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List of Abbreviations & meanings

HiEdTec	– <i>Modernisation of Higher Education in Central Asia through New Technologies</i>
QA	– <i>Quality assurance</i>
MG	– <i>Management Group</i>
EB	– <i>Evaluation Board</i>
WP	– <i>Work Package</i>
WP LT	– <i>WP Leading Team</i>
MP	– <i>Management Plan</i>
UR	– <i>University of Ruse Angel Kanchev</i>
ATU	– <i>Almaty Technological University</i>
InEU	– <i>Innovative University of Eurasia</i>
AIU	– <i>Ala-Too International University</i>
IKSU	– <i>Issyk Kul State University named after K.Tynystanov</i>
KSTU	– <i>Kyrgyz State Technical University named after I. Razzakov</i>
KhoSU	– <i>Khorog State University named after M.Nazarshoev</i>
TTU	– <i>Tajik technical University named after academician M.Osimi</i>
TUT	– <i>Technological University of Tajikistan</i>
IUHD	– <i>International University for the Humanities and Development</i>
TITU	– <i>Oguz Han Engineering and Technology University of Turkmenistan</i>
SEIT	– <i>State Power Engineering Institute of Turkmenistan</i>



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- AndMI – *Andijan Machine-Building Institute*
- TSUE – *Tashkent State University of Economics*
- TUIT – *Tashkent University of Information Technologies named
after Muhammad al-Khwarizmi*
- UPV – *Università degli Studi di Pavia*
- UL – *University of Luxembourg*
- UC – *University of Coimbra*
- MES – *Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of
Kazakhstan*
- MES – *Ministry of Education and Science of the Kyrgyz Republic*
- MES – *Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of
Tajikistan*
- MET – *Ministry of Education of Turkmenistan*
- MHSSE – *Ministry of Higher and Secondary specialized education of
the Republic of Uzbekistan*



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INTRODUCTION

The 5th HiEdTec meeting held online due to Covid-19 pandemic as replacement of originally planned meeting in TAJIKISTAN with following Agenda:

Bulgaria – 11:00 local time, Portugal – 09:00 l.t., Italy and Luxembourg – 10:00 l.t., Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan – 13:00 l.t., Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan – 14:00 l.t.

11:00 – 11:10	Opening: :-) Speaker: Angel Smrikarov
11:10 – 11:20	New information about final completing recommendations of the monitoring visits - P2, P7, P9, P11, P16
11:20 – 11:30	Information about the training of trainers Speaker: Silvia Nolan, Joana Neto
11:30 – 11:40	Presentation about the summarized report of evaluating the training of trainers, Kazakhstan – P3
11:40 – 11:50	Presentation about the summarized report of evaluating the training of trainers, Kyrgyzstan – P5
11:50 – 12:00	Presentation about the summarized report of evaluating the training of trainers, Tajikistan – P9
12:00 – 12:10	Presentation about the summarized report of evaluating the training of trainers, Turkmenistan – P13
12:10 – 12:20	Presentation about the summarized report of evaluating the training of trainers, Uzbekistan – P15
12:20 – 12:30	Presentation about equipping the rooms, organized training courses and e-resources: Partner 2
12:30 – 12:40	Presentation about equipping the rooms, organized training courses and e-resources: Partner 3
12:40 – 12:50	Presentation about equipping the rooms, organized training courses and e-resources: Partner 4
12:50 – 13:00	Presentation about equipping the rooms, organized training courses and e-resources: Partner 5
13:00 – 13:10	Presentation about equipping the rooms, organized training courses and e-resources: Partner 6
13:10 – 13:20	Presentation about equipping the rooms, organized training courses and e-resources: Partner 7
13:20 – 13:30	Presentation about equipping the rooms, organized training courses and e-resources: Partner 8
13:30 – 13:40	Presentation about equipping the rooms, organized training courses and e-



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	resources: Partner 9
13:40 – 13:50	Presentation about equipping the rooms, organized training courses and e-resources: Partner 10
13:50 – 14:00	Presentation about organized training courses and e-resources: Partner 11
14:00 – 14:10	Presentation about organized training courses and e-resources: Partner 12
14:10 – 14:20	Presentation about organized training courses and e-resources: Partner 13
14:20 – 14:30	Presentation about equipping the rooms, organized training courses and e-resources: Partner 14
14:30 – 14:40	Presentation about equipping the rooms, organized training courses and e-resources: Partner 15
14:40 – 14:50	Presentation about equipping the rooms, organized training courses and e-resources: Partner 16
14:50 – 15:00	Future tasks. What we have to do to the next meeting in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan Speaker: Angel Smrikarov
15:00 – 15:10	6 th project meeting plan Speaker: Mirlan Chynybaev



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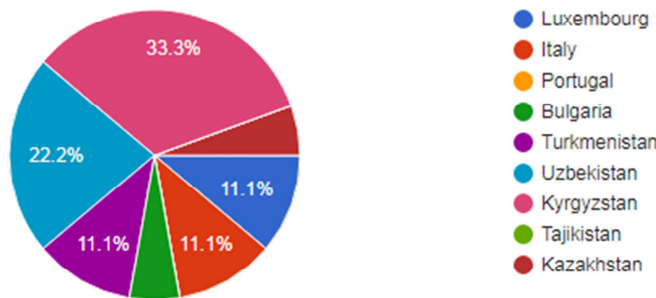
1 HiEdTec 5TH PROJECT MEETING FEEDBACK, ONLINE (BISHKEK)

Based on consortium agreement, University of Luxembourg created a questionnaire to get feedback from all participating partners. This work is related to the projects' Internal Evaluation System and Quality and Assurance Plan (D5.1). There were 18 partners responding and they evaluated the quality of the fifth HiEdTec meeting Online, Bishkek.

The evaluation questions were the following:

1. Which country are you from?

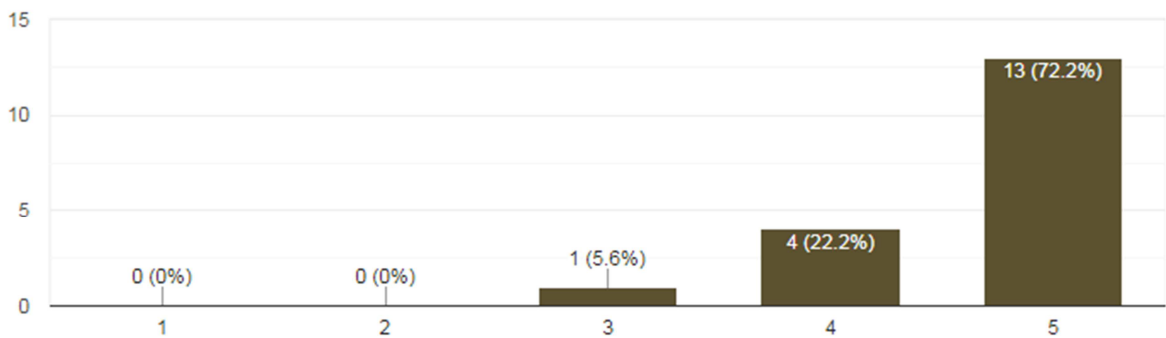
18 responses



Partners of the project are used to answering questionnaires and validating quality of the meetings. This is in line with the Project Quality management.

2. Overall, please tell us how productive the meeting was using a 1 to 5 scale where 1 means not at all productive and 5 means extremely productive.

18 responses





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- The meeting has been validated as extremely productive by 72,2% of the participants, by 22,2% as highly productive and 5,6% marked it as productive.
- Overall there is a slightly increasing satisfaction of the responder's compare previous meeting especially in the view that current and previous meeting were online.

3. Please tell us why you feel that way about how productive the meeting was.

16 responses

- Clear responsibility, organisation of presentations;
- Taking into account the current situation the online meeting was a good platform for discussion the major issues of the project implementation;
- We got recommendations and future tasks;
- All meeting objectives were achieved, but it would have been much better, if it were face to face;
- Despite some missing presentations, it clearly illustrated the current status of the project;
- The meeting was very informative;
- Meetings are practical, dynamic and interactive. Participants are involved, excited, empowered and informed;
- discussed topical issues;
- All tasks completed;
- It was comfortable, safe and given chance to share ideas with other partners;
- Only presentations with status quo, but no active discussions about the work done and future work;
- It was helpful;
- The right specialists were invited to the meeting;
- Meeting was practical, dynamic and interactive;
- The meeting was well-organized and objectives were clearly indicated;
- the precise evaluation of the status of the activities with the recognition of who did the maximum and the promotion of the activities for who are still to improve.

4. Now we have a few questions about the meeting content and its organization. Please tell us your level of agreement with the following statements about the meeting using a 1 to 5 scale, where 1 means you strongly disagree and 5 means you strongly agree. If a statement does not apply to the meeting you attended, please select "NA."

The questions structure and answers:

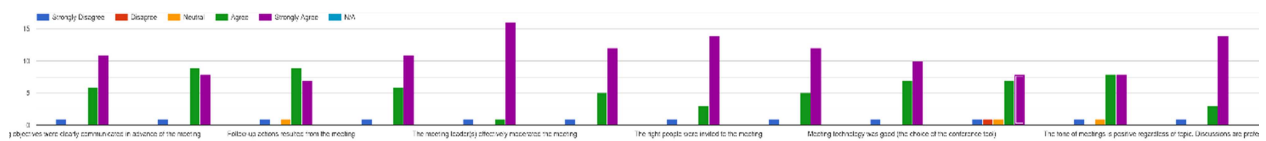


- The meeting objectives were clearly communicated in advance of the meeting
 - 11 responders out of 18 strongly agreed
 - 6 responders agreed
 - 1 strongly disagreed
- The meeting objectives were met
 - 8 responders out of 18 strongly agreed
 - 9 responders agreed
 - 1 responder strongly disagreed
- Follow-up actions resulted from the meeting
 - 7 responders out of 18 strongly agreed
 - 9 responders agreed
 - 1 responder stayed neutral
 - 1 responder strongly disagreed
- Owners of follow-up actions were assigned
 - 11 responders out of 18 strongly agreed
 - 6 responders agreed
 - 1 responder strongly disagreed
- The meeting leader(s) effectively moderated the meeting
 - 16 responders out of 18 strongly agreed
 - 1 responder agreed
 - 1 responder strongly disagreed
- Meeting attendees had an opportunity to participate
 - 12 responders out of 18 strongly agreed
 - 5 responders agreed
 - 1 responder strongly disagreed
- The right people were invited to the meeting
 - 14 responders out of 18 strongly agreed
 - 3 responders agreed
 - 1 responder strongly disagreed
- Participants know what is expected of them in advanced and are ready to contribute
 - 12 responders out of 18 strongly agreed
 - 5 responders agreed
 - 1 responder strongly disagreed
- Meeting technologies (computers, projectors, screens, phones) are working, prompted, and ready to go. Remote attendees included.
 - 10 responders out of 18 strongly agreed
 - 7 responders agreed
 - 1 responder strongly disagreed
- Meetings are practical, dynamic and interactive. Participants are involved, excited, empowered and informed
 - 8 responders out of 18 strongly agreed



- 7 responders agreed
- 1 responder disagreed
- 1 responder strongly disagreed
- 1 responder stayed neutral
- There is a sense of accomplishment and a feeling of progress. People look forward to meetings that assist their work
 - 8 participants out of 18 strongly agreed
 - 8 participants agreed
 - 1 responder strongly disagreed
 - 1 responder stayed neutral
- The tone of meetings is positive regardless of topic. Discussions are professional, respectful, all opinions valued
 - 14 responders out of 18 strongly agreed
 - 3 responders agreed
 - 1 responder strongly disagreed

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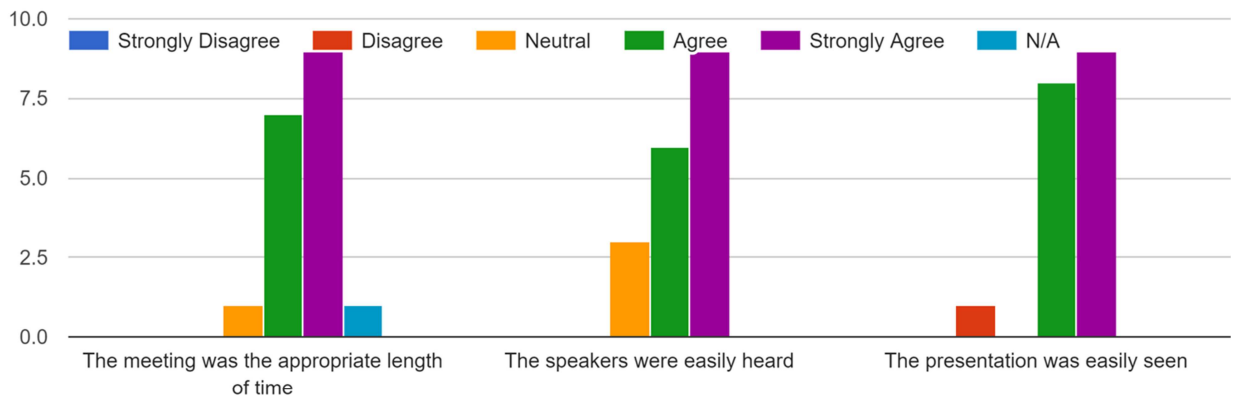
5. We would also like your feedback on the meeting logistics. Please tell us your level of agreement with the following statements using a 1 to 5 scale, where 1 means you strongly disagree and 5 means you strongly agree. If a statement does not apply to the meeting you attended, please select "NA."

The questions structure and answers:

- The meeting was the appropriate length of time
 - 9 responders out of 18 strongly agreed
 - 7 responders agreed
 - 1 responder stayed neutral
 - 1 responder N/A
- The speakers were easily heard
 - 9 responders out of 18 strongly agreed
 - 6 responders agreed
 - 3 responders stayed neutral

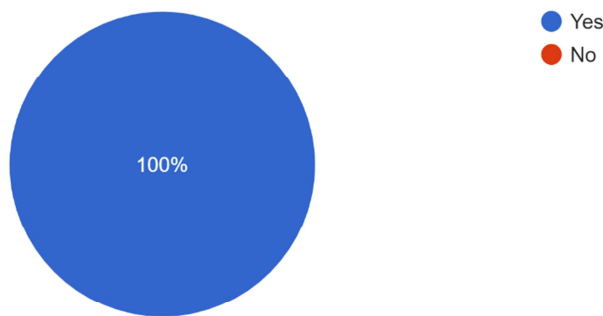


- The presentation was easily seen
 - 9 responders out of 18 strongly agreed
 - 8 responders stayed neutral
 - 1 responder disagreed



6. Did the meeting start on time?

18 responses





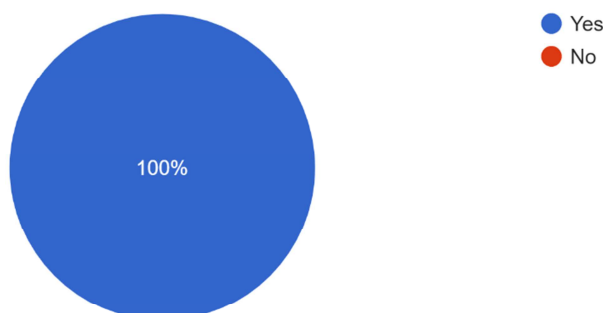
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7. Did the meeting end on time?

18 responses



8. What did you find most effective about the meeting?

16 responses

- Communication with partners
- Everything was clear and clear
- all participants had the opportunity to speak
- Presentation participants
- Underlined major points, set future goals, sharing experience.
- modern learning technology
- N/A
- effective online learning methods
- Organization
- informativeness, productivity
- To see the progress or the delays in the deliverables
- Online form of the meeting
- Short (but comprehensive) presentations; well moderated.
- the engagement of all groups
- The meeting environment was friendly and effective.
- PC universities presented their progress.

9. What did you find least effective about the meeting?

13 responses

- N/A
- Everything was amazing



- No
- Of course, online meetings cannot replace face-to-face ones, however it was very productive.
- effective online learning methods
- Some partners wasn't ready
- No real discussions about the work and what people think, only presentations.
- Some technical problems because of internet connection
- Some missing presentations
- the absence of direct contacts
- The online meeting does not replace the real face-to-face meeting.
- Face-to-face contact was missing

10. Ideas for future meetings, suggestions, comments, etc

12 responses

- N/A
- We hope next meeting will be face to face
- No
- It would be great to organize such meetings more frequently.
- Everything is OK, Thank you!
- More open and productive discussions.
- let us hope in presence with the end of corona virus
- Everything was in parallel with the demands of an effective meeting.
- We look forward to the next face-to-face meeting.

2 CONCLUSION

Overall, there is very positive feedback from meeting participants with a high satisfactory score, especially with the conditions caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. The whole meeting was online without any connection problem. This seems to be a very effective way of communication between project partners. We did not receive many answers (18). The online meeting format is more demanding than a face-to-face meeting, which should be the normal case. But unfortunately, these face-to-face meetings are still not possible at this point in times of the Covid-19 crisis.