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Misir Mardanov, Minister of Education, Elmar Gasimov, Deputy Education Minister, Ambassador Roland Kobia, Head of Delegation of the European Union to Azerbaijan, Franz Steidele, representative of Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA), Tempus program Desk Officer, as well as representatives of universities participated in the event.

Speaking at the opening, Samad Seyidov, rector of Azerbaijan University of Languages, highlighted the important role of Tempus program in the education. According to him, University of Languages has fruitfully collaborated with leading universities of Europe within the Tempus program. Moreover, he estimated conducting the first management by the University in the EU project within the Tempus program, as well as the first coordination of European universities by Azerbaijan as a great success of the country's education. Mr. Seyidov expressed belief that the 1 million 100 thousand euros program will stimulate improvement of international experience in the education management of Azerbaijan and development of reforms in the education field.

Education Minister, Misir Mardanov talked about participation of Azerbaijan to TEMPUS program. He noted Azerbaijan has taken part in the program since 1995, and during this period has participated in 22 projects. The Minister praised the election of AUL as a project's coordinator of Tempus, and highlighted the University being one of the leading universities of the country. He noted the importance of the project in terms of integration into the world education system and establishment of direct ties with Education Committee of the EU.

Ambassador Roland Kobia, Head of Delegation of the EU to Azerbaijan, has also noted relationship between Azerbaijan and EU. Marking the importance of the Program Mr. R. Kobia highly appreciated the participation of Azerbaijan in it. According to him, the program will contribute to development of ties existing between Azerbaijan and EU.

Parviz Bagirov, Head of National TEMPUS Office gave a presentation on the themes of "TEMPUS in Azerbaijan and role of National TEMPUS Office" and "Opportunities for universities of Azerbaijan in other programs of European Union." Mr. P. Bagirov gave broad information on curriculum, university's management, quality provision, establishment of international relationship and participation of universities in the program.

Franz Steidele, Tempus program Desk Officer and representative of Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) of European Commission in his speech gave information about Action programs of EU and existing cooperation, European Education Systems as well as electronic notification procedures.

Jala Jala Garibova, vice-rector of AUL for International Affairs, gave the presentation entitled "TEMPUS projects at Azerbaijan University of Languages". She noted the University is the project's coordinator and Ministry of Education of Azerbaijan, Nakhchivan State University, Ganja State University, Lenkeran State University and Azerbaijan Institute of Teachers Improvement are participating closely in three-year project.

Discussion of reports was held by participants at the end.