



Workshop

Horizon Europe in Central Asia: Promoting Research Excellence and Collaboration for Sustainable Energy

14 May 2024

Hybrid format with live streaming online via Zoom platform.

Promoting Horizon Europe involves not only raising awareness, but also an understanding of the various opportunities it offers for Central Asia. The workshop aims to highlight how Horizon Europe and especially its Cluster 5 “Climate, Energy and Mobility” is relevant to participants in this region showcasing funding schemes, projects and initiatives that match the priorities of stakeholders from Central Asia. The event will gather national and international speakers who will present how Horizon Europe can support addressing challenges in areas like sustainable energy.

Building a network of participants is crucial for maximising the impact of Horizon Europe in Central Asia. The workshop strives to foster networking opportunities, promote collaboration among attendees, and create an environment where stakeholders can interact, share ideas and explore partnerships.

Expanding the group of attendees, the workshop seeks to create a diverse community of researchers, representatives of research institutes, universities and other organizations working in the field of sustainable energy.

Agenda:

| Time | Topic | Speaker |
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| 8:30-9:00 | Registration/welcome coffee | |
| 9:00 -9:05 | Family photo | |
| 9:05-9:15 | Opening remarks | Dr Ilze Purina, Key Expert on Energy Sector Governance, SECCA Dr Aliya Sembayeva, First Deputy Chairperson, Science Fund JSC |
| 9:15-9:45 | Navigating Horizon Europe: Insights into Kazakhstan’s National Contact Points Network and Participation Landscape | Dr Aliya Sembayeva, First Deputy Chairperson, Science Fund JSC |
| 9:45- 10:15 | Horizon Europe and Central Asia: Building Bridges to Sustainable Research Excellence | Ms Natalia Shatirishvili, Former Horizon Europe National Contact Point in Georgia Senior Expert, SECCA |

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| 10:15-10:40 | Success story Hydro4U- Sustainable small-scale hydropower in Central Asia Project funded by Horizon 2020 | Ilyas Aidyngaliyev, Civil and Structural Engineer, ILF Consulting Engineers |
| 10:40- 11:10 | Coffee break | |
| 11:10 -11:40 | Evaluation of Horizon Europe proposals | Dr Yelena Istileulova, International Evaluator of Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe proposals |
| 11:40-12:10 | Empowering Participation: Insights from Poland's Engagement in EU Framework Programs | Dr Maria Śmietanka - Deputy Director, National Contact Point in National Centre for Research and Development. |
| 12:10-12:40 | Q&A Discussion topics: interaction with audience on whether they tried to apply for Horizon Europe or its predecessor Horizon 2020 before. What barriers do they see? | |
| 12:40-13:00 | Closing remarks, next steps | Dr Ilze Purina, Key Expert on Energy Sector Governance, SECCA |