# TEMPUS Modernising higher education

Tempus IV, Second Call for proposals, 2009 Overview on the selection process and results





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European Commission

## Main steps in the selection process

#### **Preparation of the selection process**

Roadmap, milestones, recruitment of experts, tools and methodologies

#### **Reception of project proposals: 28 April 2009**

Check of eligibility, exclusion and selection criteria

#### Evaluation of proposals against award criteria

Experts' briefing Assessment of proposals by academic experts Debriefing with lead experts to shortlist best proposals

#### Inter-service selection panel at the Agency

#### Consultations

EC Delegations, NTOs and Ministries of Education in Partner countries

#### **Financial verification**

Inter-service selection panel at the Agency for final list of projects

Award decision by the Authorising Officer (EACEA Director)



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## **Total number of applications received**

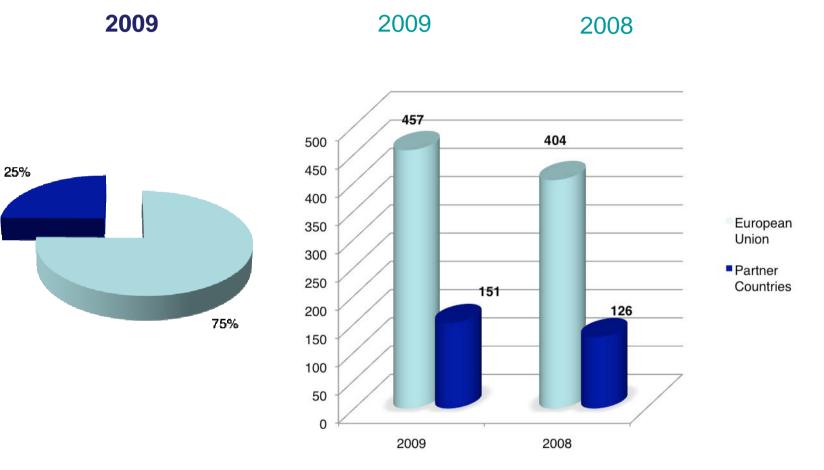
Increased interest... 608 proposals submitted (15% more compared to 530 received in 2008)

150 (25%) PC coordinator (grant-holder)
 (19% more compared to 126 received in 2008)
€ 950.000 = average budget size
10 partners = average consortium size





# Applications from EU MS & PC Institutions

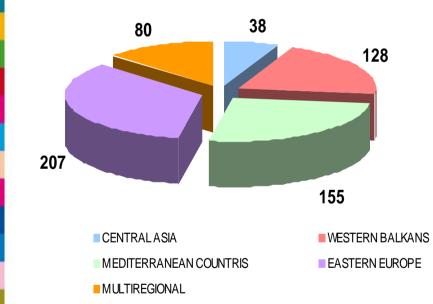


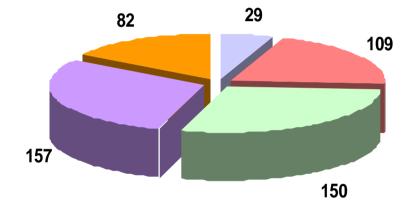




#### **Breakdown of applications by target region**

2009 2008

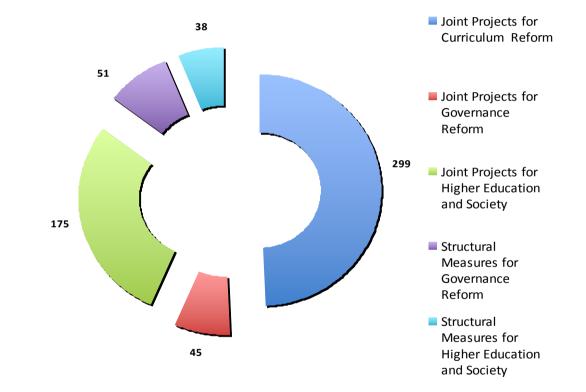








# Breakdown of applications according to activity type



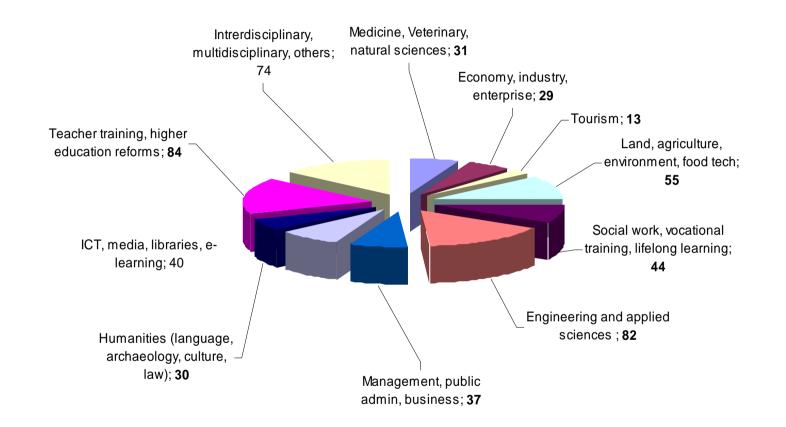


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### Subject areas addressed for curriculum reform







## Project assessment against award criteria by external experts

#### Assessment

- Each application assessed by two different experts, by teleworking, supported by the Agency on-line assessment tool
- Ist stage: Each expert carried out individual assessment
- 2<sup>nd</sup> stage: the 2 experts assessing the same proposals reached consolidated judgements and scores
- Lead-experts responsible to mediate consolidations, ensure quality assessment outputs, final proofreading

#### **Debriefing panel with lead-experts**

- Discussion on the quality of the proposals
- Suggestions for improvement of the evaluation exercise





## Feedback from experts after assessment on award criteria – 2<sup>nd</sup> Call

#### Most difficult criteria to assess

- Relevance
- Budget and cost effectiveness

#### **Contents of award criteria**

- Number of criteria should be kept as such, but
- Better balance needed (Methodology is too comprehensive, some overlapping aspects to be avoided or included in other criteria, e.g. Dissemination goes better with Sustainability)





Feedback from experts after assessment on award criteria – Tempus IV First Two Calls (1)

Part of application best completed?

- LFM
- Work plan
- Needs analysis
- Description of partner institutions
- Project summary







# Feedback from experts after assessment on award criteria – Tempus IV First Two Calls (2)

Part of application worst completed?

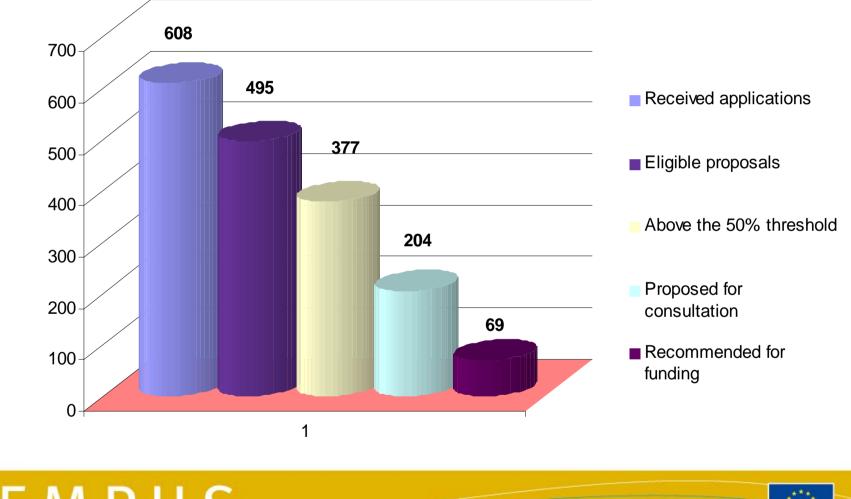
- Sustainability & dissemination
- Outcome & activity tables
- Quality control, monitoring and management
- Budget







# **Selection progress**









# Overview of the selection progress on target regions

REGION	Received applications	Eligible applications	Above the 50% threshold	Proposed for consultation	Recommended for funding
Western Balkans	127	107	83	58	24
Central Asia	36	33	23	17	5
Eastern Neighbouring	148	120	90	52	12
Russian Federation	62	53	41	23	9
South Neighbouring area	157	129	106	33	16
Multiregional	78	53	34	21	3
TOTAL	608	<b>495</b> (81.41%)	<b>377</b> (76.16%	<b>204</b> ) (54.11%)	<b>69</b> ) (11.34%,
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#### Western Balkans – National vs Multi-country Country participation in projects recommended for funding

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Country	Nat	МС	Tot al	JP	SM							JP		
Total	13	12	25	19	6						-	SM		
Albania	0	3	3	3	0					84	%			
Bosnia	2	5	7	4	3				9					
Croatia	2	4	6	5	1	9			P			8		
FYROM	1	9	10	9	1	8-7-				-		5		
Kosovo	2	4	6	5	1	6-	5	4		4		5		
Montenegro	1	3	4	4	0	3- 3- 3-	2	2		2	3			
Serbia	5	8	13	11	2	2-0			1		1			
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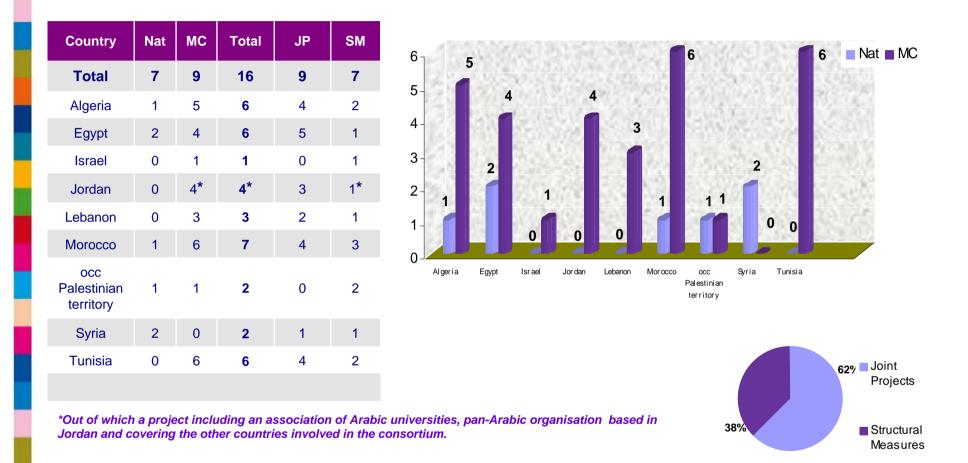
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#### Southern Mediterranean countries - National vs Multi-country Country participation in projects proposed for funding

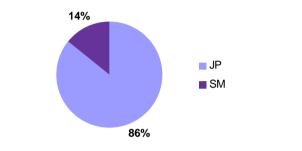


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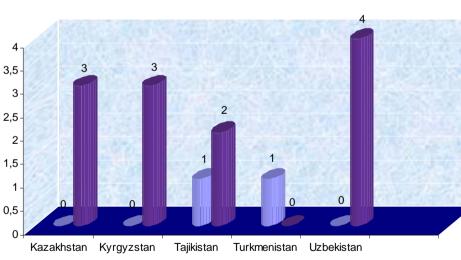




#### **Central Asia- National vs Multi-country Country participation in projects proposed for funding**



Country	Nat	МС	Total	JP	SM
Total	2	5	7	5	2
Kazakhstan	0	3	3	3	0
Kyrgyzstan	0	3	3	3	0
Tajikistan	1	2	3	3	0
Turkmenistan	1	0	1	0	1
Uzbekistan	0	4	4	3	1

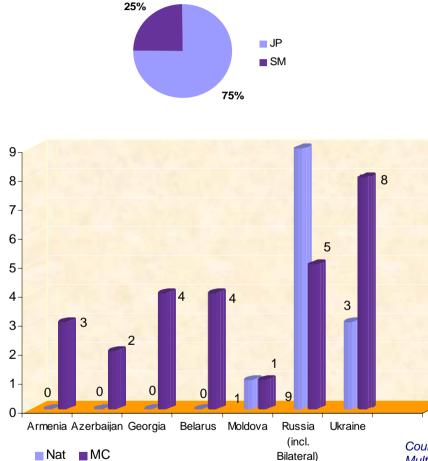


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#### **Eastern European countries - National vs Multi-country Country participation in projects recommended for funding**



Country	Nat	МС	Total	JP	SM
Total	13	12	25	19	6
Armenia	0	3	3	2	1
Azerbaijan	0	2	2	2	0
Georgia	0	4	4	3	1
Belarus	0	4	4	3	1
Moldova	1	1	2	0	2
Russia (incl. Bilateral)	9	5	14	12	2
Ukraine	3	8	11	8	3

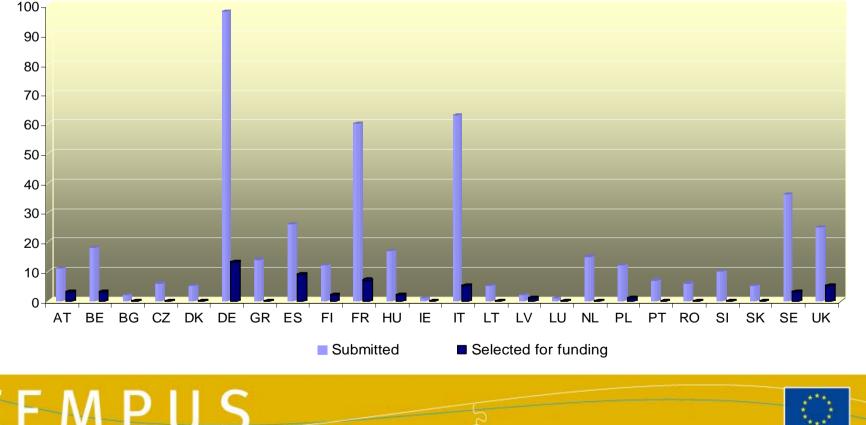
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### Number of applications coordinated by EU Member State institutions / Submitted vs Selected

AT	BE	BG	CZ	DK	DE	GR	ES	FI	FR	HU	IE	IT	LT	LV	LU	NL	PL	ΡΤ	RO	SI	SK	SE	UK	Total
11	18	2	6	5	98	14	26	12	60	17	1	63	5	2	1	15	12	7	6	10	5	36	25	457
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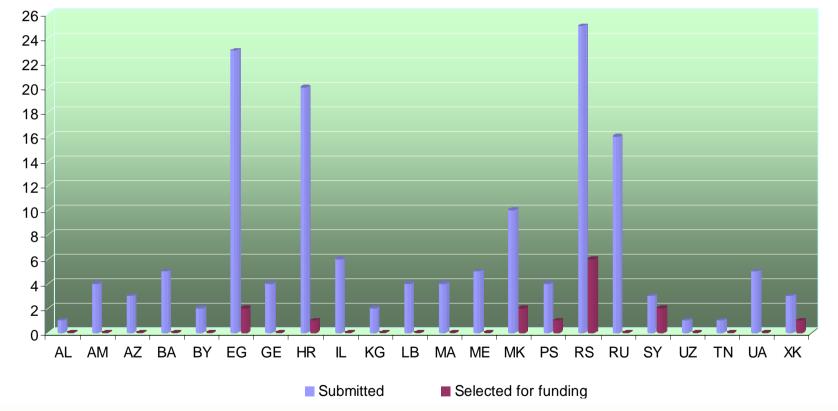


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### Number of applications coordinated by Partner Country institutions / Submitted vs Selected

AL	AM	AZ	BA	BY	EG	GE	HR	IL	KG	LB	MA	ME	MK	PS	RS	RU	SY	UZ	ΤN	UA	XK	Total
1	4	3	5	2	23	4	20	6	2	4	4	5	10	4	25	16	3	1	1	5	3	151
0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	6	0	2	0	0	0	1	15





# **Selection Conclusions**

#### **Summary results**

69 proposals recommended for funding 15 proposals have partner countries as coordinator (21%)

50 Joint Projects 19 Structural measures (27,5%)

34 proposals are multi-country (49%)

€ 815.000 = average budget size
13 partners = average consortium size, out of which
9 partner country organisation in average / project

#### **Next steps**

- Notification of results feedback to applicants
- Contractualisation
- ➡ Preparation of the Tempus IV Third call for proposals



