Agency for quality assurance in the field of education “EdNet” invites researches and specialist to participate in education tourism program “Educational Tourism in Kyrgyzstan: Exploring Culture and Geography through Exchanging Knowledge in Education Area” to discover the unknown Kyrgyzstan with its specific educational system, geography and culture.

Program: Educational Tourism in Kyrgyzstan: Exploring Culture and Geography through Exchanging Knowledge in education area

Aim: To explore educational system of Kyrgyzstan through understanding of original culture and lifestyle of the population and exchanging knowledge.

Target groups: researchers and specialists in education field, teachers, and others interested in original culture of central Asian population and educational systems of post-soviet countries.

Description: Education is the most important and inevitable part of our life stream that has to be evaluated, investigated and improved. In modern Kyrgyzstan educational system is complex by
combining features from Soviet Union and the West, which attracts researchers and specialists interested in Post Soviet countries such as Kyrgyzstan considering interesting and original cultural heritage of the nation that still exists in the modern life of the Kyrgyz people. This program invites young and experienced researchers and specialists on education to investigate educational system by choosing preschool, school, vocational and higher education in different regions of Kyrgyzstan and combining it with tours to discover culture and nature of Kyrgyzstan, and share experience in a specific education area.

The program will offer unique opportunity for participants to taste Kyrgyz culture through educational tourism by enhancing knowledge about Post Soviet Kyrgyzstan with its educational system and modern culture and geography. Kyrgyzstan has seven oblasts with diverse culture and unique with spectacular nature. The program offers flexible program to visit two – three regions out of seven and consists of three unique parts, which are 1. sight visits of educational organizations and thematic workshops, 2. sharing experience in education field by participants and 3. cultural tours covering investigation of the local nature and originality of the Kyrgyz people.

**Sight visits of educational organizations and thematic workshops**
- Participants will visit two different oblasts. In each oblast they will visit different educational institutions of their interest such as preschool, school, vocational and higher education organizations. Moreover, participants will have workshops on different areas (see appendix) of educational sector with scientists, experts and representatives of educational institutions.

**Sharing experience in education field by participants**
- While visiting educational institutions participants can share with their experience in education to local representatives through presentations, workshops and brief seminars thus spreading best cases of educational system of the countries represented by the participants.

**Cultural tours covering investigation of the local nature and originality of the Kyrgyz people.**
- In each region while conducting sight visits and workshops participants will visit cultural sights of each region with which they are attracted. Moreover, participants can see everyday life of Kyrgyz people in each region from the inside by observing local villages. In additions, the program provides participants with not only visiting cultural places and discovering geography but also saturated workshops on Kyrgyz national food, music, nomadic games and presentation of living in yurts of nomadic people will be provided.
Results: participants will obtain:

- Unique opportunity to research as well as enhance their knowledge about educational sector in post Soviet Kyrgyzstan;

- Knowledge about policies and standards on preschool, school, vocational and higher education;

- Invaluable experience from local eminent scientists and experts on preschool, school, vocational and higher education systems;

- Knowledge about organization of educational institutions through visits and interviews;

- Unique opportunity to discover nature and culture of Kyrgyzstan through workshops, visiting pastures and having national dish in yours.

Group: 8 – 10 participants

Budget: 1500$ (all expenses in Kyrgyzstan, including transfer, accommodation, meal, cultural tours, translation, workshops). International travel is covered by participants.

Discount: 1) 2 or more participants per organization. 2) Group participation per organization.