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Kazakh Universities to foster quality assurance processes in Technology Enhanced Learning

KUTEL - Kazakh Universities to foster quality assurance processes in Technology Enhanced Learning - is a three-year project co-funded by the European Commission in the framework of the ERASMUS Plus Programme, Key Action 2 “Capacity-building in the Field of Higher Education”. The Project Consortium brings together 14 organisations: 4 are from European countries - Italy, Bulgaria, Finland and Greece – and 10 are from Kazakhstan. The Kazakh organisations involved are 7 Universities from different areas of the country, the Ministry of Science and Education, an Accreditation Agency and a Public Foundation.

EDITORIAL

KUTEL has officially started in November 2018. The project aims to improve the quality and relevance of technology-enhanced learning (TeL) at Kazakhstan higher education institutions, and to enable their easier inclusion into European Higher Education Area. The main project objective is to improve, develop and implement accreditation standards, guidelines and procedures for quality assurance of TeL courses and study programs at a national level.

The organizations involved in the project met in Rome at the Project Coordinator premises, Università degli Studi Guglielmo Marconi, for the project kick-off meeting on the 25th and 26th of February 2019. It was an opportunity for the partners to know each other, starting to build cooperative links and explaining the main steps forward in terms of activities to implement and of financial and administrative rules.

UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

The project Consortium has started working on the first activities: all the partners have collected data and wrote reports regarding the State of the Art of TEL Quality Assurance in HEIs both at institutional and national level. This is the first step of the Baseline Analysis (WP1) which is preparatory to the Development phase, the core of the project. At the same time, also the “transversal” activities have started: the project website, the Facebook and Instagram pages and the first brochure have been created (WP4) and the Quality (WP3) and Management (WP5) first documents have been drafted. Furthermore, the first Monitoring Visit by the National Erasmus Office in Kazakhstan occurred on the 9th of April; it has been held at the Almaty Institute Of Power Engineering And Communications (AUPET) and all the Kazakh partners participated and gave their contribution for the success of the visit.

WHAT’S NEXT

In order to complete the Baseline Analysis on the State of the Art of QA procedures in Kazakh HEIs, between April and May the Kazakh Universities involved in the project are going to submit questionnaires and interviews to some representatives of their academic staff and also to some authorities responsible for the accreditation and evaluation in educational field. This will be the last step of data collection, that will allow the Greek partner leading the Baseline Analysis to draft the relevant preparation documents, that will contain crucial information for the development of the Training Course. Furthermore in September or October the Consortium will meet in Greece for the Second Project Meeting, that will mark the beginning of the Development phase.

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