

Central Asia

Support of the Development of Quality Infrastructure in the Countries of Central Asia with special regard to Metrology and Accreditation

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Short description

The countries of Central Asia have made the integration into global trade their goal: Kyrgyzstan is already a member of the WTO; Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan have observer status. The reduction of technical barriers to trade is part of this integration (WTO TBT Agreement).

Technical barriers to trade are reduced by a harmonization of technical regulations, identical requirements for all products on a market and the international recognition of certificates. This requires, however, a well-functioning and internationally recognized quality infrastructure (Metrology and Testing, Accreditation, Certification, Standardization) in the target countries, which is the precondition for conformity assessment.

The national institutions of the quality infrastructure in Central Asia do not meet the international requirements. With the existing system, manufacturers from countries of Central Asia who want to export cannot furnish proof of the conformity of their products, for example with EU regulations.

The objective of the project is the introduction of internationally recognized methods of work in the institutions of metrology and accreditation of the countries of Central Asia and their international recognition in fields relevant to the national economies. By this, a contribution is made to the support of socially acceptable and ecologically justifiable economic reforms in accordance with the concept of the BMZ for Central Asia.

Target groups

Actors from all industrial and economic sectors, especially from the fields of export economy, public health and environment; consumers

Mediators

Employees of state authorities
specialists and managers of quality infrastructure institutions

Project executing agency

The national metrology and accreditation institutes of the countries involved:
Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan

Term & value of the commission

Prospective total promotion period:	2008 – 2014
Current phase:	2008 – 2011
Amount of German contribution:	600,000 EUR (first phase)