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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE MISSION (TAM) CONFERENCE ON
“ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN HIGHER EDUCATION”
21-22.05.2026**

Venue: Seifullin University, 62 Zhenis avenue, Astana, Kazakhstan.

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Event organizer: National Erasmus+ Office in Kazakhstan and Seifullin University with the support of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Republic of Kazakhstan (MSHE RK) and European Education and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA).

Objectives:

- Raise awareness of available funding opportunities and key priority areas of the Erasmus+ programme
- Present recommendations for developing competitive project proposals, as well as guidance on project implementation and management
- Facilitate regional networking and partnerships by creating a platform to connect, exchange experience, and identify potential partners for the implementation of regional projects
- Assess the impact of artificial intelligence (AI) on the objectives of the Bologna Process and examine how AI tools support or challenge the foundations of the European Higher Education Area (EHEA)
- Establish a platform for dialogue among ministries of Central Asian countries, researchers, policymakers and other stakeholders on the opportunities and risks of AI in higher education
- Develop recommendations and strategies for the responsible and ethical integration of AI into higher education policy and practice, in line with the values of the Bologna Process

Participants: Representatives of Ministries, Rectors, Vice-Rectors, faculty, administrative and managerial staff of universities, researchers, Higher Education Reform Experts (HERE), other interested stakeholders from Central Asia.

Working languages: English, Kazakh, Russian.

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AGENDA

Day 1: 21.05.2026

*Moderator: Gulzhan Jarassova, Chair of the Committee of Higher and Postgraduate Education, MSHE RK, member of HERE Kazakhstan;
Laura Paluanova, Coordinator of the National Erasmus+ Office in Kazakhstan.*

09:00 – 09:30	Higher education institutions prepare their exhibition stands dedicated to Erasmus+ programme projects and projects in the field of AI.
09:30 – 10:00	Registration and welcome coffee
10:00 – 10:30	<p>Welcome remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sayasat Nurbek, Minister of Science and Higher Education of the Republic of Kazakhstan ▪ Aleška Simkić, Ambassador of the European Union to the Republic of Kazakhstan ▪ Kanat Tireuov, Chairman of the Board – Rector of Seifullin University ▪ Nurlan Omurov, Member of the HERE Kyrgyzstan ▪ Mohbonu Nakhatzoda, Coordinator of the National Erasmus+ Office in Tajikistan ▪ Aziza Abdurakhmanova, Coordinator of the National Erasmus+ Office in Uzbekistan
10:30 – 10:50	Erasmus+ programme in Central Asia <i>Laura Paluanova, Coordinator of the National Erasmus+ Office in Kazakhstan</i>
10:50 – 11:10	Kazakhstan in Erasmus+: From Experience to Excellence in Competitive Project Proposals <i>Dominguez Parrado Maria Sol, Project Officer, European Education and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA)</i>
11:10 – 11:30	Coffee-break
11:30 – 11:50	Enhancing the quality and competitiveness of Capacity Building in Higher Education (CBHE) project proposals <i>Ilhom Abdurahmanov, Vice Rector for International Cooperation, Namangan State Technical University, member of the HERE Uzbekistan</i>
11:50 – 12:10	Best practices in CBHE projects and recommendations for project implementation and management <i>Elmira Uteubayeva, Director of the Department of International Cooperation and Academic Mobility, Seifullin University; Sara Kitaybekova, Senior Lecturer of the Educational Programme Group “Landscape Design”, Institute of Agriculture and Forestry, Seifullin University.</i>
12:10 – 12:30	Best practices in implementing Jean Monnet projects and recommendations for preparing competitive project proposals <i>Saya Abeuova, Associate Professor of the Department of World Economy and International Relations, Karaganda University of Kazpotrebsoyuz</i>

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12:30 – 13:30	Lunch break
13:30 – 13:50	New Logic of Internationalization: From Mobility to Global Partnerships and Ecosystems <i>Aitzhan Kulumzhanova, Director of CIMEA Central Asia</i>
13:50 – 14:10	“Horizon Europe” programme grants: Funding and mobility opportunities for Central Asian researchers under MSCA Calls <i>Beken Arymbekov, National Coordinator for Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions, Professor, Satbayev University</i>
14:10 – 14:30	Coffee-break
14:30 – 14:50	CIMEA: A Journey of Cooperation and Innovation – Best Practices in Cooperation at the ENIC-NARIC Level <i>Matteo Testa, Project Manager - Senior Credential Evaluator, CIMEA Naric Italia</i>
14:50 – 15:10	Prospects for strengthening the regional cooperation among Central Asian higher education institutions <i>Amangeldi Zhumadilov, President of Salymbekov University, member of the HERE Kyrgyzstan</i>
15:10 – 15:30	Q&A session and panel discussion with Central Asian HERE teams: discuss the existing best practices of regional cooperation within Erasmus+ identifying barriers and solutions and develop recommendations to strengthen it. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Aitzhan Kulumzhanova, Director of CIMEA Central Asia</i> ○ <i>Amangeldi Zhumadilov, President of Salymbekov University, member of the HERE Kyrgyzstan</i> ○ <i>Ilhom Abdurahmanov, Vice Rector for International Cooperation, Namangan State Technical University, member of the HERE Uzbekistan</i> ○ <i>Zarrina Kadyrova, Professor of Economics at Business Department, Tajik State University of Commerce, member of the HERE Tajikistan</i>
15:30 – 16:00	Wrap-up Group photo
16:00 – 17:00	Fair of Erasmus+ and AI Projects; Networking Session. <i>Each higher education institution will be provided with a dedicated table to set up an exhibition stand presenting Erasmus+ programme projects and initiatives in the field of AI. Participants will have the opportunity to visit the stands of various universities, obtain detailed information about the showcased projects, and establish professional contacts with their representatives.</i>
19:00	Dinner for guests from the EU and Central Asia





Day 2: 22.05.2026

Moderator: Dana Abdrasheva, Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs, Korkyt Ata Kyzylorda University, member of HERE Kazakhstan.

09:00 – 10:15	Tour to AI center for EU and Central Asian guests
10:30 – 11:30	Registration and welcome coffee
11:30 – 12:00	AI and Recognition of Qualifications: Opportunities and Risks from an ENIC-NARIC Perspective <i>Matteo Testa, Project Manager - Senior Credential Evaluator, CIMEA Naric Italia</i>
12:00 – 12:20	AI in the system of higher education of Kazakhstan <i>Digitalization department of the MSHE RK</i>
12:20 – 12:40	AI in Building an Ecosystem for University Learners <i>Dana Abdrasheva, Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs, Korkyt Ata Kyzylorda University, member of HERE Kazakhstan;</i> <i>Nurlan Kulmurzaev, Director of the AI Institute, Korkyt Ata Kyzylorda University.</i>
12:40 – 13:00	Panel discussion with EU expert and Central Asian HERE teams: How to adapt or improve the university governance in the context of AI? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Dana Abdrasheva, Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs, Korkyt Ata Kyzylorda University, member of HERE Kazakhstan</i> ○ <i>Digitalization department of the MSHE RK</i> ○ <i>Matteo Testa, Project Manager - Senior Credential Evaluator, CIMEA Naric Italia</i> ○ <i>Zumrad Usmanova, Associate Professor of the Marketing Department, Samarkand Institute of Economics and Service, member of the HERE Uzbekistan</i>
13:00 – 13:10	Signing Ceremony of Memoranda of Cooperation
13:10 – 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 – 14:20	Training specialists in AI under modern challenges: Abai KazNPU experience <i>Nurzhamal Oshanova, Director of the Department for Analysis of Educational Programmes, Associate Professor, Abai Kazakh National Pedagogical University</i>
14:20 – 14:40	The impact of AI on the system of higher education of Kyrgyzstan with a special focus on teaching strategy and assessment system <i>Nurlan Omurov, member of the HERE Kyrgyzstan</i>
14:40 – 15:00	Integration of AI in higher education in Tajikistan: Implications for teaching and assessment <i>Zarrina Kadyrova, Professor of Economics at Business Department, Tajik State University of Commerce, member of the HERE Tajikistan</i>
15:00 – 15:20	Ethical use of AI and data in teaching and learning for educators





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15:20 – 15:40	Coffee-break
15:40 – 16:00	AI initiatives that university creates; showcase of best practices in implementing AI in HE or industry <i>Gulmira Bekmanova, Vice-Rector for Digitalization-Digital Officer of L. N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University</i>
16:00 – 16:30	Impact of AI on higher education <i>Martin Ebner, Head of the Service Department Educational Technology at Graz University of Technology, Austria (online)</i>
16:30 – 16:50	Panel discussion with EU expert and Central Asian HERE teams: How can AI improve the quality of higher education? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Gulmira Bekmanova, Vice-Rector for Digitalization-Digital Officer of L. N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University</i> ○ <i>Martin Ebner, Head of the Service Department Educational Technology at Graz University of Technology, Austria (online)</i> ○ <i>Nurlan Omurov, member of the HERE Kyrgyzstan</i> ○ <i>Zarrina Kadyrova, Professor of Economics at Business Department, Tajik State University of Commerce, member of the HERE Tajikistan</i>
16:50 – 17:00	Wrap-up and recommendations Group photo
17:00 – 18:00	Fair of Erasmus+ and AI Projects; Networking Session.

