	Some centres established, Equipment being bought, literature is collected.
WP 2.2	Goals and Activity plans for study centres	Still asked for
WP 2.3	Master Programme web-platform	Website for Uzwater in English exists but Russian and Uzbek versions very weak.
WP 2.4	National centre for sustainable water management	In operation at Samarkand State Architectural and Civil Engineering Institute.
WP 2.5	National centre for education for Sustainable Development (ESD)	In operation at the National University of Uzbekistan (NUUz) in Tashkent.
Work package 3. Implementation of the Master Programme at partner Universities		
WP 3.1	8 key teachers get continued training at EU partner universities during	Presently planned for April/May 2014
WP 3.2	Intensive teaching periods by EU teachers as the new Master Programme starts at partner Universities Sept 2014.	Presently planned
Work package 4. Applied projects and master thesis work		
WP 4.1	Each partner university prepares a list of applied projects addressing environmental/water/sustainability issues of the region/country.	To be done during 2014
WP 4.2	Each partner university contacts stakeholders outside the university, such as municipalities, companies or others	To be done during 2014
WP 4.3	Master thesis; SASS uses its wide contact network to suggest applied projects	To be done during 2014