



HERE Team

Higher Education Reform Experts (HERE) was established on the recommendation letter from the Ministry of Education and Sciences of Ukraine and represent Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) from the capital and regions, as well as research institutions and Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine (MESU).



Name	Institution	Bologna Field of expertise
Taras Finikov	Deputy Minister for Education and Science of Ukraine	modernization of Higher Education (HE) at the Ministry, reform and Bologna principles implementation, legislation in HE development
Yuriy Kholin	Kharkiv National V.N. Karazin University	supervision and coordination of activity to ensure quality of teaching and adaptation to the requirements of the Bologna principles, university autonomy issues
Andriy Kuchko	Donetsk National University	quality assurance of education, cooperation between universities and enterprises, curricula reform, international educational projects implementation in frame of Tempus program in particular
Mykhailo Stepko	Institute of Higher Education, Academy of Pedagogical Sciences of Ukraine	Bologna principles harmonization with Ukrainian HE, author of Bologna Progress reports, HE legislation, articles and students textbooks in Bologna and Lisbon strategy fundamentals and implementation, management and administration in the sphere of HE
Yuriy Rashkevych	Lviv National Polytechnic University	ECTS implementation into Ukrainian Universities, modernization of University management, implementation of innovation technologies into HEI, international educational projects management
Volodymyr Kravtsenyuk	Master Student, Kyiv National Linguistics University	accreditation and licensing of HEI, monitoring of students solution and coordinating with university administration, educational projects management
Volodymyr Luhovyi	Academy of Pedagogical Sciences of Ukraine	public policy and administration in HE, education management; pedagogy of higher education, training of pedagogical, scientific-pedagogical personnel and public servants, co-author of legislation documents in HE
Oleg Sharov	University for Economics and Law "KROK"	development of quality management systems in higher education, autonomy and management of HEI, analytical work in higher education
Taras Dobko	Ukrainian Catholic University	globalization and identity issues, university autonomy and academic culture



1st organizational meeting of HERE Team was performed on October 6, 2009. HERE team identified the list of most important “Bologna” themes to be explored, discussed and promoted during the year 2010. It was also recommended to involve and include into HERE team the Bologna Follow-up Group expert Mr. Ivan Babyn. Suggestions on HERE Team Status prepared and delivered for MESU consideration.

(Minutes available in Ukrainian with work plan for 2009-2010 in English).

Participation in Tempus Promotion Activities

According to the activity plan, experts participate in official NTO seminars and promotion activities:

- ✚ Tempus Information Day in Odessa (for southern region) – 24.11.2009. Prof. Luhovyi and Mr. Babyn presented of the updates on the National Qualification Framework and Bologna Process after Leuven. Q&A session on Bologna issues was followed.
- ✚ Tempus Information Day in Donetsk (for eastern region) – 9.12.2009. Prof. Stepko updated on the higher education system developments after Leuven. Q&A session on Bologna issues was followed.



Tempus Information Session in Kyiv (for northern region) – 10.12.2009. Round table for students on the mobility Mr. Rashkevych presented results of Warsaw seminar Competences for the Future.

During the Tempus InfoDays experts presented the general overview of the key priorities for Ukraine in line with the Bologna Process and were addressed with several questions by participants representing HEIs from Ukraine. (Materials are published on the web-site).

Participation in Bologna Conferences & Seminars

Ukrainian experts participated in seminar for Bologna and Higher Education Reform Experts, “Competences for the Future”, organized by the European Commission on 23-24. 10.09 on issues of employment, stakeholder’s involvement and student mobility have been discussed (report and article prepared). The participants familiarized with and learned from the viewpoints of both the universities and the world of industry/enterprise.



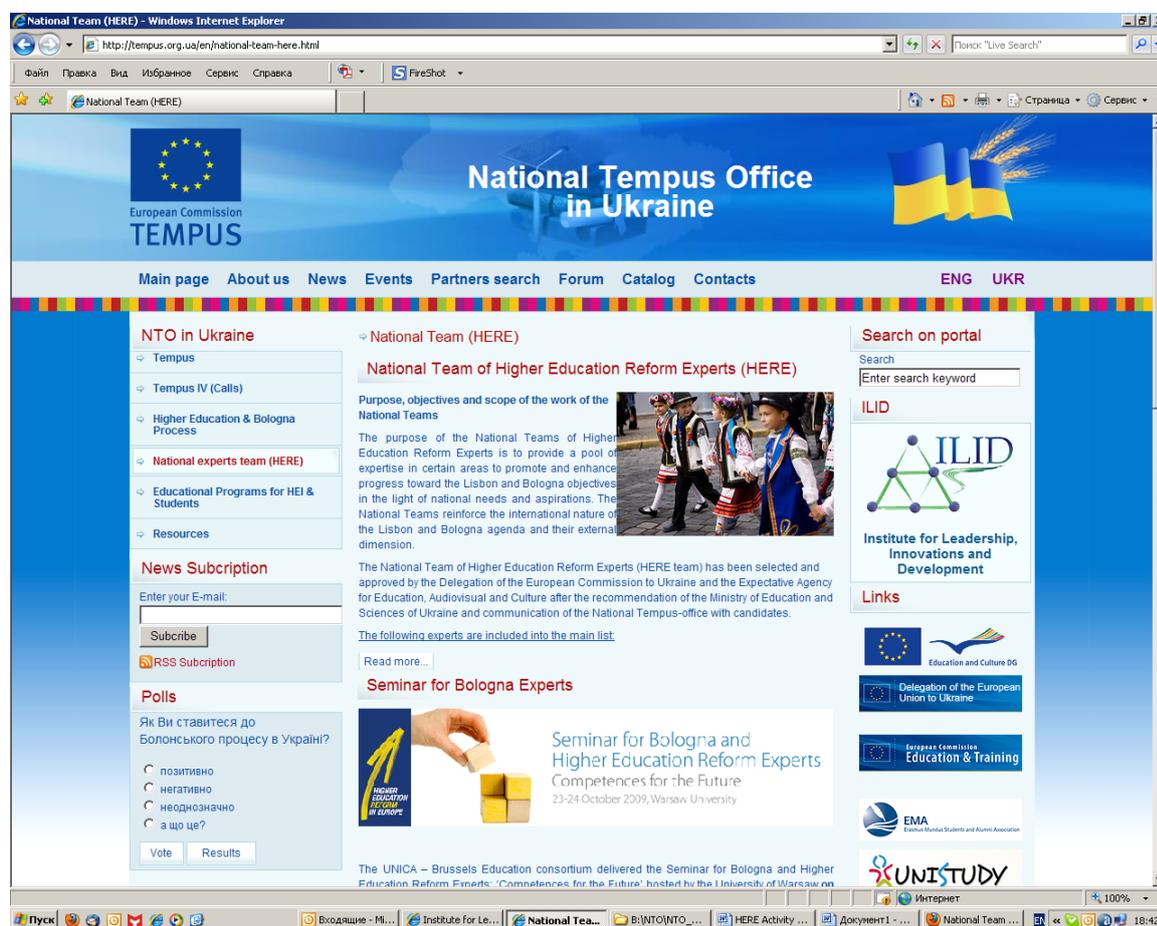
They actively took part in discussion groups, which were focused on good practice in priority fields such as: work placements, dialogue with the stakeholders, university strategic development and skills upgrading & curriculum development. The opportunity was given to engage in peer learning through the poster session, the launch of a 'buddy' system, a special event set up with and for the students.

As the follow up to his participation in the seminar “Competences for the Future”, Professor Yu. Rashkevych wrote an article “Student – University – Labour market: a straight line or a triangle?” (placed on the NTO – Ukraine website and published in a magazine).

In the framework of the International exhibition “Education and Career” in Kyiv (Tempus Info Session in Kyiv) there was a round table on students mobility where HERE team expert presented the results of participation in the above-mentioned seminar. HERE team experts participated in meetings and discussions with students.

HERE team experts participated in some national seminars and conferences related to the current reform of HE system.

All presentations made on information seminars, as well as reports and articles (Ukrainian versions) are published on the NTO website – HERE team page: <http://tempus.org.ua/uk/national-team-here.html>



Participation in HE Reform

HERE participate in development and discussion on

- ✚ National qualifications framework (NQF) for higher education and Life Long Learning organized by Verhovna Rada.
- ✚ Draft of new Law on Higher Education (tailored to Bologna Process) organized by Verhovna Rada and Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine.
- ✚ European Accumulation and Transfer Credit System implementation at Higher Education Institutions organized by MESU.
- ✚ University Governance and Autonomy.
- ✚ Better access to HE and improved education services.

Publications

HERE team actively participated in the development of the Country Fiche overview of Higher Education system in Ukraine. Materials prepared by HERE team on the Bologna Process issues relevant to their expertise placed on the HERE Team web-page at <http://tempus.org.ua/uk/national-team-here.html>

Publications have been developed by HERE during the reporting period:

- ✚ On the way to the European Higher Education Area (Yuriy Rashkevych)
- ✚ Bologna Process in Ukraine – subjective expert view (Yuriy Rashkevych)
- ✚ National Interpretation of Bologna Process: stereotypes or lack of understanding? (Yuriy Rashkevych)
- ✚ Student – University – Labour market: a straight line or a triangle? (Yuriy Rashkevych)
- ✚ Tendencies of Employability of Higher Education Institutions graduates under conditions of crises and post-crisis (Oleg Sharov)
- ✚ National Qualification Framework: status and challenges (Volodymyr Luhovyi)
- ✚ Bologna Process after Leuven (Mykhaylo Stepko)
- ✚ Issues on Sustainability and Benefits of the Tempus Programme to Donetsk National University (co-author Andriy Kuchko)
- ✚ Strategy and modern tendencies of the university education development in Ukraine in the context of Higher Education Area by 2020 (Ivan Babyn)

Publications have been prepared in order to provide informational materials available for HEIs on key Bologna process challenges for Ukraine important both for their activities and useful for Tempus project teams to be updated on key issues of higher education modernization and to be in line with developments after Ministerial conferences. Articles are published on the website www.tempus.org.ua and distributed via e-mails to HEIs in Ukraine.

Outcomes: Even for the short period of time the HERE team were able to draw the attention of academic community to Bologna issues and facilitate the discussion about the rationale of Bologna reforms. It was noted that the HEIs do not have all necessary and correct information about Bologna Process and in fact understand it in absolutely different way. That is why it is crucially important to promote and explain the main principles of Bologna process as well as all further developments after the Ministerial conferences to the HEIs. HEREs are invited to speak to the audience and share their ideas (specifically, on ECTS, third cycle, National Qualifications Framework). For instance, the discussion during the International exhibition “Education and Career” in Kyiv between students and HERE team member Yu. Rashkevych was so interesting that he was invited to speak to a broader students’ audience on Bologna process and ECTS to Ukrainian Universities. Hopefully, within the next months the outcomes of HERE team efforts will be more evident.

NTO currently operates as a liaison bringing together HERE team experts with interested parties. There were several requests coming from Ukrainian universities on assisting with understanding the essence of Bologna process or obtaining a consultation on Bologna reforms.

Challenges: The major challenge in the work of HERE team is its standing with the MESU. On the one hand, it was established with support and participation of the Ministry, Deputy Minister T. Finikov is a HERE team member. On the other hand, the HERE team has not been officially recognized by the Ministry or given a special status. As a result, the majority of the Ministry staff is unaware of the existence of this group of experts; HERE team members are not involved to Ministerial consultations or events, therefore, this valuable resource is not used to the full. NTO is promoting the HERE team and their experts facilitating their more active engagement in HE reforms, but the current political situation (including Presidential elections) to some extent discourages the MESU staff to work persistently and devotedly towards reforms. The further meetings planned to be arranged with the MESU in order to confirm the status of the HEREs. Another challenge is the demand for promotional events on Bologna process developments. Also further dissemination of materials from Ministerial conferences and other events on Bologna process implementation.