



## **Horizon Europe Information and Networking Session Tajikistan**

**Date: 14 May 2026**

**09:00-16:00 Dushanbe**

**Venue: Tajik State University of Commerce, Dushanbe**

**Organiser: Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Tajikistan & Global Service Facility (GSF) of the European Commission**

### **Purpose & Approach**

- This Session provides an overview of the Horizon Europe (HE) programme, the EU's funding programme for Research and Innovation (R&I). It presents the HE Work Programmes 2026-27 with a certain focus on funding opportunities relevant for Central Asian States, including Tajikistan. A networking session in the afternoon will facilitate consortium building for HE projects. Participation in this Session is open to researchers and innovators from Tajikistan, as well as from EU member states and countries associated to Horizon Europe, representing all different types of organisations such as universities, research institutions, business, public and private sector.
- Note - researchers and innovators from Central Asian States can participate in projects under Horizon Europe and receive funding.
- Information on Horizon Europe Programme: [https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/funding/funding-opportunities/funding-programmes-and-open-calls/horizon-europe\\_en](https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/funding/funding-opportunities/funding-programmes-and-open-calls/horizon-europe_en)
- If you would like to participate in this Session, please register via following link: <https://tguk.tj/index.php/en/component/k2/item/5826-horizon-europe-en.html>

## Agenda

<b>Tuesday, 14 May 2026</b>	
09.00 - 09.30	<b>Registration</b>
09.30 - 10.00	<b>Introduction to HE Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Opening &amp; Welcome</b> First Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Tajikistan</li> <li>• Isabel Uriz Hernandez, Head of Cooperation, EU Delegation to the Republic of Tajikistan</li> <li>• Ahmadjon Rahmonzoda, Horizon Europe NCP coordinator, Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Tajikistan</li> <li>• Overview of agenda and explanation of format of the Sessions, Manfred Spiesberger; Global Service Facility (GSF) of the EC</li> </ul>
10.00 - 11.00	<b>Horizon Europe Overview – Manfred Spiesberger, Inese Gavarane GSF</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Structure of Horizon Europe</li> <li>• Identification of relevant funding lines and thematic areas</li> <li>• Funding and Tenders Portal</li> <li>• Application templates &amp; proposal parts</li> <li>• Q&amp;A session</li> </ul>
11.00 - 11.30	Coffee BREAK & Networking Informal exchange between participants, organisers and speakers
11.30 – 12.00	<b>Support by Horizon Europe National Contact Point (NCP) in Tajikistan, Akhmadjon Rakhmonzoda, Ministry of Education and Science</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HE NCP services in Tajikistan</li> <li>• Support with HE information, proposal preparation and networking</li> <li>• Q&amp;A session</li> </ul>
12.00 – 12.30	<b>Horizon Europe WP 2026-27 – Manfred Spiesberger, Inese Gavarane, GSF</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Horizon Europe work programmes for 2026-2027</li> <li>• Calls particularly interesting for Central Asian States</li> <li>• Evaluation of proposals &amp; cost categories</li> <li>• Q&amp;A session</li> </ul>
12.30 – 13.00	<b>Researcher Mobility: Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA), Manfred Spiesberger, GSF</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of MSC Actions</li> <li>• Details of postdoctoral fellowships (PF), doctoral networks (DN), staff exchanges,</li> <li>• Q&amp;A session</li> </ul>

13.00 - 14.00	Lunch BREAK – light lunch Informal exchange between participants, organisers and speakers
14.00 - 14.45	<p><b>Networking &amp; consortium building for Horizon Europe proposals, Inese Gavarane, GSF</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NCP projects for networking, e.g. HE Cluster 4: NCP4Industry</li> <li>• How to build and join a consortium for a HE project proposal</li> <li>• Networking and partner search instruments</li> <li>• Considering consortium partners for a project (based on call text)</li> <li>• Q&amp;A session</li> </ul>
14.45 - 15.15	<p><b><i>Example of a successful participation in a higher education project from Tajikistan: Nematov Dilshod, Head of the quantum electronics laboratory at the Institute of Physics</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Experience with proposal preparation &amp; project implementation</i></li> <li>• <i>Q&amp;A session</i></li> </ul>
15.15 – 15.45	<p><b><i>Practical group work: How to understand a call and decode its content? Manfred Spiesberger, Inese Gavarane, GSF</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Decoding a call text, practical group work</i></li> <li>• <i>Q&amp;A session</i></li> </ul>
15.45 - 16.00	<p><b>Wrap up &amp; Informal networking</b> Ahmadjon Rakhmonzoda, HE NCP coordinator RT; Manfred Spiesberger, GSF</p>

