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

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## **STUDI K objective:**

**To support creation of SSG & bodies in Kazakhstan and build sustainability of SSG at institutional , regional & national level**



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**Consortium: 22 institutions**

**6 EU institutions : 4 universities; 2 SU**

**16 KZ institutions: 14 universities; 3 SU; MES**



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## 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



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## **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**
- 3. Law of RK “About Youth Policy”, 2015**



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## 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**



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## 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**
- **Bench-marking is taken place;**
- **STUDI K is well-known in KZ**



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**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. STUDIUM experience has disseminated in the regions

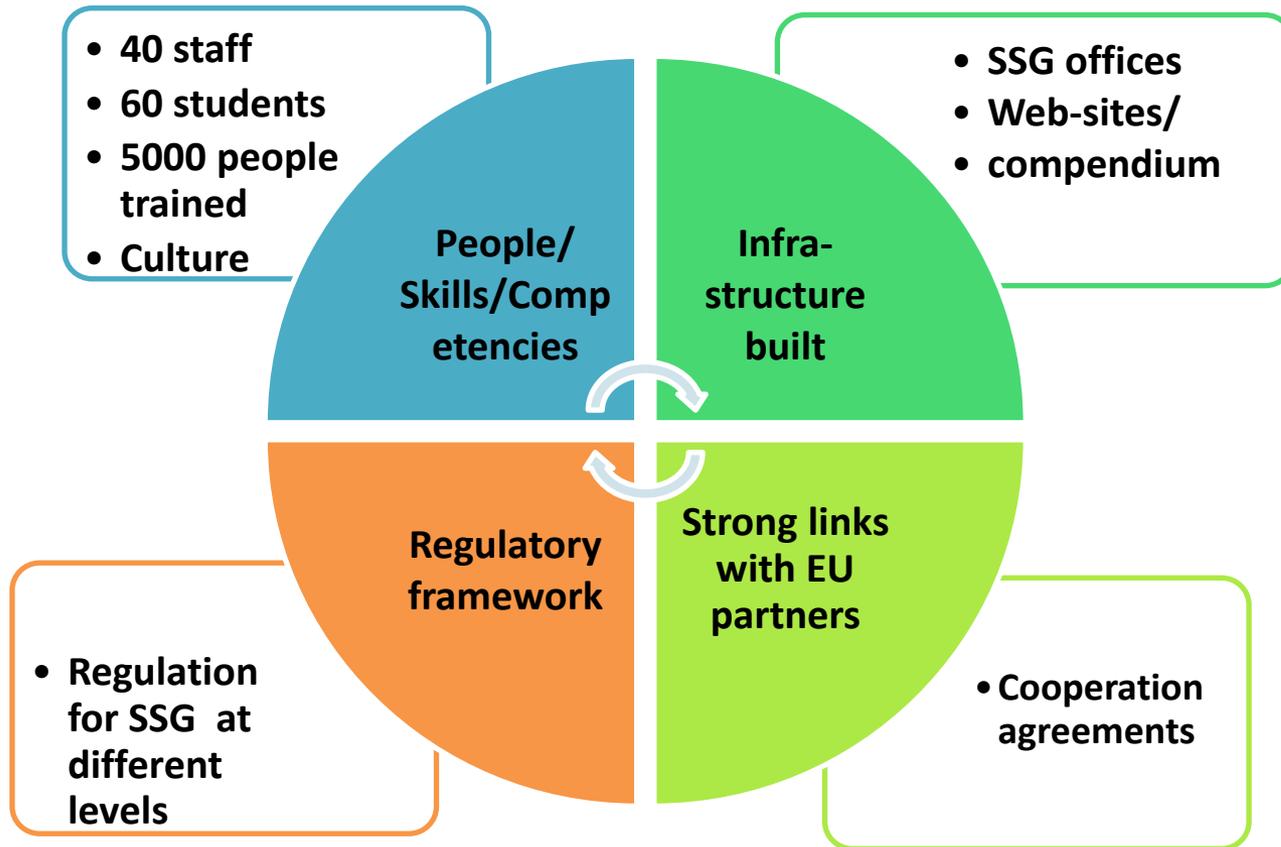
**Institutional level**- development of SSG rules and frameworks on EU-like practice;



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# Sustainability





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## Key questions on Sustainability:

### 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

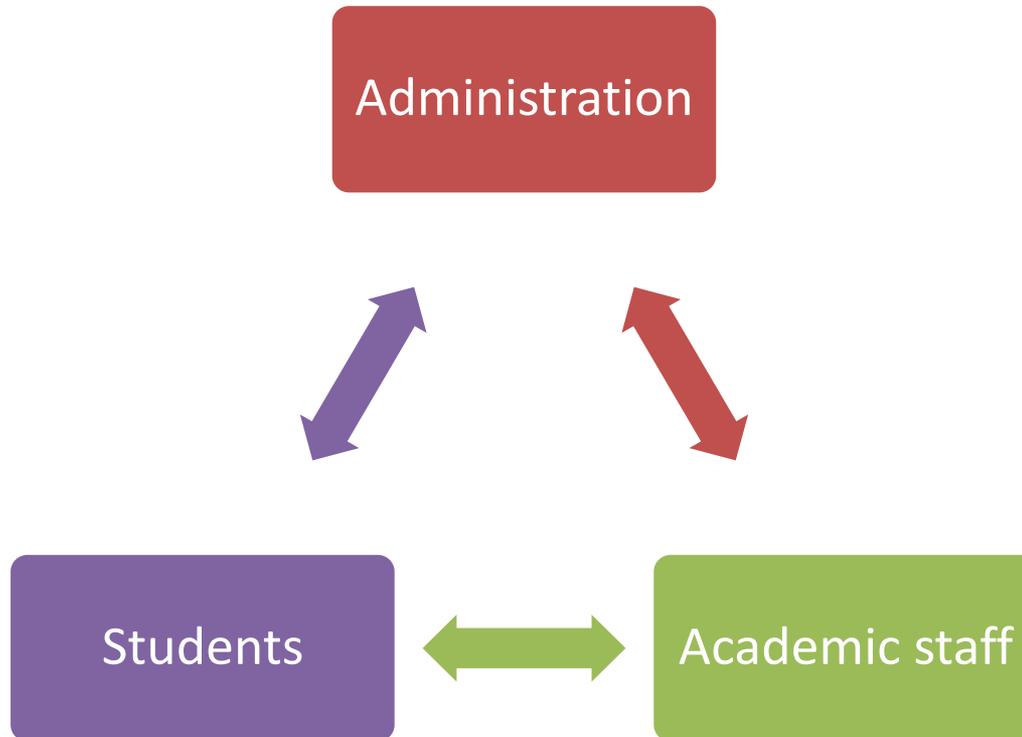
or just incorporation  
into university  
governing bodies?



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## Balance of interests of key actors of SSG: Equilateral triangle

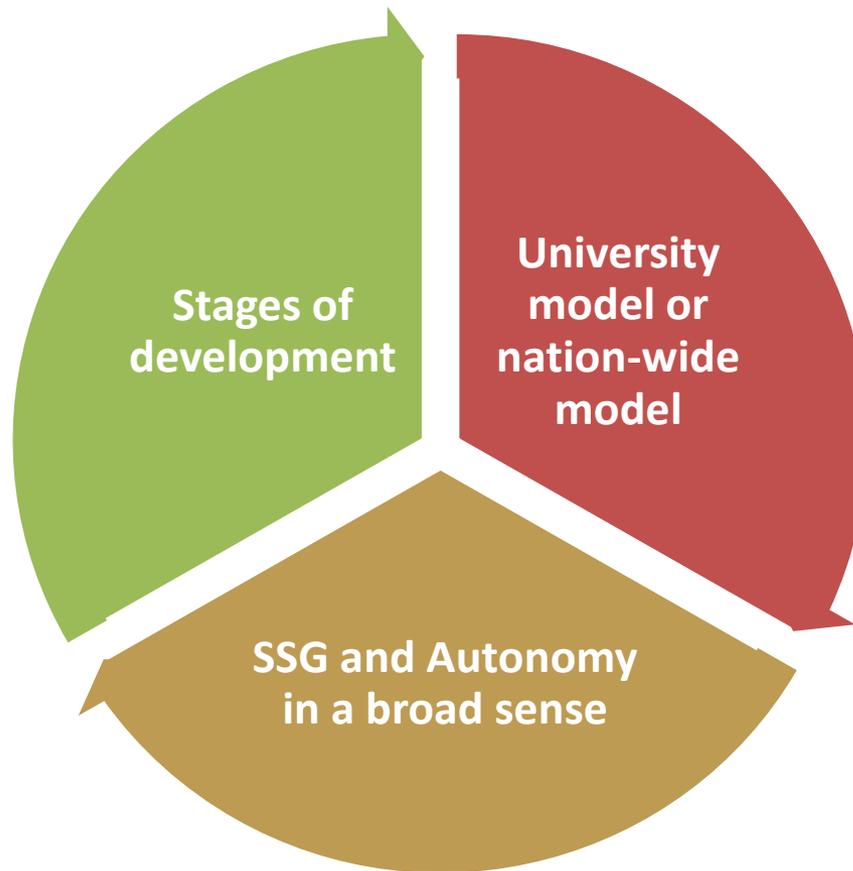




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## New vision of SSG: implications for future





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## Preconditions:

1. National Survey
2. Stipulation in the Law “About Education” – SSG



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# Are we at next milestone?

- Is it the middle of our way?
- End ?
- Or just beginning ?