

## Expert Request Form

 <p style="margin: 0;"><b>CZECH REPUBLIC</b> DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION</p> <p style="margin: 10px 0 0 0;"><i>Expert Request Form</i></p>	Request number: (Allocated by the Czech Development Agency)
Title: <b>American Councils for International Education</b>	
Expected field of expertise: National and Internal Quality Assurance	
Partner country: <b>Ukraine</b>	Region/town/locality: <b>Kyiv</b>
Expected Start and End Dates: From <u>1 Feb 2017</u> Until <u>28 Feb 2017</u>	Total amount of days in the field: <b>15</b>
Expected Czech ODA financial contribution (EUR): Trip, Accommodation, Meal, Honorarium for the Expert	Estimated co-financing from the partner institution (financial contribution in EUR/ in kind in detail) Expert's logistics facilitation in Ukraine during field work Room and Equipment Rental, interpreter if needed
<p><b>Applicant / Partner Institution:</b> <i>Name, type, mail and web address of partner institution; name and position of responsible manager/contact person, phone, fax, e-mail.</i></p> <p>American Councils for International Education, International Non-profit Organization providing technical assistance in higher education reform to Ukrainian Government and partner institutions, <a href="http://www.americancouncils.org.ua">www.americancouncils.org.ua</a></p> <p>Responsible person: Taras Tymochko, Project manager</p> <p>Contact information: tel. +380686853512, fax: +380442893921, e-mail: <a href="mailto:ttymochko@americancouncils.org.ua">ttymochko@americancouncils.org.ua</a></p> <p>Partner institutions: Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine National Agency for Quality Assurance in Higher Education National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy Donetsk National University Zaporizhzhya National University Izmayil State University of Humanities Institute of International Relations, Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv</p>	

Lutsk National Technical University  
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Horbachevsky Ternopil State Medical University  
Sumy State University  
Ternopil National Economic University  
V.N.Karazin Kharkiv National University

#### CONTEXT AND RATIONALE

#### **Context:**

*Problem analysis. Please explain current situation and why the expert is requested (what is his/her added value).*

For Ukraine, reforming distorted higher education system and forming new policies and academic culture based on transparency, equality and integrity of standards represent a unique challenge, given its history and present issues evoking on different levels. Recently established National Agency for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (noted above as a partner institution) founded to develop and set up new demands and policies for controlling and supporting regulatory standards in the sector of higher education promotes ideas of the necessity for academic quality assurance platform development that is not only to control but also to encourage and educate both Higher Education and Research Institutions on the main issues of quality assurance. Government's plans for comprehensive economic reforms and integration into the European Union must be supported by fully qualified generations of graduates and researches well educated and ready for the new challenges. Quality evaluation expert is expected to provide both State Agencies, Universities and NGO with necessary knowledge, instruments and tools as well as relevant European experience of establishing such standards and making them operational in Ukrainian reality.

#### **Expected outputs and outcomes:**

*Please, explain, what is expected from the expert in detail (elaboration of analysis, seminar, forum, etc. ) and when and how those outcomes will be used.*

An expert is expected to perform special trainings/workshops for representatives from Ukrainian Universities (faculty staff and administration) in 4 Ukrainian cities (1-day seminar in each centre) in different regions (West of Ukraine – Lutsk, East of Ukraine - Kharkiv, South of Ukraine – Odesa, Center of Ukraine - Kyiv) in order to approach all interested University representatives and enable sharing information on creating quality assurance policies and strategies nationwide. Participating Universities are expected to establish internal quality assessment systems/departments (up to 20 Universities) and be able to cooperate with National Agency.

An expert is expected to perform a 2-day seminar for National Agency for Quality Assurance in Higher Education representatives in order to bring into attention main difficulties/issues that should be taken into account by this newly established institution to make it fully functioning based on transparency and integrity. Special attention may be paid to academic integrity as a major and series issue Ukrainian education and research communities are facing now. Main academic integrity violations such as plagiarism and fake research are prioritised by National Agency because of their major negative impact on quality of higher education and research in Ukraine. National Agency's Committee of Ethics is to deal with cases of academic integrity misconducts and violations. Another important issue that also influences quality assurance policies is University's accreditation by State and higher education standardization by State (Committee of educational programs accreditation and Committee of higher education content respectively).

An expert is also expected to perform a 2-day seminar for Ministry of Education and Science representatives (department of Higher education mainly) to cover and discuss areas MoES should pay attention to and reform in order to support quality assessment and assurance system on the State level (both with establishing important legislative reforms, providing policies and implementing them with Universities).

**Role of the applicant/partner organisation and roles of other key partners:**

*Please describe briefly the roles and responsibilities of key project stakeholders and their relation towards the expert (towards his/her work).*

American Councils for International Education Objectives:

1. Strengthening Academic Integrity in Ukraine Project (SAIUP) implemented by American Councils for International Education: ACTR/ACCELS (American Councils) works closely with 10 pilot Universities selected on the bases of regional representation and field of studying (classical, technical and economical Universities) by blending U.S. and Ukrainian expertise to design and institute a four-year strategies that orient and educate students, faculty, and administrators on the practical value and importance of academic integrity, and provide resources and a roadmap to involve them intimately in strengthening academic integrity on campus.
2. Strengthening Academic Integrity in Ukraine Project (SAIUP) works closely with National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy (Project resource partner) in terms of developing strategies and sharing positive experience of proper quality assessment system among SAIUP participating pilot Universities.
3. Strengthening Academic Integrity in Ukraine Project (SAIUP) engages the MOES to enable key operational modifications to underpin sustainable, lasting change to education in Ukraine nationally by institutionalizing university- and Ministry-level rules and regulations that provide for sanctions for violation of AI norms. SAIUP delivers to partner universities and the MOES procedures, strategic plans, and activities that build AI into the fabric of university administration. With participation of MOES, operations and policy levers are rolled-out nationally rollout of the various tools and best practices.
4. Strengthening Academic Integrity in Ukraine Project (SAIUP) works closely with newly established National Agency for Quality Assurance in Higher Education by providing expert evaluation and support in forming Committee strategies in terms of building proper quality assessment systems and cooperation within various stakeholders.

**Complementarity:**

*Analysis of other relevant development interventions executed by the government (or) in co-operation with other donors, complementarity of the requested intervention with activities carried out so far.*

American Councils of International Education works closely with State and non-governmental organizations in terms of providing support and creating partnership among different stakeholders in the sphere of higher education.

As for the significant achievements, another project administrated by ACs - Alliance USETI - has been working on establishing adequate and transparent quality assessment system for high school graduates (Ukrainian Standardized External Testing Initiative (USETI)).

Organization supports modern demands in educational sphere by providing assistance to Ministry of Education and Science and National Agency for Quality Assurance in Higher Education in sharing valuable European and US experience in order to create educational system strategies and assessments by implementing real policies in State institutions and on University campuses nationwide.

**Date and Signature:**

*Place, date, name of authorised person within applicant institution and his/her signature, stamp.*

Done in Kyiv, Ukraine, by Yacema A. Bachynsky, Country Director American Councils. Nov. 18, 2016

