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Horizon Europe Cluster 5 in Turkmenistan: Research Priorities and Future Cooperation

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Turkmenistan already has experience participating in these programs:

- in the Horizon 2020 and
- Horizon Europe programs.

Three projects from Turkmenistan participated along with two public associations:

Ynanch Wepa and Tebigy Kuwwat.

Significant work in promoting the Horizon Europe program in Turkmenistan was carried out through the SECCA project.

In particular, in 2024 a Contact Point was appointed in Turkmenistan responsible for leading and coordinating the Horizon Europe program within the country.

**Appointment of the
National Contact Point**

**Organization of the
International
Conference on
November 22, 2024**

**Informing the scientific
community through the
distribution and filling
of questionnaires**

**Collection and analysis
of 11 completed
templates from the
country's Higher
Education Institutions**

In 2024 the Government of Turkmenistan appointed the National Contact Point (NCP) for the Horizon Europe program – **Gulnabat Gurdova**, Head of the Department of International Cooperation at the Ministry of Education of Turkmenistan.



NCP for the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) of Horizon Europe – Senior Lecturer at the Department of Management, Head of the Master's Program in *Educational Management*, Head of the Master's Program in *Business Management* at the International University for the Humanities and Development.

- NCP for the European Research Council (ERC) – Vice-Rector for Research at the International horse breeding Academy named after Aba Annaev.

On 22 November 2024 in Ashgabat an International Conference "Opportunities of the Horizon Europe Programme: Goals and Objectives, Prospects and Potential for Cooperation Development in Turkmenistan" was organised at the International University of Oil and Gas named after Yagshigeldi Kakaevev. The event was held with the participation of the SECCA International Consultants and with the support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Education of Turkmenistan.

More than 11 Higher Education Institutions from Turkmenistan were invited. Additional 5 Technical Institutions participated online.





More than 15 Higher Education Institutions of Turkmenistan



16 May 2025

International Conference
on "Opportunities for
Turkmenistan's
Participation in the Horizon
Europe Programme,
Prospects and Potential for
Development of
International Cooperation"
held at the Institute of
International Relations of
the Ministry of Foreign
Affairs of Turkmenistan in
Ashgabat, Turkmenistan

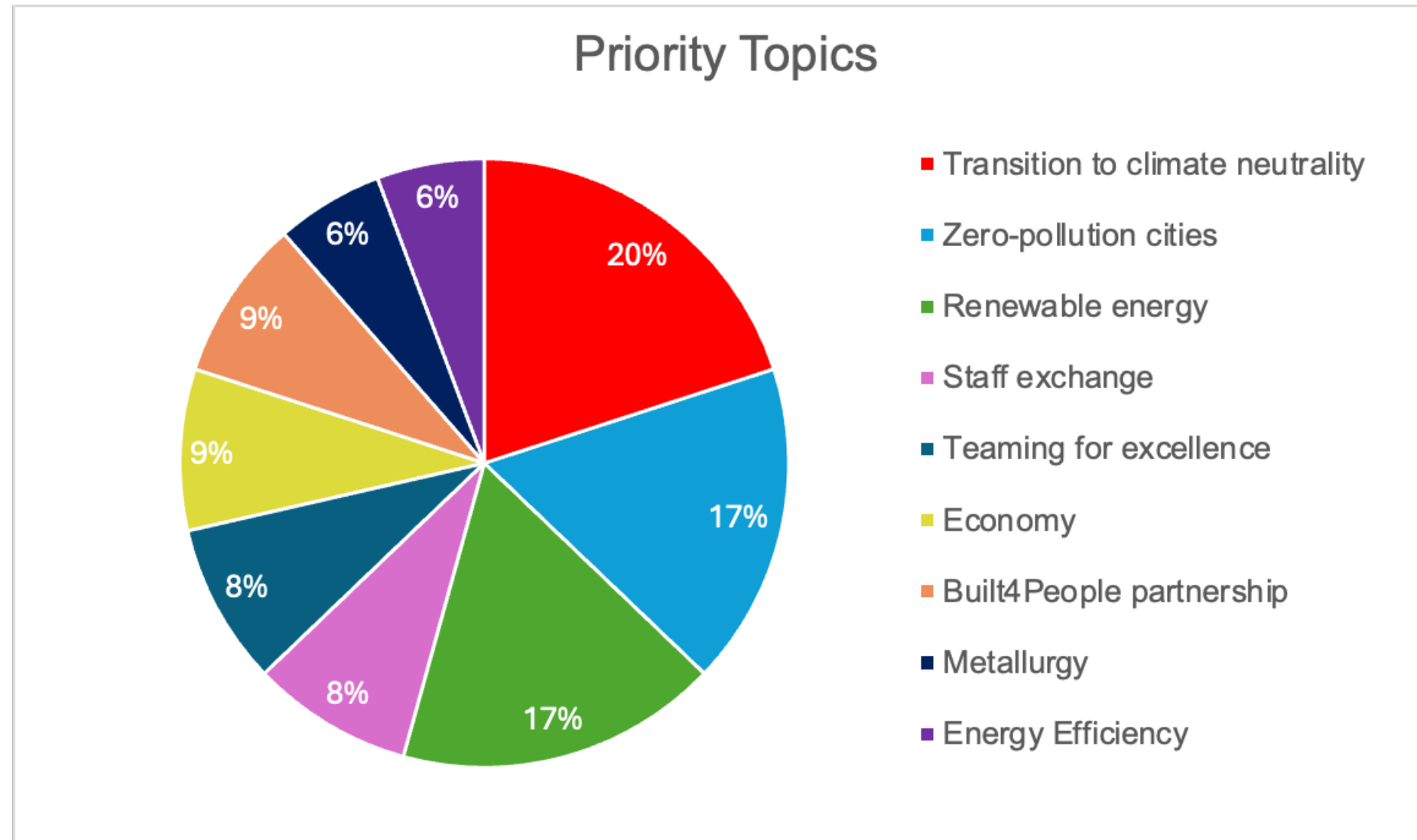


The main goal of this partnership initiative is to provide technical support to Higher Education Institutions and the scientific community of Turkmenistan in creating collaboration profiles to enhance partner search for Horizon Europe applications.

The template was designed for showcase key capabilities, research interests, and areas of experience in a structured format, promoting more effective cooperation.

In 2024 Ministry of Education of Turkmenistan officially distributed the Partner Proposal Template among the Country's Higher Education Institutions and research institutes.

As a result 11 completed Templates were received.





Turkmen State Energy Institute

«Renewable Energy Sources»





Yagshygeldi Kakayev International Oil and Gas University

Turkmen State Energy Institute

Energy-efficient industry, Energy-efficient buildings, Energy storage



- For the first time, Turkmenistan's participation in Horizon Europe activities demonstrated a strong interest from universities and scientific community.
- The Ministry of Education distributed the template across all higher education institutions, revealing a particular interest in Cluster 5. The template format was found to be user-friendly and accessible.
- Completing the template helped research organizations become familiar with the Horizon Europe platform (EU Funding & Tenders Portal) and structure their project proposals accordingly.
- The availability of completed templates allowed the research community to create appealing profiles for potential partners.
- The Turkmen Contact Point received an initial database, which will facilitate further promotion of the Horizon Europe program within the scientific and research community.
- The platform opened new horizons for collaboration between Turkmen researchers and European partners, as well as with colleagues from other Central Asian countries.
- SECCA experts were able to identify key research areas related to sustainable energy, enabling further promotion and implementation of planned activities.



Thank you for attention

