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**Project Title**

## **“Bridging Environmental Concerns, Societal Needs, and Good Governance in Central Asian Education and Employment Sectors”**

**Acronym**

**ESGCA**

**PROJECT COORDINATION by the University of Genoa**

### **PROJECT INFORMATION**

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### **ADDITIONAL PROJECT INFORMATION**

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2. CAPACITY BUILDING CONSULTING GROUP (CBCG) - KG
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9. BUKHARA STATE UNIVERSITY (BSU) - UZ
10. TAJIK NATIONAL UNIVERSITY (TNU) - TJ
11. TAJIK AGRARIAN UNIVERSITY n.a. SHIRINSHOH (TAU) - TJ
12. STATE POWER ENGINEERING INSTITUTE OF TURKMENISTAN (SEIT) - TM
13. INTERNATIONAL OIL AND GAS UNIVERSITY (IOGU) - TM
14. UNIVERSITY “LUCIAN BLAGA” IN SIBIU (ULBS) - RO
15. SLOVAK UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY IN BRATISLAVA (STUBA) - SK

## OTHER INFORMATION - Project summary

This is a cooperation project awarded within the «Erasmus+ Key Action 2», sub-action “Capacity Building in the field of Higher Education” (CBHE), upon a competitive Call by the EU Agency “EACEA”.

Projects granted under **CBHE Strand 2** address the different state of advancement and challenges of HEIs located in eligible third countries not associated to the E+ Programme, by introducing new approaches and initiatives in higher education, based on peer learning, transfer of experience and good practice affecting not only the institutions, but also the society at large.

“**Partnerships for transformation in higher education**” aim to strengthen the capacities of the targeted HEIs to address the 21st century challenges such as climate change, governance, migration and shifts towards a digital economy.

Such projects combine the following elements for the benefit of HEIs in the third countries, so that they become catalysts of economic and social development:

- innovation in higher education to enhance its relevance for the labour market and the society,
- support to HEIs to develop and implement the institutional reforms that will make them more democratic, inclusive, equitable and full-fledged constituents of the civil society.

**ESGCA project** aims at implementing 2-year (120 ECTS) Master study programmes in the mentioned 10 Central Asian HEIs to prepare qualified specialists in effective management for environmental and social challenges, and good governance (ESG). It shall contribute, by the introduction of the MSc, to improve quality of education, to the creation of labour market opportunities and to foster academic cooperation in Central Asia in Environmental Social Governance.

Its **specific objectives** are:

- ✓ Strengthen Environmental Science Programs,
- ✓ Establish Research and Innovation Centres,
- ✓ Engage Industry and Governments from Partners Countries,
- ✓ Enhance the Capacity Building at Institutions and Human Resources level,
- ✓ Set-up internship and Job Placement Programs,
- ✓ Public Awareness and Advocacy.

The **structure** of the project is the following:

WP1 - Preparation: Capacity building

WP2 - Development

WP3 - Quality assurance system

WP4 - Exploitation: Implementation, Networking and Sustainability

WP5 - Dissemination and communication

WP6 - Management.

The following **project outcomes** are expected to be sustainable after the end of the Erasmus+ funding of the project:

1. Research and Innovation centres at Central Asian universities with trained trainers, and purchased & installed equipment,
2. ESG 2-year Master program with locally tailored content, in line with Bologna Process principles and ENQA standards,
3. locally adjusted elective micro-credential modules, ready for learning with online educational materials,
4. Master's Program launched and scale-up Strategy Roadmap,
5. stakeholders' participation, students continuously enrolled in courses/modules,
6. International Network set up and operative, International Network's Plan developed.

**WEBSITE:** in progress