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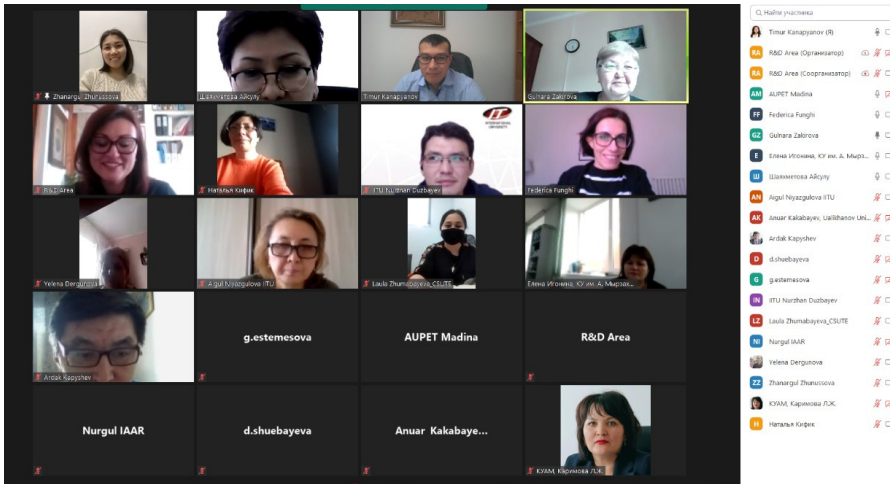


EDITORIAL

As part of the implementation of the KUTEL project, two important events took place - the successful completion of the training on the course "Quality Assurance of Technology Enhanced Learning" and the monitoring of the project (February 5, 2021) carried out by the National ERASMUS + Office of Kazakhstan.

The Project training course was aimed at achieving the best results by a mix of appropriately selected training strategies to be used in order to reap the benefits from the combination of traditional with computer based and online training methodologies. The factors that led to the success of the courses were Learner -centered content, Granularity, Engaging content, Interactivity and Personalization. "After the completion of the course, the Universities started to discuss on setting up new quality assurance procedures which take into consideration the Course key points and the KUTEL dev 1.4 Recommendations."

During the monitoring, KZ NEO stressed that the project stays highly relevant to the needs of Kazakh HEIs and of the system on the whole. The project contributes to the implementation of the «Digital Kazakhstan» Programme in terms of motivating HEIs to being technologically enhanced and also aiming at the Quality Assurance of the whole educational process. It was noted that the project has not been affected by the Covid-19 and the activities are in line with the original proposal timeline; it has a well structured Valorisation strategy and participants are rather active in the dissemination of the project results.



NEXT STEPS

After completing the training course "Quality Assurance of Technology Enhanced Learning", the teams will begin to work on crucial documents that will ensure project's outputs sustainability also after the end of the project. Partners will: 1) Participate in the development of a document on accreditation or on the provision of quality assurance system; 2) Develop an instructional and methodological document on implementing KUTEL Quality Assurance framework; 3) provide the resources and developed documents of the KUTEL project for all stakeholders; 4) Use the experience of European partners in the development of Quality Assurance standards for distance learning forms and methods, including LMS; 5) Develop a system of templates for learning processes in order to achieve the quality of education.



UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

From October 2020 to February 2021, 123 trainees were the participants of the KUTEL E-COURSE Training Course. The participants completed the KUTEL Introductory Course Module, Module 1 "External Quality Assurance - Standards and Guidelines", Module 2 "IQA and Organizational Culture", Module 3 "Quality Assurance of the pedagogical aspects of TEL courses development", Module 4 "Technological Aspects and Quality Assurance" and Module 5 "TEL Quality Assessment and Evaluation". Training participants, as well as team members, acquired skills in the use of new programs (Adobe Presenter), on platforms Zoom, Google Meet, Microsoft Teams, local Moodle, using different resources. At the workshops after each module, the participants widely discussed the issues of modernizing and reforming teaching methods by introducing a quality assurance system (QA) in blended learning. This was important and relevant at a time when the whole HE switched to online education and quality issues were the most pressing issues for each participant in the project. As a result of the training, almost all participants received a Certificate of Participation.



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