

Round table discussion on “Development of competency-based two-level curricula in Meteorology (TEMPUS JEP 26005-2005 COMBAT-METEO)”

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The project in question (<http://www.combat-meteo.net/>) aims to provide the basis for the reform of the system of higher education in the area of hydrometeorology in the Russian Federation to comply with the Bologna Declaration. In this regard, the project puts the following specific objectives:

1. To develop internationally recognized competency-based two-level (Bachelor / Master) curricula in meteorology by December 2007.
2. To transform existing and to develop new syllabi supported by teaching materials according to the developed two-level curricula by December 2008.
3. To implement the developed competency-based two-level curricula in meteorology at Russian State Hydro-meteorological University and universities-members of Academic Association of Russian Universities in hydrometeorology by September 2009.

These objectives are met by the consortium headed by the University of Helsinki (Finland) including the University of Tartu (Estonia), the Academic Association of Russian Universities in Hydrometeorology (Russia), the Faculty of Geography of the Moscow State University (Russia) and the State Environmental University (Ukraine), with the Russian State Hydrometeorological University (Russia) as target institution. The project provides opportunities for retraining of academic and administrative staff from target universities in the consortium EU universities, as well as for bidirectional student mobility.

The project results in teaching meteorology in Russia according to competency-based two-level curricula that will start by 01 September, 2009.