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Fostering Sustainable and Autonomous Higher Education Systems in the Eastern Neighbouring Area

- ATHENA project -

Key features

Project title:
« Fostering Sustainable and Autonomous Higher Education Systems in the Eastern Neighbouring Area » (ATHENA)

Duration:
mid Oct. 2012 – mid Oct. 2015 (36 months)

Co-funder: (90%)
EU: IV TEMPUS programme,
5th call, structural measures

Focus

- **Thematic:** Governance and funding reform

- **Level:** primarily system level changes (structural measure), but dual approach including individual institutions

- **Geographical:** Armenia, Moldova, Ukraine (partner countries)
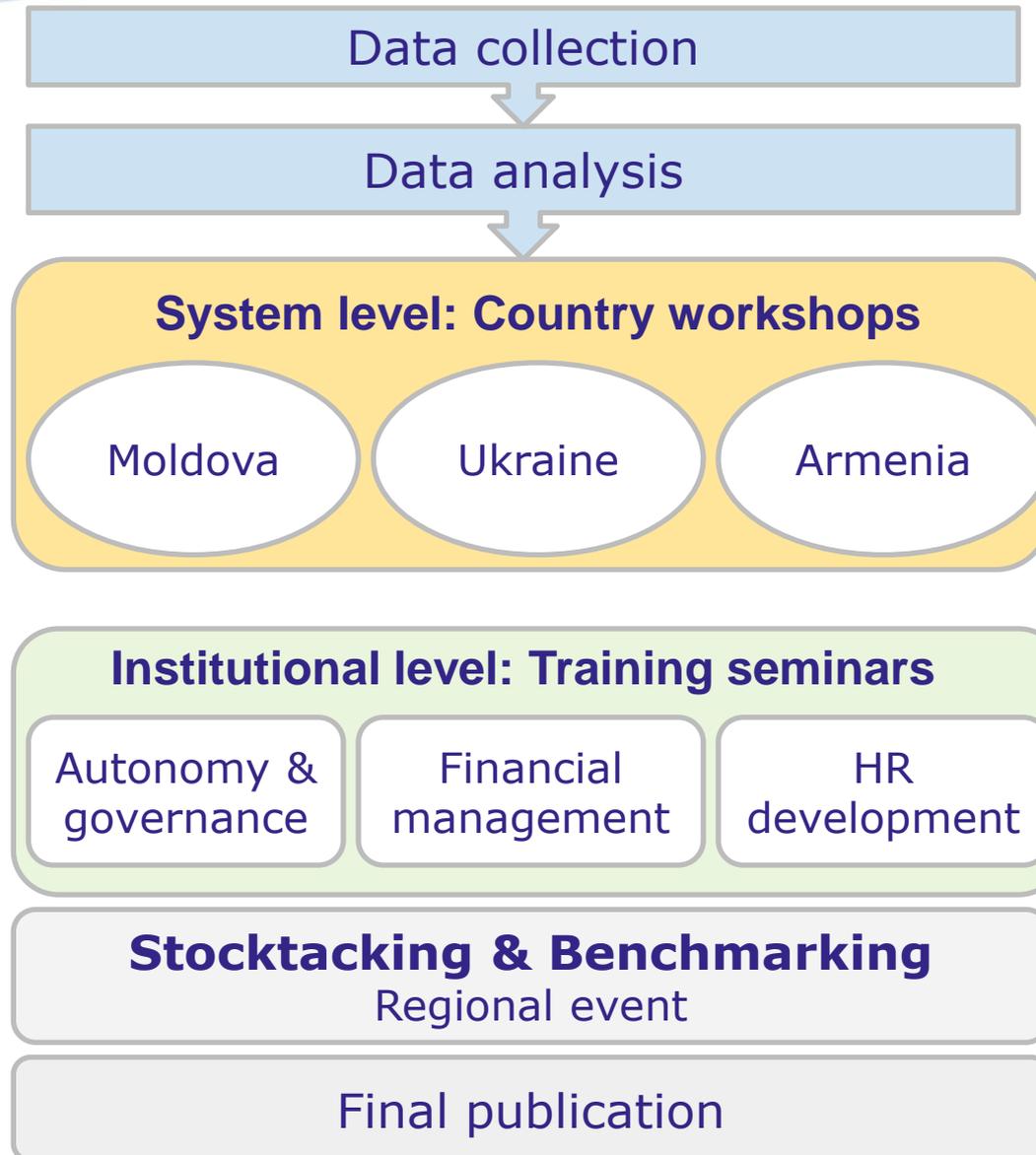
Aims and objectives

- Foster the **transfer of good practices** in order to promote efficient and effective reforms;

- Promote **inclusive approaches** involving HEIs, public authorities and other relevant stakeholders;

- **Build the capacities** of HEIs in the partner countries to modernise the management of financial and human resources.

Partnership

Coordination: EUA

Partners:22 (including coordinator)

- 6 from Ukraine (4 HEIs, NRC, Ministry)

- 5 from Moldova (3 HEIs, NRC, Ministry)

- 5 from Armenia (3 HEIs, NRC, Ministry)

- 2 HEIs from Portugal (Coimbra)

- 2 HEIs from Finland (Helsinki)

- 1 HEI from the Netherlands (Amsterdam)

Project milestones

First year	- Focus on **research** (data collection & analysis: university autonomy and funding in partner countries) - Starting the **policy dialogue** (country workshops, policy roadmaps)
Second year	Focus on **capacity building**: organisation of study visits for partner country staff to EU partners; drafting of implementation roadmaps)
Third year	- Focus on **policy development** and **regional benchmarking** - **Dissemination** of project recommendations and policy roadmaps, publication

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