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List of Abbreviations & meanings

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

TITU	–	*Oguz Han Engineering and Technology University of Turkmenistan*
SEIT	–	*State Power Engineering Institute of Turkmenistan*
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 2nd HiEdTec meeting held in Almaty, Kasakhstan from 01st of July to 06th of July with following Agenda:

01 July Monday	Arrival day	Accommodation Walk by the Almaty

02 July Tuesday	09:00 – 09:30	**Hall 702 foyer** **Registration of the participants in the meeting**
	09:30 – 09:40	**WELCOME :-)**
	09:40 – 10:00	OPENING CEREMONY Speaker: **Prof. DSc Talgat Kulazhanov** – Rector of Almaty Technological University Speaker: Representative Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Kazakhstan Speaker: **Mrs. Shaizada Tasbulatova –** Head of the Erasmus National office in Kazakhstan Speaker: **Prof. Angel Smrikarov** – Coordinator of HiEdTec
	10:00 – 10:20	Brief introduction of participants Speakers: each participant
	10:20 – 10:30	Presenting the Almaty Technological University Speaker: First Vice-rector, prof. Bauyrzhan Nurakhmetov
	10:30 – 10:45	Presenting the Evaluation of the First Project Meeting. Conclusions and recommendations! Speakers: Latif Ladid, Angel Smrikarov
	10:45 – 11:00	Presenting the first monitoring results Speaker: Stoyanka Smrikarova
	11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break - 702 foyer
	11:30 – 12:00	WP1.4: Presenting the Results of the survey and the Final version of Recommendations for Adapting the KAZAKHSTAN HE System to the Needs of the Digital Learners. Discussion. Speaker: Lyazat Uvakassova - representative of universities P2, P3, P4
	12:00 – 12:30	WP1.4: Presenting the Results of the survey and the Final version of Recommendations for Adapting the KYRGYZSTAN HE System to the Needs of the Digital Learners. Discussion. Speaker: Kanybek Duisheev - representative of universities P5, P6, P7
	12:30 – 13:00	WP1.4: Presenting the Results of the survey and the Final version of Recommendations for Adapting the TAJIKISTAN HE System to the Needs of the Digital Learners. Discussion. Speaker: Gulnora Anvarova - representative of universities P8, P9, P10
	13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break – restaurant of ATU Zhaner
	14:00 – 14:30	WP1.4: Presenting the Results of the survey and the Final version of Recommendations for Adapting the TURKMENISTAN HE System to the Needs of the Digital Learners. Discussion.

		Speaker: Hydyrguly Kadyrov - representative of universities P11, P12, P13
	14:30 – 15:00	WP1.4: Presenting the Results of the survey and the Final version of Recommendations for Adapting the UZBEKISTAN HE System to the Needs of the Digital Learners. Discussion. Speaker: Aziz Bobojonov - representative of universities P14, P15, P16
	15:00 – 15:40	WP1.4: Working in groups (in partner countries) – Discussing the Final version of the Recommendations.
	15:40 – 16:00	Photo of the Project Meeting participants in front of the main building of the University
	16:00 – 17:00	Visit of the Almaty Technological University Visit to the Museum of the University
	19:30	Joint dinner: Restaurant "Zhaner D" ; Address: str. Baitursynov
03 July Wednesday	09:30 – 09:40	WP1.6: Inter-project coaching – Introduction of the WP1.6 task and current progress. Speaker: Tzvetomir Vassilev
	09:40 – 09:50	WP1.6: Inter-project coaching. Presenting the information about other projects in KAZAKHSTAN in the area of implementing innovative educational technologies approach Speaker: Nursulu Akhmetova - representative of universities P2, P3, P4
	09:50 – 10:00	WP1.6: Inter-project coaching. Presenting the information about other projects in KYRGYZSTAN in the area of implementing innovative educational technologies approach Speaker: Azat Zhamangulov - representative of universities P5, P6, P7
	10:00 – 10:10	WP1.6: Inter-project coaching. Presenting the information about other projects in TAJIKISTAN in the area of implementing innovative educational technologies approach Speaker: Akhror Jafarov - representative of universities P8, P9, P10
	10:10 – 10:20	WP1.6: Inter-project coaching. Presenting the information about other projects in TURKMENISTAN in the area of implementing innovative educational technologies approach Speaker: Bayram Jumayev- representative of universities P11, P12, P13
	10:20 – 10:30	WP1.6: Inter-project coaching. Presenting the information about other projects in UZBEKISTAN in the area of implementing innovative educational technologies approach Speaker: Aziz Bobojonov - representative of universities P14, P15, P16
	10:30 – 10:45	Presenting the Evaluation report on WP1 – Questionnaire, Compendium, Google Forms survey. Speaker: Latif Ladid
	10:45 – 11:00	WP1.5: Presenting about creating sustainable academic network for sharing experience and exchange of good practices in the field of innovative educational technologies and didactic models Speakers: Latif Ladid, Angel Smrikarov
	11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break - 702 foyer
	11:30 – 12:00	WP2.1: Presenting the draft version of the Concept of adapting the education system to the digital Generation of KAZAKHSTAN. Discussion. Speaker: Zhanat Nurbekova - representative of universities P2, P3, P4
	12:00 – 12:30	WP2.1: Presenting the draft version of the Concept of adapting the education system to the digital Generation of KYRGYZSTAN. Discussion. Speaker: Mirlan Chynybaev - representative of universities P5, P6, P7
	12:30 – 13:00	WP2.1: Presenting the draft version of the Concept of adapting the education

		system to the digital Generation of TAJIKISTAN. Discussion. Speaker: Mamadamon Abdulloev - representative of universities P8, P9, P10
	13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break – restaurant of ATU Zhaner
	14:00 – 14:30	WP2.1: Presenting the draft version of the Concept of adapting the education system to the digital Generation of TURKMENISTAN. Discussion. Speaker: Habib Halmamedov - representative of universities P11, P12, P13
	14:30 – 15:00	WP2.1: Presenting the draft version of the Concept of adapting the education system to the digital Generation of UZBEKISTAN. Discussion. Speaker: Rashid Nasimov - representative of universities P14, P15, P16
	15:00 – 15:40	WP2.1: Working in groups (in partner countries) – Discussion of the draft version of the Concept.
	15:40– 16:00	Discussion Discussion leader: Marco Porta, Angel Smrikarov
	16:00	Sightseeing
4 July Thursday	09:30 – 09:50	Presenting the Centre for innovative educational technologies in University of Ruse Speaker: Angel Smrikarov
	09:50 – 10:00	Presenting about the classrooms of the future Speaker: Tzvetomir Vassilev
	10:00 – 10:30	WP3.1: Establishing a Centre for Innovative Educational Technologies at each partner country university – Information about the level of implementation of this task by the three universities in KAZAKHSTAN. Speaker: Anastassiya Aliyassova - representative of universities P2, P3, P4
	10:30 – 11:00	WP3.1: Establishing a Centre for Innovative Educational Technologies at each partner country university – – Information about the level of implementation of this task by the three universities in KYRGYZSTAN. Speaker: Mirlan Chynybaev - representative of universities P5, P6, P7
	11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break - 702 foyer
	11:30 – 12:00	WP3.1: Establishing a Centre for Innovative Educational Technologies at each partner country university – Information about the level of implementation of this task by the three universities in TAJIKISTAN. Speaker: Anboz Davlatkadamov - representative of universities P8, P9, P10
	12:00 – 12:30	WP3.1: Establishing a Centre for Innovative Educational Technologies at each partner country university – Information about the level of implementation of this task by the three universities in TURKMENISTAN. Speaker: Rejepdurdy Agayev - representative of universities P11, P12, P13
	12:30 – 13:00	WP3.1: Establishing a Centre for Innovative Educational Technologies at each partner country university – Information about the level of implementation of this task by the three universities in UZBEKISTAN. Speaker: Sabirjan Yusupov - representative of universities P14, P15, P16
	13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break – restaurant of ATU Zhaner
	14:00 – 14:20	WP3 – Future tasks. What we have to do to the next meeting in TASHKENT? Speakers: Angel Smrikarov, Tzvetomir Vassilev
	14:20 – 14:40	What should we be able to do to begin the digital transformation of education? Speaker: Angel Smrikarov
	14:40 – 15:00	DEVELOPING TRADITIONAL LEARNING Why to use and how to choose an interactive board?

		Speaker: Tzvetomir Vassilev
	15:00 – 15:20	DEVELOPING TRADITIONAL LEARNING How to make a presentation more interesting for the digital generation? Speaker: Angel Smrikarov
	15:20 – 16:00	Discussion Discussion leader: Angel Smrikarov, Tzvetomir Vassilev
	19:30	Joint dinner: Restaurant "Marakanda" Address: str.S.Mukanov / Kazybek Bi

05 July Friday	9:30 – 10:30	WP7 Project Management & Coordination Speaker: Stoyanka Smrikarova
	10:30 – 11:00	WP7 Individual work with the partners Speakers: Stoyanka Smrikarova, Yana Panteleeva
	11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break - 702 foyer
	11:30 – 13:00	WP7 Individual work with the partners Speakers: Stoyanka Smrikarova, Yana Panteleeva
	13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break - restaurant of ATU Zhaner
	14:00 – 14:20	3rd project meeting plan Speaker: Angel Smrikarov Speakers: Sabirjan Yusupov, TUIT, P16
	14:20 – 14:40	Final discussion Speaker: Angel Smrikarov
	14:40 – 15:00	Closing time

06 July Saturday	**Departure day**	

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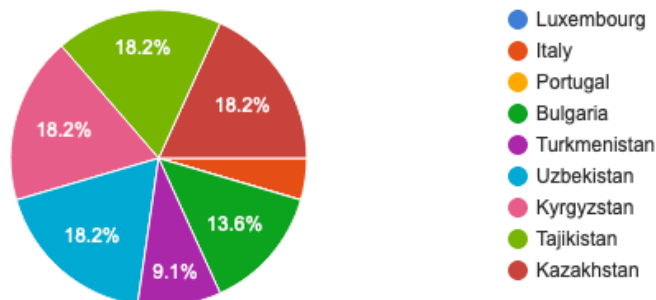in Central Asia through New
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1 HIEDTEC 2ND PROJECT MEETING FEEDBACK – ALMATY, KASAKHSTAN

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 22 partners responding and they evaluated the quality of the second HiEdTec meeting in Almaty, Kasakhstan.

The evaluation questions were the following:

1. Which country are you from?

22 responses

- Luxembourg
- Italy
- Portugal
- Bulgaria
- Turkmenistan
- Uzbekistan
- Kyrgyzstan
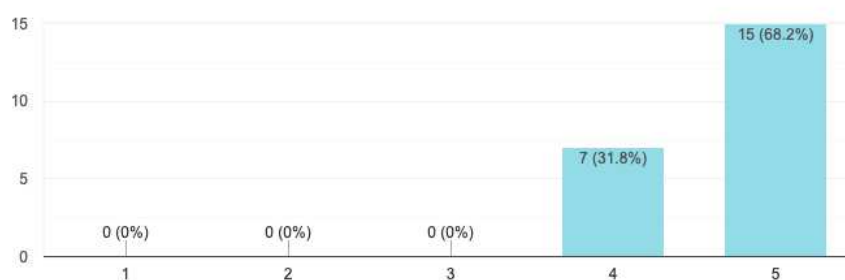- Tajikistan
- Kazakhstan

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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.

22 responses

- The meeting objectives were clearly communicated in advance of the meeting
- The meeting objectives were met
- Follow-up actions resulted from the meeting
- The meeting validate 68,2% of participants as extremely productive
- Overall there is slightly increasing satisfaction of responders compare previous meeting in Ruse

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

13 responses

- The meeting was organized and held quite well. The current project progress was reported thoroughly. The delays and difficulties in implementing project tasks were discussed and agreement on solutions to overcome them was reached.
- Excellent meeting organization, excellent moderators
- Because of we discussed the conception and the recommendation, I have learned many things. And also I have a chance to see experiences of ATU university.
- It was productive in the way of communication, follolw up activities
- The way of high productivity of the second meeting was framed by chance of exchanging and sharing different point of views by the partners on the actual issues related to all work packages.
- We achieved the expected results from the meeting.
- Meeting objectives were achieved and tasks related to work packages were clarified.
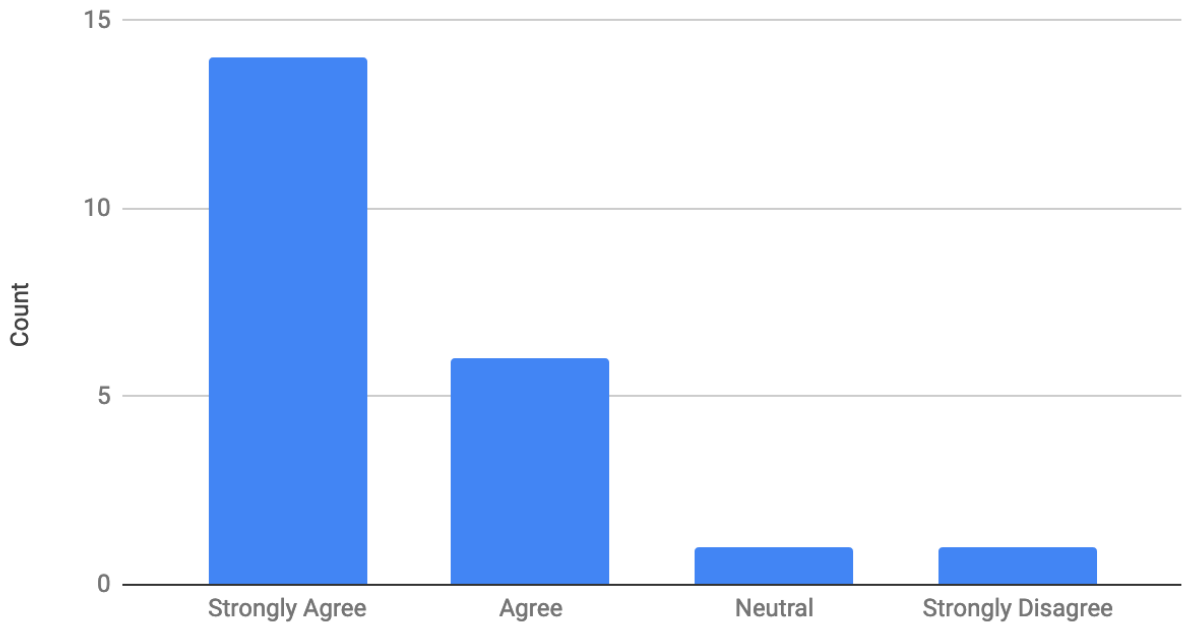
- In general, having the possibility to discuss in person about something is always positive. In four days, there was enough time to deal with all the main project issues. The schedule was fine.
- We received answers to all the questions. The discussion with the coordinator was productive.
- fruitful discussions about Cooperation for sharing experience and exchange of good practices in the field of innovative educational technologies and didactic models and about new ideas in concept of innovative educational technologies
- all tasks have been completed
- The partners had discussed the questions and shared with the experience not just by project, also by science and other positions

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 meeting objectives were clearly communicated in advance of the meeting
- The meeting objectives were met
- Follow-up actions resulted from the meeting
- Owners of follow-up actions were assigned
- The meeting leader(s) effectively moderated the meeting
- Meeting attendees had an opportunity to participate
- The right people were invited to the meeting
- Participants know what is expected of them in advanced and are ready to contribute.
- Meeting technology (computers, projectors, screens, phones) are working and prompted and ready to go. Remote attendees included.
- Rooms are selected to fit the meeting. Furniture, supplies, space, oulets, etc. encourage creative & productive assembly.
- Flip charts, markers, supplies or technology for group memory are ample for any length meeting.
- Meetings are practical, dynamic and interactive. Participants are involved, excited, empowered and informed.
- There is a sense of accomplishment and a feeling of progress. People look forward to meetings that assist their work.
- The tone of meetings is positive regardless of topic. Discussions are professional, respectful, all opinions valued.
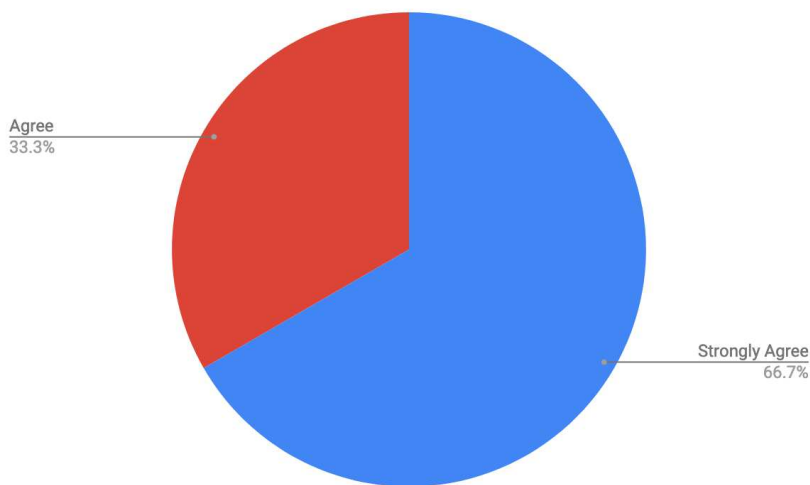
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5. Meeting logistic
- The meeting was the appropriate length of time
- The meeting location fit all of the attendees comfortably
- The speakers were easily heard
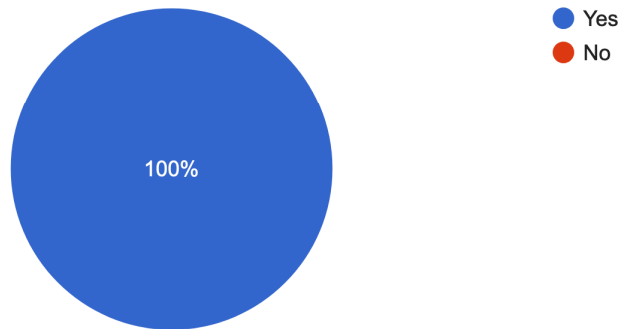- The presentation was easily seen

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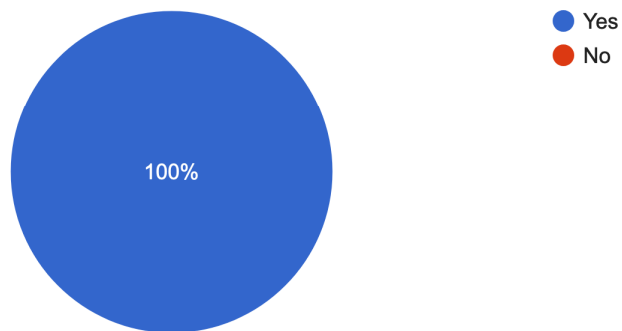Technologies (HiEdTec)**

6. Did the meeting start on time?

22 responses

- Yes
- No

100%

7. Did the meeting end on time?

22 responses

- Yes
- No

100%

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

17 responses

- The meeting followed a detailed agenda. It was orderly and very productive. The meeting premises were convenient and the equipment provided adequate.
- The most effective at the meeting was presentations participants
- The use of innovative technologies
- The meeting has organized according to the requirements of the project. At the international level, I learned how to make presentations, discuss and make decisions within the group.
- meetings are practical, interactive and dynamic, the meetings objectives were met
- Good planning, good facilities
- interactive sessions
- Usage of contemporary tools and devices.
- Content
- Group discussions
- Logistics, duration, assistance
- everything was clear, it was productive and all meeting was in friendly condition
- The discussions were productive
- Program
- Created good atmosphere for sharing ideas and own experiences
- The most effective at this meeting was familiarization with the concept
- personal acquaintance with project participants gives more fruitful work
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9. What did you find least effective about the meeting?

15 responses

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- n/a
- Discussions
- :)
- not all meeting attendances had an opportunity to speak
- NA
- not all participants can speak English
- Almost nothing.
- Everything was great!
- Meeting room

- English presentations on screens at a distance sometimes couldn't be seen clearly. Not all discussions were translated into English.
- Presentations
- everything was fine
- Not every participant speakers in English which subsequently creates a barrier in communication with partners from Europe

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

13 responses

- n/a
- Communicate more!
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- I am delighted with the meeting that I held. would be appropriate if this is done in this way.
- NA
- To use more English
- It would be beneficial if to organize mixed groups (from different partner countries) in order to get external feedback.
- No comments
- Possibly, implementing parallel English presentations on big screens or with projections
- organize meetings outside the seminar
- Right people
- MORE EFFECTIVE ORGANIZING PROCESS OF GOING SIGHTSEEING.
- I wish the fruitfull finishing of project, and a lot of thanks to Tanya, Angel, Tsvetomir and Stefi !

2   CONCLUSION

Overall, there is very positive feedback from meeting participants, with a high satisfactory score. Anyway, there are some valid suggestions to enhance next project meetings such:

- Presentations in English language, using more English language in consortium
- Working in the groups in specifics Tasks
- More time for discussion
- More communication between partners
- More effective discussion
- Gathering external feedback
- Better organisation of social events.