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"Higher Education for
Central Asia Food Systems and
Standards"



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Higher Education for Central Asia Food Systems and Standards

The Project

The consortium of 10 partners, led by Latvia University of Agriculture, is realising the project "Higher Education for Central Asia Food Systems and Standards". The project is financed by EU Erasmus+ Programme. Key Action 2 - Cooperation for innovation and the exchange of good practices, sub-action - Capacity Building in the field of higher education.

The overall objective: To support modernisation of higher education for implementation of internationally recognised food production and processing safety systems and standards in Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan, thus increasing food export potential of small and medium enterprises.



The Project is elaborated based on initiative of Tajikistan's and Kyrgyzstan's small and medium enterprises - food producers and processors, represented in the project by associations and aims to respond appropriately to their need in highly qualified professionals. Associations are bringing to the project expertise and competencies accumulated by food production and processing industries as well do work necessary for promotion of the project issues at relevant national authorities.

In addition to the main aims, the project is intended to develop and to strengthen collaboration between universities and companies, and between universities in Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan and European Union.

Expected results and achievements of the project:

- Higher education in Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan will be modernised by developing and introducing study modules in four involved Central Asia universities.
- Relevance of higher education to needs of food production and processing industries will be ensured by involving companies in study content development processes.
- Capacity of higher education institutions will be increased through measures, increasing professionalism of teachers and through development of teaching facilities.
- Networking among higher education institutions and food production and processing industries in Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan will be enhanced through joint events and publicity measures.
- Networking among higher education institutions of Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan and EU Member States will be promoted through implementation of the proposed project, during which partners will plan further initiatives to be realised jointly.

Study modules are related to food production standards at farms level (**Global GAP** – good agricultural practices) and food processing standards at processing level (**HACCP** – hazard analysis critical control points). Implementation of the project will create preconditions for small and medium companies of Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan to develop, to introduce and to maintain quality systems, responding to requirements of foreign markets, thus increasing competitiveness of enterprises.



The Consortium:

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LLU – Latvia University of Life Sciences and Technologies



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NASMB – National Association of Small and Medium Businesses of the Republic of Tajikistan



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