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## TAM Online Seminar: “Synergies between Quality Assurance, Recognition of Qualifications, and Academic Mobility: Adapting European Practices to Strengthen Kyrgyzstan’s Higher Education System”

**Date:** 9 December, 2025

**Time:** 13:30 – 18:00 (Bishkek time)

**Format:** online (via Zoom)

### Link to the seminar:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82345222737?pwd=QTo7hdwAFokTg25WuH4YDMIXa6ZKGE.1>

This seminar aims to **foster a deeper understanding of the Bologna Process in Kyrgyzstan**, highlighting **synergy in quality assurance, qualifications recognition, and academic mobility** for the benefit of the entire higher education community, and equipping participants to drive meaningful reforms in higher education.

### Seminar Objectives

1. **Deepen Understanding of the Bologna Process in Kyrgyzstan:** Highlight the synergy among quality assurance (QA), qualifications recognition, and academic mobility for the benefit of the entire higher education community.
2. **Strengthen Policy and Practice in Kyrgyzstan:** Foster dialogue among policymakers, accreditation bodies, HEIs, and students to align local policies with EHEA frameworks, and identify practical solutions for improving QA, recognition, and mobility.
3. **Promote Collaborative Approaches:** Encourage joint initiatives, peer learning, and cross-institutional cooperation to build synergy across different aspects of the Bologna Process in Kyrgyzstan.

### Expected Outputs

- **Roadmap for QA Improvement:** Recommendations and action plans for HEIs and accreditation agencies to enhance QA in line with ESG.
- **Policy Recommendations:** Draft proposals for policymakers and institutional leaders to address gaps in QA, recognition, and mobility, including potential regulatory reforms and capacity-building initiatives.
- **Networking and Collaboration:** Strengthened links among Kyrgyz HEIs, accreditation bodies, student representatives, and international experts, fostering future cooperative projects and reforms.

### Agenda

Time	Activity	Speaker
13:30-13:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Opening Session</b></li><li>• <b>Seminar Overview:</b> Objectives, expected outcomes, and structure</li></ul>	<b>Gulnara Isaeva -</b> National Coordinator



		of the Erasmus+ Office (NEO) in Kyrgyzstan
13:45-15:15	<p><b>Session 1:</b> The Bologna Process – Principles, Key Commitments and Tools and Relevance for Kyrgyzstan</p> <p><b>Focus:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Core principles of the Bologna Process</li> <li>• Key Bologna commitments and tools (QA, recognition, mobility) as drivers of system change</li> <li>• Q&amp;A</li> </ul>	<b>Horia Onița</b> - Head of the EHEA Secretariat
15:15-16:15	<p><b>Session 2:</b> Ensuring Quality in Higher Education – European Standards and Guidelines and the Kyrgyz Context</p> <p><b>Presentation 1:</b> <i>Overview of ESG (Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the EHEA)</i></p>	<b>Aleksandra Zhivkovikj</b> - Policy and project officer at EQAR
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Panel Discussion:</b> <i>Current Challenges in the Work of Accreditation Agencies in Kyrgyzstan</i></li> <li>• <b>Q&amp;A / Panel Discussion:</b> How to create synergy in QA processes across Kyrgyz HEIs</li> </ul>	<p><b>Erik Esentaev</b> - Director of the Accreditation Agency “Bilim Standart”</p> <p><b>Parida Bostonova</b> - Director of the Agency “Sapattyu Bilim”</p> <p><b>Onola Umankulova</b> - President of the EdNet Quality Assurance Agency</p>
16:15 – 16:30	<b>Break</b>	
16:30-17:00	<p><b>Session 3: Qualifications Recognition and Mobility – Pathways to Openness</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Presentation 2:</b> <i>Kyrgyz Qualifications</i></li> </ul>	<b>Svetlana Sirmbard</b> - Rector, Adam



	<i>Framework, Micro-credentials and digital recognition as new bridges</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Q&amp;A</li></ul>	University, Higher education reform expert in Kyrgyzstan
17:00-17:45	<b>Interactive group discussion:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Participants identify 2–3 priority actions for synergy among QA, recognition, and mobility.</li><li>• <b>Facilitator Summary:</b> Synthesis of key outcomes → draft TAM recommendations and next steps.</li></ul>	
17:45–18:00	<b>Closing Remarks</b>	