STUdents self-governance and democratic involvement in Kazakhstan: Summary & Prospects

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STUDIK objective:
To support creation of SSG & bodies in Kazakhstan and build sustainability of SSG at institutional, regional & national level.
Consortium: 22 institutions

6 EU institutions: 4 universities; 2 SU

16 KZ institutions: 14 universities; 3 SU; MES
EU partners:
1. Technische Universitaet Dresden- TUD, Germany
2. University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences – BOKU, Austria
3. Lithuanian University of Agriculture (LZUU), Lithuania
4. Students' Representation of Lithuanian University of Agriculture  LZUU-SR Lithuania
5. Information Systems Management Institute –ISMA, Latvia
6. Students Self Government of ISMA  -ISMA SSG, Latvia
KZ partners:

1. All regions of KZ;
2. Public & private universities and of different size;
3. Universities with & no experience (7) of Tempus;
4. Independent (non-affiliated with universities) student organizations;
5. MES RK
KZ legislation:

1. Law of the RK “About Education”, 2016 Article 44. Management in education institutions (chapter 9. Collegiate bodies of management); Article 47. Rights, obligations&responsibility of students
2. Concept of “State Youth Policy till 2020”, 2013
Obstacles:

1. Big gap of understanding of SSG;
2. Lack or no experience of SSG;
3. Difference in culture & traditions;
4. Lack of Tempus experience
Visible outcomes

- Compendium (2 volumes)
- Staff & students trained (5000 people)
- Dissemination materials (web-sites, conferences etc.)
- SSG Offices
- Equipment installed

Invisible outcomes

- Competencies on SSG in EU-like model
- Democratic culture on SSG implemented
- Consortium functions as a team
- Bridges for sharing experience
- Sustainable network of students & staff emerged
- Benchmarking is taken place;
- STUDIK is well-known in KZ
National level - Amendment on level of budget spending for SSG in KZ universities - New Law of RK on Youth Policy adopted in 2015

Regional level – KSU, EKSTU, TIHU & others. STUDIK experience has disseminated in the regions

Institutional level - development of SSG rules and frameworks on EU-like practice;
Sustainability

- 40 staff
- 60 students
- 5000 people trained
- Culture

People/Skills/Competencies

- Regulation for SSG at different levels

Regulatory framework

Strong links with EU partners

- Cooperation agreements

Infra-structure built

- SSG offices
- Web-sites/
- Compendium

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Democracy is:
EU-like elections or it’s mechanisms to influence management process in universities?
or “one-size fits all” or it’s a wide variety?

Development of SSG:
Just to have start-up facilities or it’s initial motivated team

Students autonomy:
Could exist in particular areas or just incorporation into university governing bodies?

Key questions on Sustainability:
Balance of interests of key actors of SSG: Equilateral triangle

Administration

Students <-> Academic staff
New vision of SSG: implications for future

- Stages of development
- University model or nation-wide model
- SSG and Autonomy in a broad sense
Preconditions:

1. National Survey

2. Stipulation in the Law “About Education” – SSG
Is it the middle of our way?
End?
Or just beginning?