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**Minutes from the workshop of**

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**A Euro-Asia Partnership for Development Human Resource Capacity of  
Engineering Education in Afghanistan**

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Held at:	Vienna University of Technology, Vienna, Austria <b>January 12-15, 2010</b>
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Present participants:	Juma Haydary	STU Bratislava
	Pavel Timár	STU Bratislava
	Zuzana Letková	STU Bratislava
	Peter Gabko	TU Vienna
	Oleg Shipin	AIT
	Amanullah Faqiri	Kabul Polytechnic University
Not present:	M. Naser Rahyab	Herat University

Mr. Peter Gabko officially welcomed participants Vienna University of Technology (TU Vienna). Mr. Juma Haydary welcomed all participants and did thank to colleagues from TU Vienna for organization of this meeting. He also presented agenda of the meeting. Oleg Shipin expressed the wish to discuss further cooperation after the project Asialink is completed. Final agenda was approved by the participants.

**PROGRAM:** 1) Reports of the project activities from all partners based on minutes from the Bangkok meeting  
2) Work-plan of the project for next period  
3) Financial information  
4) Scientific conference in Herat, Afghanistan, in April 2010  
5) Further cooperation of partners after the project completion  
6) Visit of TU Wien Facilities

**To point 1)**

- Second workshop was held in Bangkok, Thailand, in February 2009. Mr. Haydary thanked to Oleg Shipin and his colleagues for organizing the meeting which was very important from the coordination point of view.
- Conference “New trends in civil engineering and architecture” was held in Kabul in March-April, 2009. The conference was very successful and brought together more than 124 participants. More than 100 students participated on specialized seminars held at Polytechnic University in Kabul. Results from the conference including scientific contributions are published on the conference website. Hospitality and great organization was very appreciated by all participants. Mr. Haydary expressed many thanks to colleagues from Kabul for their cooperation. Among the most important participants was Slovak Ambassador from Iran, Mr. Hajduk.
- 2 MSc. students from KPU have started their study at AIT. There were many problems with arranging the study stay of Afghan students from organization as well as language and financial point of view. Students came to AIT in August 2009. Despite the language problems (one student is quite weak in English) and necessary tutoring, both students are clever and with appropriate support they probably will successfully complete the study.
- Short-term training courses were held at the Slovak university of Technology (3) and at the Vienna University of Technology (1). There were supposed to go 2 people from Herat to AIT but nobody was selected. This problem has to be solved as soon as possible. Mr. Haydary will go to Afghanistan in January and will solve this problem during his visit.
- Reports of participants from STU and Vienna are elaborated and published at the project website. Reports from 2 short-term students from AIT are needed. It is necessary for the future to secure delivery of the reports from the students prior they leave back to Afghanistan.

- There were visa arrangements problems reported for the short-term study stays of Afghan students at TUV. There is also lack of communication from the Herat University side.
- Due to delay of some activities, Mr. Haydary informed partners about possibility to prolong the project for several months but without additional funds.
- Mr. Haydary tried to pursue the partners to be more active in the project implementation and in attracting participants for coming conference in Herat. Also, they should be more accurate in delivering reports and accounting documents.

**To point 2)**

- The second workshop was held at TUV in January 2010
- Afghan students at STU will complete their studies in June and in September 2010. Students at AIT will finish their study stays in May 2011. Therefore, the completion of the project has to be harmonized with the completion of all project activities, e.g. by end of June 2011.
- Within the last period of the project, there will be realized 5 short-time trainings – 2 at STU Bratislava starting in May, 2 at AIT starting in February and 1 at TUV starting in May 2010. Selection process has to be better coordinated from time point of view in order to manage visas and other arrangements in time.
- Scientific conference in Herat, April 2010
- Final workshop of the project management committee will be held after completion of all project activities in 2011.

Work plan for next period: - proposal

Year 2													
	Semester 1						Semester 2						
Activity	Month 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Implementing body
Activity 3.4: Selection of people for short time training courses													The applicant Local partner 3 Local partner 4
Activity 3.5: Coordination of the travel of selected persons													All partners
Activity 3.6: Coordination of the stay at the partner universities													The applicant Local partner 1 Local partner 2



**To point 4)**

Scientific conference in Herat will be held in April 18-21, 2010. Conference brochure was distributed among potential participants and presented on the conference website. Information about the conference will be further distributed by the partners' institutions. Reminder letter will be sent soon to potential participants and partners.

Mr. Haydary requires from partners more active participation on organization of the conference and distribution of information on the conference. Partners were informed about financial arrangements for active conference participants.

Due to conference organization, Mr. Haydary will conduct the business trip to Herat in January 2010.

**To point 5)**

Mr. Haydary informed partners about continuing cooperation with KPU in the framework of the Slovak ODA programme. There was new two-year bilateral project approved by the Slovak government focused on development of university education. New possibilities for wider cooperation and funding have to be found.

Project partners expressed their will to cooperate after the completion of the project Asialink. Afghan partners should be more active in looking for new cooperation and funding possibilities. One of the possibilities is ERASMUS, World Bank, etc.

**To point 6)**

Participants of the workshop in Vienna visited some premises of the VUT (library, laboratory, they were also informed about new technologies and processes used at the VUT) and some historical places in Vienna.

In Vienna January 12-15, 2010

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