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2025 HIGHLIGHTS

SUMMARY

The first half of 2025 has been an inspiring period for Erasmus+ in Uzbekistan, marked by new projects, international collaborations, and exciting opportunities for students, academics, and universities. From pioneering initiatives in sustainability, renewable energy, and agriculture to impactful conferences, seminars, and Erasmus+ Week celebrations, the programme continues to strengthen Uzbekistan's integration into the European Higher Education Area.

HIGHLIGHT

**CBHE
PROJECTS**

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MUNDUS PDO**

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& SEMINARS**

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INTERNS

Across the country, universities have launched innovative CBHE projects with European partners, advancing green transition, digitalization, and academic excellence. Hundreds of students, staff, and experts have participated in workshops, technical assistance missions, and experience-sharing events, fostering knowledge transfer and stronger regional cooperation.

This newsletter captures the key milestones – from kick-off meetings of ambitious new projects to national Erasmus+ Week activities, international conferences, and pre-departure orientations for Erasmus Mundus scholarship holders.



NEWSLETTER

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GREENDT PROJECT



18–19 February 2025



Kimyo International University, Tashkent

A project led by Polytechnic Institute of Viana do Castelo (Portugal) to boost Environmental Engineering expertise in Uzbekistan.

- Aligned with the EU Green Deal 
- Innovative Master's programs in EE
- Strong EU–Uzbekistan cooperation
- Training for better employability

GREENDT aims to strengthen the expertise of academic staff and students in Uzbekistan's Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in Environmental Engineering (EE) by facilitating knowledge transfer from European Union (EU) HEIs.



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SILKWAY PROJECT



Budget: €888,379.2



Coordinated by University of Cadiz (Spain) with Sapienza University of Rome and five universities from Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan

The Erasmus+ SILKWAY project, “Development of Transversal and Sustainable Skills for Renewable Energy Production” was launched with a total budget of €888,379.2. The project focuses on advancing clean electricity and heat production in line with the European Green Deal.

SILKWAY aims to enhance higher education in Central Asia through new courses on renewable energy technologies, energy efficiency, circular economy, and business development, improving professional skills and supporting sustainable growth in the region.

ESGCA PROJECT



21–23 January 2025



University of Genoa, Italy

The ESGCA Project, an ambitious initiative aimed at strengthening environmental, social, and governance (ESG) sustainability in Central Asia.

The project brings together leading universities, research centers, and governmental organizations from Central Asia and Europe. Its key objectives include the development of two-year Master's programs in ESG, the establishment of research and innovation centers at Central Asian universities, and the enhancement of academic cooperation and employment opportunities for graduates. The meeting focused on introducing project partners, discussing the structure and stages of project implementation, and shaping strategies for Master's programs and innovative solutions



HEMUA PROJECT



19–20 February 2025



DISTAL

The project, coordinated under the title “Higher Education Modernization to boost Uzbekistan’s Agricultural system and promote excellence and regional development,” aims to increase the attractiveness of Uzbekistan’s higher education system for prospective students and to introduce a quality assurance system for teaching, aligned with European models. Another goal is to enhance students’ transversal skills to better meet the demands of an ever-evolving labor market.

The consortium consists of two European universities and four Uzbek higher education institutions



GREEN DEAL
CENTRAL ASIAN UNIVERSITIES

GDCAU PROJECT

The GDCAU project promotes sustainable development and green transformation in higher education institutions across Central Asia by integrating European Green Deal principles into academic programs, university governance, research, innovation, and business collaboration.

Key goals include developing strategies and action plans, creating new courses and training modules on sustainability and climate, and fostering stronger partnerships between universities and industry. The project also involves training sessions, experience exchange, pilot initiatives, and policy recommendations, along with the establishment of Green Deal Centers in partner universities.

Pre-Departure Orientation (PDO) meeting 2025



On 3 July 2025, a Pre-Departure Orientation (PDO) meeting was held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Tashkent for 13 students from Uzbekistan awarded Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters (EMJM) scholarships for the 2025/26 academic year.

Organized by the EU Delegation to Uzbekistan and the National Erasmus+ Office, the event featured insights from Erasmus Mundus alumni, cultural adaptation training, and guidance on academic life in Europe. Distinguished guests included representatives from UNESCO, the Embassies of France, Germany, Italy, and prominent Uzbek scholars.



ERASMUS+ WEEK

5-8 MAY



ERASMUS+ WEEK BROUGHT TOGETHER UNIVERSITIES, POLICYMAKERS, AND STUDENTS TO EXPLORE NEW OPPORTUNITIES, SHARE BEST PRACTICES, AND CELEBRATE THE IMPACT OF ERASMUS+ IN UZBEKISTAN.

5 May (Monday) – An information session in Tashkent introduced the 2026 Erasmus+ Call, with guidance for new applicants and reflections from active CBHE projects. Turin Polytechnic University showcased achievements from MechaUz, HiEdTec, ELBA, and TACEESM, including modern labs, digital teaching, and strong EU partnerships.

6 May (Tuesday) – At Westminster International University, experts shared practical advice on preparing CBHE and Jean Monnet proposals through case studies and Q&A. The TUIT Urgench Branch highlighted how Erasmus+ projects drive modernization, innovation, and international cooperation.

7 May (Wednesday) – A student-focused session at the Tashkent Institute of Management and Economics introduced opportunities under Erasmus Mundus, ICM, and MSCA. Alumni shared inspiring stories, joined by guest speaker Mohammad Rajai from the OCEANS Network.

DAY 4 – MAY 8

In Shakhrisabz, regional universities discussed mobility, proposal writing, and best practices. Online, Fergana State Technical University presented projects in engineering, sustainability, and green development, while DEBSEUz highlighted progress in renewable energy education.



TAM CONFERENCES

STRENGTHENING UNIVERSITY COLLABORATION BETWEEN EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA

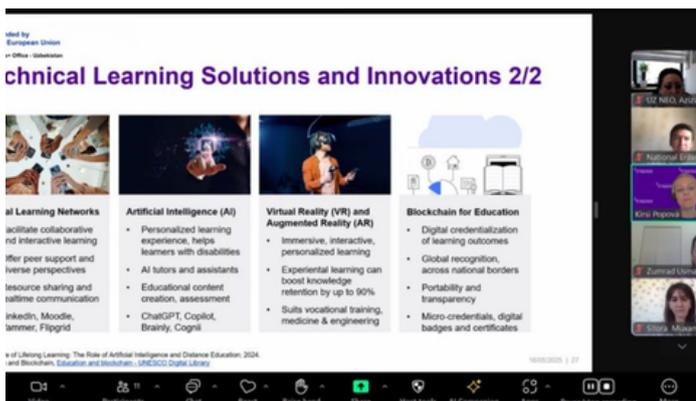
On 23–24 April 2025, the international conference “Strengthening University Collaboration Between Europe and Central Asia” gathered university leaders, National Erasmus+ Offices, policymakers, and experts to advance academic cooperation through sustainability, innovation, and shared goals.

Dr. Ilhom Abdurahmanov of TIAME National Research University (Uzbekistan) presented a compelling case study on how universities in Uzbekistan are localizing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), aiming for global relevance through local action.



The event underscored the power of regional and international cooperation in shaping a globally connected and forward-looking higher education space.

TAM Online Seminar: Lifelong Learning for a Sustainable Future



On 15–16 May 2025, an Erasmus+ Technical Assistance Mission (TAM) online seminar titled “Lifelong Learning as a Key to Sustainable Development: Technical Solutions for Global Challenges” was held with support from the HEREs team.

International expert Prof. Kirsi Popova (TAMK, Finland) shared the European vision of lifelong learning and its role in addressing global sustainability challenges, also presenting TAMK’s initiatives on sustainability and social responsibility.

Dr. Ilhom Abdurahmanov (TIAME NRU) highlighted the role of micro-credentials in creating flexible learning pathways, while Kobilov Nurbek discussed future trends in lifelong learning. The seminar concluded with active discussions on innovative approaches and practical solutions for higher education institutions.

TAM SEMINAR #3



Nukus State Technical University

The Erasmus+ Technical Assistance Mission (TAM) Seminar brought together educators and experts to explore "Advancing Higher Education through STEAM Integration: Strategies, Challenges, and Outcomes."

Day 1 – June 23

Sessions focused on:

- Modern STEAM strategies for technical education
- Turning theory into practice in curricula
- Art and design thinking as new approaches

Day 2 – June 24

The final session, "Preparing the Next Generation: STEAM Education as a Pathway to Future Technical Careers," featured EU STEAM expert Professor Karina Gibert Oliverler. A keynote presentation, Q&A, and group discussions highlighted sustainable strategies for advancing STEAM in higher education.

Over two days, the seminar fostered experience-sharing and opened new perspectives for innovation in technical education.



Interns of the month



Sagdiana Nurillaeva

A graduate of Webster University Tashkent, Sagdiana brings experience from the U.S. and British Embassies in Tashkent. At the NEO, Sagdiana has actively contributed to organizing information sessions, updating CBHE projects, assisting in the preparation of official communications such as the letter to the MHESI. Her commitment and creativity play an essential role in advancing Erasmus+ initiatives and fostering international education and cultural exchange.



Visola Rakhmatullaeva

Visola is a Webster University in Tashkent graduate with a degree in International Relations. She previously gained experience at the UNDP, where she interned and worked on community resilience projects by assisting with reporting, and communication with stakeholders. At the Erasmus+ office, she is contributing to communication with partners, translation of documents, and promotion of Erasmus+ opportunities in Uzbekistan. Her enthusiasm and dedication made her a valuable part of the team.



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