

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP FOR HORIZON EUROPE NCPS

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Sharing Experience from Turkmenistan's National Contact Points Network

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On behalf of the Ministry of Education of Turkmenistan, it is a great honor for me to address you today and present our vision for Turkmenistan's expanding participation in Horizon Europe program – the European Union's flagship initiative in research and innovation.

For Turkmenistan this program holds strategic importance. It supports our national priorities in areas such as science, sustainable development, innovation, education, and international cooperation. Horizon Europe offers unique platform for jointly addressing global challenges and deepening scientific integration between Turkmenistan and European Union.

We are pleased to report that significant preparatory work has already been carried out. To date 21 Higher Education Institutions of Turkmenistan have successfully registered and completed their institutional profiles on the EU Funding & Tenders Portal, laying the foundation for future participation in projects and international cooperation.

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.

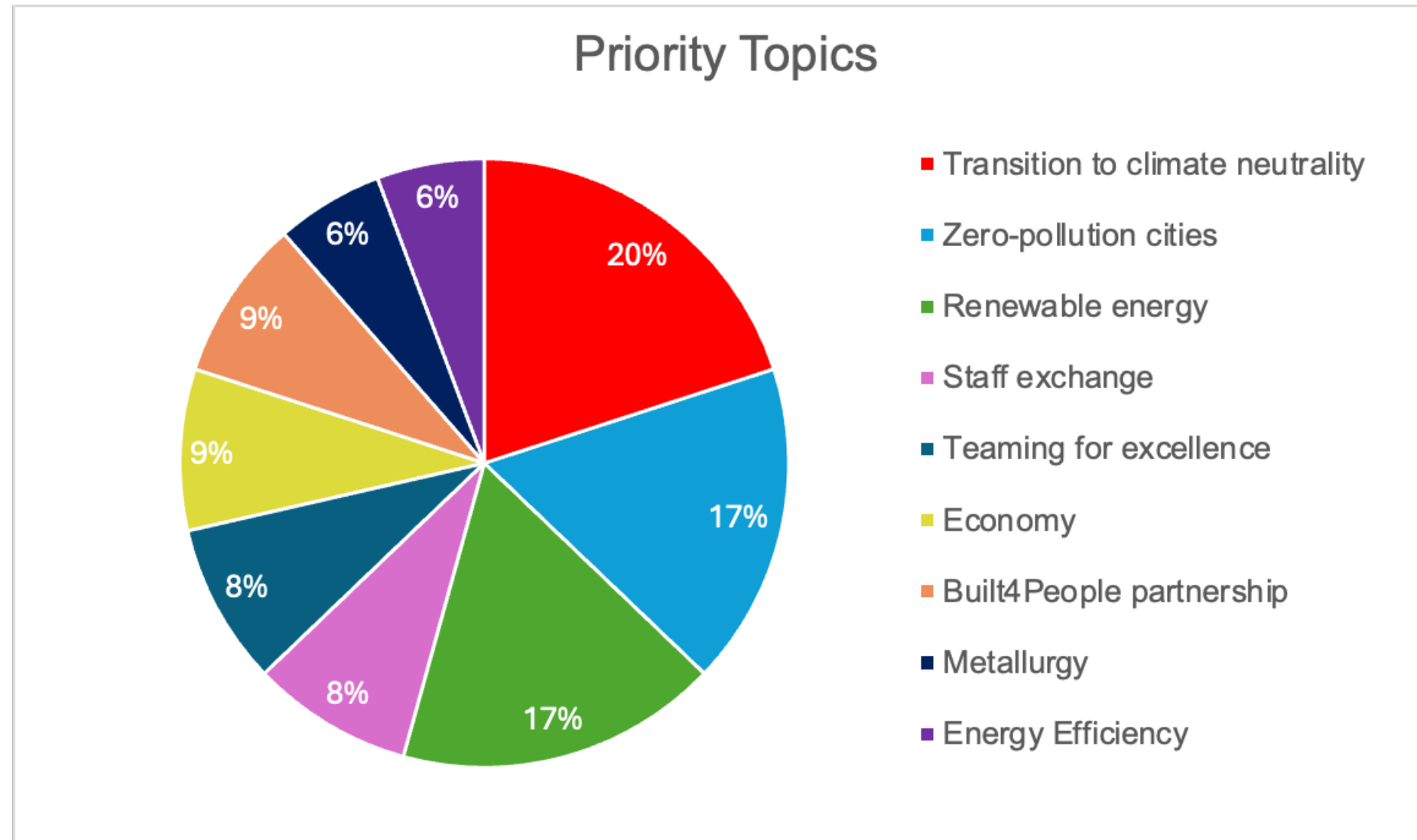
To coordinate our efforts I am pleased to officially announce the appointment of **Ms. Gulnabat Gurdova** as the Main Contact Point (MCP) for Turkmenistan. As the Head of the International Department at the Ministry of Education, Ms. Gurdova has the authority and expertise needed to manage the appointment of National Contact Points (NCPs) through the NCPM registry. We kindly request that she be granted access to the platform to effectively carry out her responsibilities.

In addition, we would like to nominate **Ms. Guncha Seyilbayeva**, a senior lecturer at the International University for the Humanities and Development, as the National Contact Point for the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA). Her academic background and international experience make her an excellent candidate for promoting Turkmenistan's participation in mobility and research training programs.

We are also pleased to nominate **Mr. Piriye**, Vice-Rector of one of Turkmenistan's leading universities, as the Contact Point for cooperation with the European Research Council (ERC). His leadership in integrating scientific research and applied sciences - particularly in the fields of agriculture and horse breeding - reflects the spirit of innovation at the heart of the ERC's mission.

At the same time, we must acknowledge that successful participation in *Horizon Europe* requires not only motivation, but also technical preparedness. Many of our institutions face technical difficulties in project development, proposal writing, and participation in consortia. Therefore training — both online and offline — on proposal preparation, administrative procedures, and partner engagement is essential for Turkmenistan. We view such capacity-building initiatives as a prerequisite for meaningful, sustainable, and high-quality participation in *Horizon Europe*.







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Turkmenistan is currently developing a legislative framework to support the growth of renewable energy.

The following have been developed and adopted:

- **The National Strategy for the Development of Renewable Energy in Turkmenistan until 2030** (Approved by Presidential Decree, December 2020)
- **The Law of Turkmenistan “On Renewable Energy Sources”** (Adopted by the Mejlis of Turkmenistan, March 2021)
- **The Law of Turkmenistan “On Energy Saving and Energy Efficiency”** (Adopted by the Mejlis of Turkmenistan, March 2024)

In conclusion, we extend our sincere gratitude to the SECCA project for the productive and forward-looking discussions during our recent visit.

The shared ideas and emerging opportunities have made a valuable contribution to shaping our path toward deeper cooperation.

We are committed to moving forward as partners, as innovators, and as contributors to global scientific progress under Horizon Europe.

