

## ROUNDTABLE

Opportunities for Strengthening Turkmenistan's participation in the Horizon Europe Programme

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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 1 1/2 years:
  - ✓ **NCP coordinators** nominated in **Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan**
  - ✓ **NCP for Cluster 5** nominated in **Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Uzbekistan**, and **is being discussed in Turkmenistan**
- This clearly demonstrates **the will and commitment of the CA countries** to enhance R&I cooperation with the EU under the Horizon Europe program

- **Lectures** for faculty members and students of the State Energy Institute of Turkmenistan, “Horizon Europe – prospects and challenges” (online, 15 December 2023)
- **Info event** "Opportunities for Turkmenistan's Participation in the Horizon Europe Programme" (Ashgabat, **Turkmenistan**, 26 November 2024)
- **International Conference** "Opportunities for Turkmenistan's Participation in the Horizon Europe Programme: Prospects and Potential for Developing International Cooperation" (Ashgabat, **Turkmenistan**, 16 May 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** delivered presentations on Achievements, Research Priorities and Future Cooperation
  - ✓ **NCPs from the EU** shared experiences and lessons learned
- **Professional Development workshop for Horizon Europe NCPs** (Almaty, Kazakhstan, 21 May 2025):
  - ✓ **European network of Cluster 5 NCPs - GREENET** presented 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**
- A comprehensive **database of Central Asian (CA) research institutions** created and uploaded on the [\*\*GREENET platform\*\*](#) – an official network of the Horizon Europe Cluster 5 National Contact Points in the EU – to support partner searches for participation in Cluster 5 of the Horizon Europe programme

In **Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan:**

- **Database of institutions** interested in participation in the HE program developed
- **Overview of profiles of research institutions** interested in participation in the HE program, **including priority areas for cooperation**, prepared
- **Communication strategy** developed
- **Key performance indicators (KPIs) to monitor and measure progress** developed
- **Recommendations** for further enhancing the participation of countries of CA in the HE program – to be prepared in Q4 2025



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