



**CONFERENCE**  
**EU-KYRGYZ REPUBLIC HIGHER-EDUCATION COOPERATION**  
**KYRGYZ NATIONAL UNIVERSITY**  
**BISHKEK, 15-16 APRIL 2015**

**PROGRAMME**

**Day 1: Wednesday 15 April**

08.45-09.30	Registration of participants
09.30-09.45	Opening remarks: Ministry of Education and Science, Kyrgyz Republic
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09.55-10.00	Welcome speech by the Rector of the Kyrgyz National University
10.00-10.30	Photo Session and Break
10.30-11.45	<b>Keynote presentations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr Abdymanap Zholdoshev, Head of Higher-Education Department, Professional Education Division, Ministry of Education and Science of the Kyrgyz Republic: 'Optimisation of the Network of Higher-Education Institutions of the Kyrgyz Republic'</li><li>• Professor Liviu Matei, Provost / Pro-Rector of Central European University, Budapest: 'Models of university autonomy'</li></ul>
11.45-13.00	<b>Plenary Session 1: Perspectives on the priorities and outcomes of EU-Kyrgyz Republic Cooperation in the Higher-Education Sphere</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ms Gulnara Chokusheva, National Coordinator, National Erasmus+ Office in Kyrgyzstan: 'Impact of Tempus Programme on the Higher-Education system of Kyrgyzstan'</li><li>• Dr Carlos Machado, Compostela Group of Universities: 'Supporting Regional Strategic policies through EU funded projects : Case Study of Kyrgyz Republic'</li><li>• Dr Anipa Usupkozhoeva, Director of Kyrgyz-German Technical Institute and Mr Yves Tauschwitz, DAAD docent, KSTU: 'Current and Prospective Developments of International Cooperation: Case of the Kyrgyz-German Technical Institute'</li></ul>
13:00 – 14:00	<b>Lunch</b>
14:00 – 15:30	<b>Plenary Session 2: Quality of Higher Education, Curriculum Development, Quality Assurance</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Professor Nazira Duisheeva, Issykul State University: 'Modernization of studies in Educational management'</li><li>• Ms Roseanna Avento, University of Eastern Finland and Ms. Bermet Tazhibaeva, Kyrgyz National Agrarian University: 'Capacity building for food security and green biotechnology: higher education collaboration between Central Asia and Finland'</li><li>• Professor Ernek Baybagyshov, Naryn State University: 'Documentation for Quality Assurance of Study Programmes (DoQuP)'</li><li>• Mrs Rahat Bekboeva, International University of Kyrgyzstan: 'The role of the Tuning methodology in the creation of a Central Asian Higher Education Area'</li></ul>
15:30 – 16:00	<b>Break</b>



- 16:00 – 17:30 **Session 3: Roundtable discussion of the Research Role of Higher-Education Institutions (including PhD programmes development)**
- Dr Kenesh Dzhusupov, International School of Medicine, Kyrgyzstan (*in absentia* Prof. Claudio Colosio, University of Milan): 'Introducing PhD programme in Public Health in Kyrgyzstan'
  - Roundtable discussion on the research role of universities. Chair: Dr Stephen Webber
- 17:30 – 17:40 Closing remarks to Day 1
- 17:45 – 19:00 **Reception for participants (Café Kanykey, Tabishalieva street 97)**

## Day 2: Thursday 16th April

- 09:30 – 11:00 **Plenary Session 4: International Cooperation and Internationalisation of Higher Education**
- Professor Bubugulsun Akylbekova, International University of Kyrgyzstan: Presentation on SILKROUTE Erasmus Mundus project 'The Erasmus Mundus programme as a catalyst for internationalisation of higher education'
  - Professor Georg Beier, Westsächsische Hochschule Zwickau and Mr Aibek Isaev, KSUCTA: 'Exporting a Bachelor Degree Course to Kyrgyzstan: Goals, Obstacles, Achievements and Perspectives in a Kyrgyz-German University Cooperation'
  - Ms Rachael Sara-Kennedy, Strategic Partnerships Manager, Newton Fund at the UK HE International Unit: 'The UK higher education sector and internationalisation'
  - Ms Olga Bogurina, University of Barcelona: 'The University of Barcelona's capacity building activities: Supporting Higher Education reforms in neighbour countries - Case of Central Asia'
- 11:00 – 11:15 **Break**
- 11:15 – 12:30 **Opportunities for study and cooperation**
- Mr Aron le Fèvre, Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Republic of Kazakhstan: 'Higher Education in the Netherlands'
  - Dr Andrzej Bober, Embassy of the Republic of Poland, Republic of Kazakhstan: Presentation on higher education in Poland
  - Ms Jana Duemmler, Head of Bishkek office, DAAD: Presentation on study opportunities in Germany
- 12:30 – 12:45 Wrapping-up of Conference
- 12.45 – 14.00 **Lunch**
- 14.00 -16.00 **Practical workshop: Developing effective international partnerships, identifying and applying for funding opportunities.**  
Facilitators:
- Ms Gulnara Chokusheva, National Erasmus+ office Kyrgyzstan
  - Ms Jana Duemmler, DAAD office Bishkek
  - Dr Stephen Webber, EHEF project