

PRESS RELEASE

The Conference "Successful results of Erasmus+ projects", organized by the National Erasmus+ Office in Turkmenistan, was held on March 29, 2023 at the Magtymguly Turkmen State University (TSU). The event was supported by the Ministry of Education of Turkmenistan, the EU Delegation to Turkmenistan and the European Education and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA). Higher education students, academic staff and Erasmus+ project teams were the main participants of the conference. The Conference was aimed at presenting the latest results of Turkmen university teams in Erasmus+ ICM and CBHE projects.

The meeting started with welcoming speeches of the Head of the EU Delegation to Turkmenistan, Mr Diego Ruiz Alonso, and the Rector of Turkmen State University, Bayramgul Orazdurdyeva.

Mr D. R. Alonso emphasized the importance of developing cooperation between Turkmenistan and the European Union. He said that the conference is “an example of bilateral cooperation ... and the cooperation between the European Union universities and Turkmenistan – this is what Erasmus+ is working on ... We get investments worth millions of euros, which are aimed at creating the best conditions for training, capacity building and exchange of experience between the EU and Turkmenistan.”



Mr. Diego Ruiz Alonso, Ambassador, EU Delegation to Turkmenistan



Bayramgul Orazdurdyeva, Rector of Turkmen State University

The important role of talented youth as “the source for Turkmenistan’s dynamic social and economic reforms” was emphasized in the statement of TSU Rector Bayramgul Orazdurdyeva. She pointed to the unique 20-year-long partnership between TSU and European universities and highlighted the role of Erasmus+ CBHE projects, assisted the Turkmen universities to implement innovative curricula and teaching methods, advanced

training courses for specialists in scientific and educational sphere, and provided impetus for the development of talented Turkmen youth. She noted that the teaching staff of Magtymguly University received an invaluable experience and advanced pedagogical technologies, and many students, involved in project activities, could become successful teachers.

Professor Ivan Španik, Director of the Institute of Analytical Chemistry (Bratislava, Slovakia), addressed the Conference as Coordinator of the International Credit Mobility (ICM) project and expressed support for the development of cooperation among EU and Turkmen universities in the framework of International Credit Mobility project.

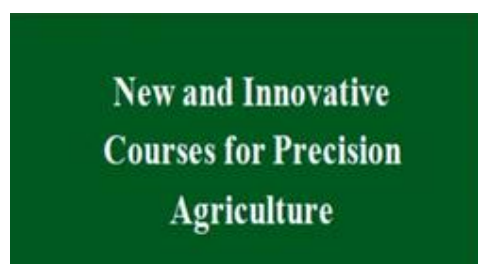
Mr. Ivan Španik mentoring mission in Turkmenistan is carried out within the framework of the Erasmus+ ICM project according to the signed Interinstitutional Agreement for 2022-2023 involving the Turkmen State University and the University of Technology in Bratislava. The project envisages providing professional internships for the TSU academic staff in Bratislava and working visits of Slovak University academics to Turkmenistan.



Professor Ivan Španik University of Technology, Bratislava

A presentation on the opportunities of the Erasmus+ Program was delivered by Coordinator of the National Erasmus+ Office in Turkmenistan Ayna Choreklyeva. She made special emphasis to the current generation of EU education programmes and perspectives for shaping mobility and international cooperation in higher education, and elaborated on main components of the Erasmus+ program for studying the EU advanced experience, and on the opportunities of academic exchange in Erasmus+ Programme frameworks.

As an example, indicating fruitful cooperation between the EU and CA universities, NEO Coordinator mentioned the practice of project partners in NICoPA (New and Innovative Courses on Precision Agriculture) and GEOCLIC (New courses on Geospatial Engineering for Climate Change and Adaptation of Coastal Ecosystems) united EU and CA countries. Both projects currently work to contribute the natural balance in Central Asia, saving the Caspian Sea ecosystem and other complex ecological needs of the region.



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Local Coordinators of three Turkmen universities Sheker Ashirmuradova (Turkmen State University), Orazmuhammed Durdyev (Turkmen State Agricultural University), and Ayna Muhammedova (International University of the Humanities and Development) addressed with presentations on the NICoPA and GEOCLIK outcomes. Developed and modernised academic disciplines within NICoPA project have successfully been implemented and included: Precision Agriculture, Soil Science, Agrometeorology, Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing, Geodesy, Hygrometry and Hydrology, Geoinformation Systems, Modern Geodetic Tools and Climatology.



Sheker Ashirmuradova, Erasmus+ Local Coordinator, TSU

The work in GEOCLIK project has supported developing curricula targeted at training specialists with competences to use remote sensing tools and geospatial technologies in the field of ecology, management and engineering of the coastal zone. The project has positively influenced on the developing of regional cooperation between EU and CA universities and enterprises in the exchange of knowledge and educational resources.

Nurjakhan Myaligulyeva, TSU staff, told about her successful experience and results of internship in Bratislava completed within the framework of Erasmus+ University ICM project. Nurjakhan was acquainted with campus and infrastructure of the University, and the research and educational activities of Slovak university academics. She attended seminars and trainings and returned back with interesting ideas and methodological recommendations.

Erasmus+ projects results continue influencing on the transformation process of higher education system of Turkmenistan. Each project allocates funds for modernization of universities' educational and technical resources: purchasing unique laboratory equipment, software and modern textbooks, long-term subscriptions for the use of world electronic educational resources and distance learning technologies, for training teaching staff and students.

Each completed Erasmus+ project demonstrates growing cooperation with EU universities which contributes to increasing attractiveness of the Turkmen national economy for the foreign partners.



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