

HORIZON EUROPE CLUSTER 5 REGIONAL INFO DAY

ENHANCING EU-CENTRAL ASIA RESEARCH COLLABORATION IN HORIZON EUROPE

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**Support for the development of Central Asian countries'
participation in the Horizon Europe programme**

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- Activities under the SECCA Horizon Europe (HE) component began in May 2024 – at that time, **NCP coordinators** were established in **Kazakhstan** and **Kyrgyzstan**
- In one year:
 - ✓ **NCP coordinators** nominated in **Uzbekistan** and **Turkmenistan**
 - ✓ **NCP for Cluster 5** nominated in **Kazakhstan**, **Kyrgyzstan**, and **Uzbekistan**, and is being discussed in Turkmenistan
 - ✓ **The process** of nomination of the NCP **has been initiated in Tajikistan**
- This clearly demonstrates **the will and commitment of the CA countries** to enhance R&I cooperation with the EU under the Horizon Europe program

- Analysis of situation & priorities
- Conferences, info events and technical seminars
- Support, tools and instruments for NCPs and research institutions
- HE-related section on the SECCA website

- **An overview of the existing experience of CA Countries** in participation in the Horizon Europe programme
- **Road map for building national capacities** to participate in HE, including training plans
- Main conclusion – **support should be focused on partner search**

- **The regional workshop** “Horizon Europe in Central Asia: Promoting Research Excellence and Collaboration for Sustainable Energy” (Astana, **Kazakhstan**, 14 May 2024)
- **Info event/ International workshop** “Unlocking Collaboration: EU-CA Research Cooperation under Horizon Europe” (Tashkent, **Uzbekistan**, 21 November 2024)
- **Info event/ International Conference** "Opportunities for Turkmenistan's Participation in the Horizon Europe Programme: Prospects and Potential for Developing International Cooperation" (Ashgabat, **Turkmenistan**, 26 November 2024)
- **Online seminar** on Horizon Europe for stakeholders in **Tajikistan** (25 February 2025)

- **Horizon Europe Cluster 5 Regional Info Day** - Enhancing EU-Central Asia Research Collaboration in Horizon Europe (Almaty, Kazakhstan, 20 May 2025):
 - ✓ **NCP coordinators** and **NCPs Cluster 5** will make presentations on Achievements, Research Priorities and Future Cooperation
 - ✓ **NCPs from the EU** will share experiences and lessons learned
- **Professional Development workshop for Horizon Europe NCPs** (Almaty, Kazakhstan, 21 May 2025):
 - ✓ **European network of Cluster 5 NCPs - GREENET** will present services for Horizon Europe NCPs and international cooperation opportunities
 - ✓ **CA Regional NCP Network**: Exploring Opportunities for Cooperation

- SECCA has developed **a template for research organisations** to highlight their key capacities, research interests, and areas of expertise in a structured manner
- The template was **distributed to relevant research organizations** in **Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan**
- **Filled templates were received** in **Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan**
- **Analysis has been completed** in **Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan**

- **Database of institutions interested in participation in the HE program** – developed for **Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan**
- **Overview of profiles of research institutions** interested in participation in the HE program, **including priority areas for cooperation** – prepared for **Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan**
- **Communication strategy** – developed for **Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan**, and ongoing in Turkmenistan
- **Key performance indicators (KPIs) to monitor and measure progress** – ongoing in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan
- **Recommendations** for further enhancing the participation of countries of CA in the HE program – to be prepared in Q3 2025

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