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«SETTING PEER REVIEW INSTRUMENTS AND GOALS FOR MEDICAL (HEALTH) EDUCATION» / SPRING

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List of partner institutions

Applicant institution:

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2. Petre Shotadze Tbilisi Medical Academy LLC (Tbilisi, Georgia)
3. Georgian National University SEU (Tbilisi, Georgia)
4. Nicolae Testeitanu State University of Medicine and Pharmacy of the Republic of Moldova (Chisinau, Moldova)
5. Technical University of Moldova (Chisinau, Moldova)
6. International Sakharov Environmental Institute of Belarusian State University (Minsk, Belarus)
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8. Asfendiyarov Kazakh National Medical University noncommercial joint stock company (Almaty, Kazakhstan)
9. Karaganda State Medical University (Karaganda, Kazakhstan)
10. The State Higher Educational Institution Avicenna Tajik State Medical University (Dushanbe, Tajikistan)
11. The State Higher Educational Institution Khatlon State Medical University (Danghara, Tajikistan)
12. Medical University Sofia (Sofia, Bulgaria)
13. Lithuanian University of Health Sciences (Kaunas, Lithuania)

The aim of the project is to enhance the quality of medical education in the involved partner countries and contribute to the onset of changes of the same character in the rest of former Soviet countries.

Through various activities on capacity building, peer reviewing, exchanging experience, creating the foundation for sustainable development and further dissemination of final results of the project, the consortium of 14 higher educational institutions from 7 countries intends to achieve the following results:

- 1) raising awareness on peer review process as an effective instrument for substantiating ongoing improvements in academic and administrative domains of medical schools in targeted partner countries and beyond;
- 2) establishing a multinational peer review board (MPRB);
- 3) establishing and building consistency for a continuous peer-review process of academic programs and processes and administrative policies, procedures and actions across the targeted partner countries and beyond;
- 4) capacity building of faculty members and administrative staff;
- 5) establishing an annual scientific-practical journal of “Peer Review in Medical/Health Education for Eastern Europe and Central Asia (PRIMED-EECA)”;
- 6) enhancing internationalization of HEIs in partner countries;
- 7) disseminating information on project achievements and other final products to participant institutions in program and partner countries.

The project will ensure the sustainability of the achieved results and their application in the very near future through the establishment of the above mentioned journal and independent cross-national “Peer Review Association for Medical/Health Education of Eastern Europe and Central Asia – PRAMED-EECA)” aimed at:

- a. providing the group of highly qualified reviewers;
- б. assisting medical education institutions of the targeted regions in the effective preparation for international accreditation.