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**STRENGTHENING COOPERATION BETWEEN ERASMUS+  
PROJECTS AND MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND  
INNOVATION: TRADITIONAL ADVISORY MEETING OF NEWLY  
SELECTED ERASMUS+ CBHE AND JMA PROJECTS 2026**

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**Abstract**

The article presents the traditional Advisory Meeting organised by National Erasmus+ Office (NEO) in cooperation with the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation of the Republic of Uzbekistan (MHESI) for newly selected Erasmus+ Capacity Building in Higher Education (CBHE) and Jean Monnet Actions (JMA) projects. Based on conclusions of the meeting, minutes and a list of recommendations were developed by NEO. The article will focus on the importance of strengthening cooperation, the role of MHESI in project lifetime, and practical recommendations for projects.

**Keywords:** Erasmus+ Capacity Building in Higher Education (CBHE); Erasmus+ Jean Monnet Actions (JMA); Erasmus+ projects; higher education cooperation.

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INNOVATSIYALAR VAZIRLIGI O'RTASIDAGI HAMKORLIKNI  
MUSTAHKAMLASH: 2026-YILDA TANLAB OLINGAN YANGI  
ERASMUS+ CBHE VA JMA LOYIHALARI BO'YICHA AN'ANAVIY  
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**Annotatsiya**

Maqolada Milliy Erasmus+ ofisi (NEO) tomonidan Oliy ta'lim, fan va innovatsiyalar vazirligi (MHESI) bilan hamkorlikda yangi tanlangan Erasmus+ oliy ta'limda salohiyatni oshirish (CBHE) va Jean Monnet (JMA) loyihalari bo'yicha tashkil etilgan an'anaviy maslahat uchrashuvi taqdim etilgan. Yig'ilish yakunlari bo'yicha bayonnoma va NEO tomonidan tavsiyalar ro'yxati ishlab chiqildi. Maqolada hamkorlikni mustahkamlashning ahamiyati, loyihaning hayotiy davrida MHESIning roli va loyihalar uchun amaliy tavsiyalar haqida so'z boradi.

Kalit so'zlar: Erasmus+ oliy ta'lim salohiyatini oshirish loyihalari (CBHE); Erasmus+ Jean Monnet faoliyatlari (JMA); Erasmus+ loyihalari; oliy ta'lim sohasidagi hamkorlik.

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According to the selection results of the 2026 Erasmus+ Capacity Building in Higher Education (CBHE) Call, in total 173 CBHE projects were selected for funding. Higher education institutions (HEIs) from Uzbekistan are participating in 6 out of 10 projects involving Central Asia [4]. The total budget of these projects amounts to €3,642,452.46, of which €1,208,912.59 is allocated to Uzbek HEIs. Within this framework, 19 HEIs from different regions of Uzbekistan are collaborating with 18 leading universities from 10 European countries. 5 HEIs-newcomer have joined the projects. Tashkent University of Information Technologies, Kimyo International University in Tashkent, Nukus State Technical University, and Kokand University are participating as Coordinators of 4 projects. The Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation is a full partner in 1 project and an associated partner in 2 projects.

### *Traditional Advisory Meeting of newly selected Erasmus+ CBHE and JMA Projects 2026*

The Advisory Meeting was first held in 2023 upon the initiative of the MHESI. Since then it has become a good tradition to present newly selected projects to the Ministry and create a space for open discussion.

This time, the meeting focused on:

- Presenting the objectives and expected results of the newly selected CBHE and JMA projects to relevant stakeholders;
- Practical advice of MHESI on strengthening project impact and cooperation;
- Discussing communication, dissemination, and visibility activities from the early stages of project implementation;
- Introducing the support and upcoming activities that the National Erasmus+ Office (NEO) can provide to project teams;
- Providing practical recommendations from the Erasmus+ Higher Education Reform Experts (HEREs).

The meeting was conducted in semi-formal roundtable format, avoiding traditional presentations. Projects briefly introduced their goals and expected results, with a focus on practical questions, technical support, and cooperation. 6 newly selected Erasmus+ CBHE project teams (DIANA, CYBER4CA, GreenEngine, EduCATIA, MECAS, GreenCamUz), 3 JMA project teams (Strengthening Disaster Risk Governance Through EU Law, Teaching “European Union Law”, Fostering EU Knowledge and Sustainability Practices in Uzbekistan: The Jean Monnet Module on European Sustainable Development and Sustainability Science) were presented during the meeting. This year, the Head of the Department of Environmental Education, Scientific Research, and Innovation Integration of the National Committee on Ecology and Climate Change of the Republic of Uzbekistan joined the meeting. The Committee is involved in the MECAS project as an associated partner, and in the GreenCamUz project as a full partner. MHESI was represented by the Head of Department for Coordination of Higher Education Institutions, Deputy Head of International Cooperation and Ratings Department, Head of Department for Supervising



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Educational Process, and Chief Specialist of the Department for the Development of Scientific and Innovative Activities. Moreover, Head of Implementation of Expert and Analytical Services Department of the Republican Scientific and Methodological Center for the Development of Education, CBHE Project Coordinator and HEREs team leader joined the meeting to share practical recommendations.

The meeting was divided into two parts. The first part started with presentation of the role of NEO. It was highlighted that NEO serves as a focal point for Erasmus+ activities in the country. Also, promotion and dissemination feature of NEO support was underlined with the example of annual Erasmus+ Week in May and World-Wide International Days in October, Information Days, Thematic Cluster Meetings, annual regional conference of the Erasmus+ Higher Education Reform Experts (HEREs) titled “Perspectives of Higher Education Development”, peer-reviewed scientific and methodological journal of the National Team of HEREs "Perspectives of Higher Education Development" and etc. NEO relevant Guidelines on Visa support [2], Customs Clearance Procedure Guide [1], Note on Specificity (peculiarity) of Bank Account for Public Universities of Uzbekistan involved in Erasmus+ CBHE projects [3] were presented to participants.

The NEO presentation was followed by Team Leader of HEREs, the representative of the Republican Scientific and Methodological Center for the Development of Education with the experience of CBHE Project Coordinator. It was advised to plan project events well in advance and the use of correct project visibility elements. Also, national priorities and their role in the project life cycle were highlighted. Importantly, he shared tips on data protection guidelines and registration of involved participants.

Representatives of the MHESI highlighted the importance of following mutual deadlines and designation of Work Package leaders in each project. Also, it was highly recommended to avoid repetition of project topics. In order to align future projects with local needs, it was recommended for project coordinators to share project briefs to the MHESI once Call is launched. This will ensure new projects are aligned with the Higher Education Classifier and prevent the risk of non-approval of new curricula developed within the framework of projects. A noteworthy point was high-quality reporting to the MHESI by CBHE Project Coordinators- it contributed to accurate mobility tracking, national statistics, and EU cooperation reports.

Head of the Department of Environmental Education, Scientific Research and Implementation of Innovations of the National Committee for Ecology and Climate Change of the Republic of Uzbekistan also noted the Committee's willingness to cooperate with all related projects. Also, the Committee requested relevant curricula developed within Erasmus+ projects to be shared with them in order to implement in VET, specifically in the “Green Technical Schools” initiative.

The afternoon session focused on Q&A and discussions. The following recommendations and action plans were developed by National Erasmus+ Office based on the event:



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- MHESI to be consulted early regarding national priorities and needs, especially for Strand 3 projects
- Project events to be planned in advance by projects
- Projects are to ensure timely procurement of equipment (within first 18 months of project lifetime) [1]
- Cooperation with associated partners and ministries is to be established from the very start
- Project reporting to be improved. Data protection rules to be applied consistently
- Projects are to designate Work Package leaders and ensure proper implementation
- Invitations to key project events to be communicated to project stakeholders in advance
- Projects are to ensure sustainability and long-term impact at institutional, national, and regional level when applicable.

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