

ECAP – ENHANCING COMPETENCIES OF CENTRAL ASIAN UNIVERSITIES IN AGRICULTURAL POLICY FOCUSED ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION & LAND MANAGEMENT

Project – the final phase

Final phase of the project is mainly dedicated to testing of the e – learning platform and innovated courses developed by Central Asian partners under the guidance of European supervisors. Pilot testing was planned in the project as an individual project output within the work package No. 2 – Development. It has been realised in two phases. In the 1st phase, courses were tested by teachers of Central Asian partner universities and experts from other HEIs as well as by public authorities. In the 2nd phase, students tested the courses in frame of regular teaching process. Feedback was gained by evaluation questionnaires. Based on these modifications of training curricula and courses were done. Results were disseminated and discussed within the project consortium during an international dissemination workshop. Additional dissemination will be outlined during information seminars organised by Kazakh and Uzbek partners and after the end of the project among public authorities and other HEIs in partner countries.

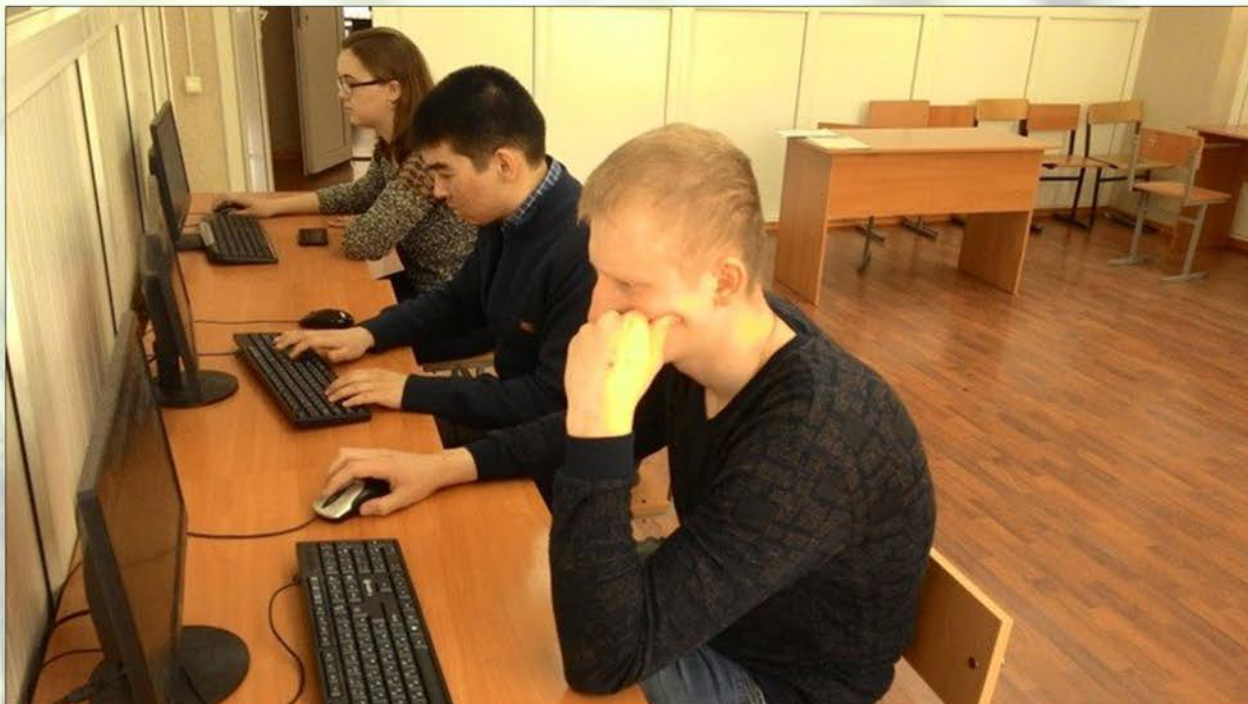
Results of the pilot testing

The pilot testing has been organised by CA partners – Kazakh National Agrarian University, Kostanay State University A. Baitursynov, Samarkand State University and Karakalpak State University named after Berdakh. Testing was carried out by students and teachers from partner CA universities and by experts from other institutions and was focused on courses created within the project:

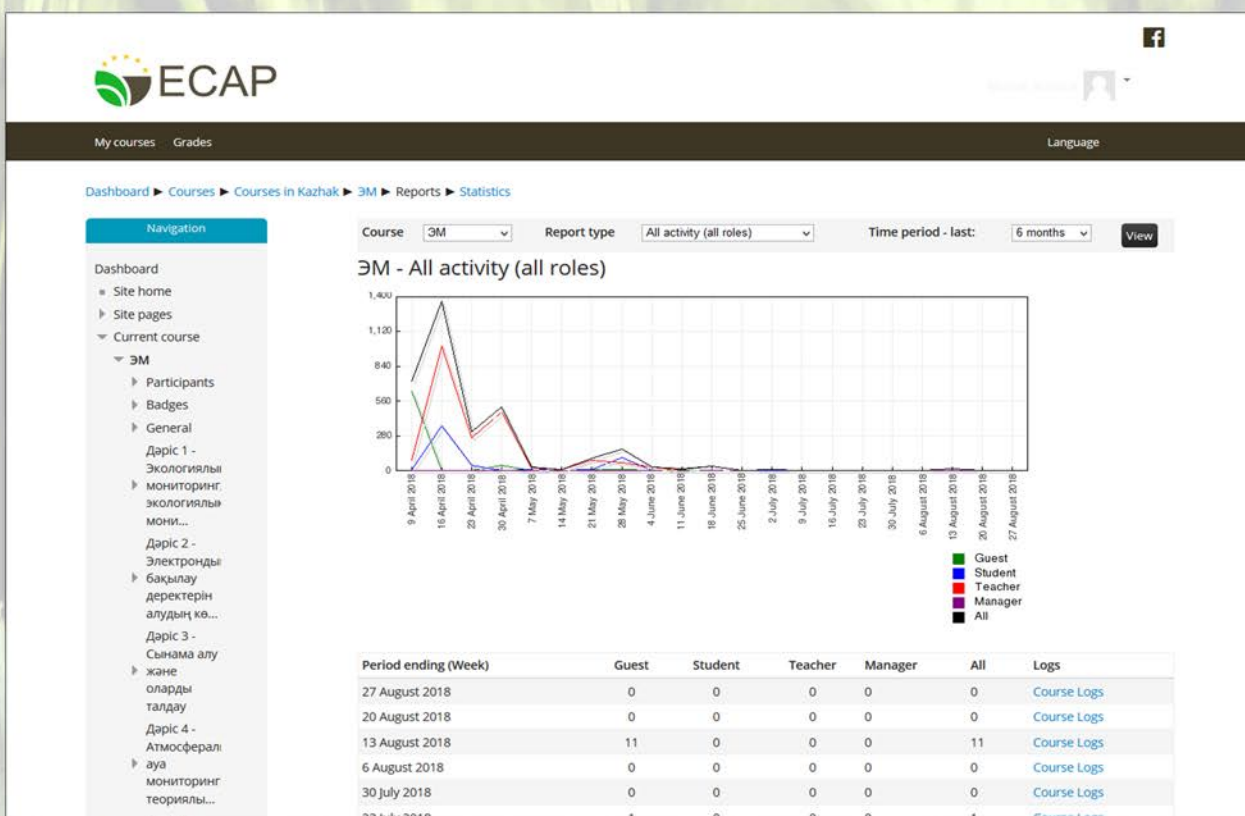
- Natural Resources and Sustainable Development,
- Monitoring and Cadastre of Land Resources,
- Environmental Monitoring,
- Land Use Planning,
- Application of GIS/RS on environmental monitoring,
- Mapping and management of land resources,
- GIS and Environmental Modelling Fundamentals for Ecologists,
- Climate changes and land use management.

More than one hundred of persons participated the pilot testing with the aim to evaluate the content, quality and complexity of the online courses. Feedbacks from pilot testing will be incorporated into existing courses to increase the quality of project outputs.

Students during the pilot testing



Statistics of pilot testing for the selected course



Project progress

In the final project year, two consortium meetings were held: The first at the Czech University of Life Sciences Prague (CULS) on 9 – 10 November 2017, and the second at the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences in Vienna on 1 – 2 March 2018. Staff members of all project partners attended both meetings. The meeting in Prague was focused on acknowledging project partners with recommendations of the EACEA concerning the Interim report submitted by the project coordinator in April 2017, presentation of dissemination activities carried out by partners and financial and administrative aspects of the project. Major part of the project was dedicated to discussion on finalisation of online courses and on conditions of the pilot testing. The meeting in Vienna was organised to present and discuss specific characters of an e – learning platform and to agree on final versions of national courses. Final conditions of pilot testing were confirmed.

Project partners during the meeting in Vienna, Austria



Dissemination workshop and the final consortium meeting were held at the Kazakh National Agrarian University in Almaty, Kazakhstan. During the dissemination workshop on 12 – 13 June 2018, project coordinator presented to participating staff and experts results of the project, its sustainability and impact on international level while project partners presented impact of the project in their institutions and countries and their view of the project sustainability in the future. Central Asian partners presented results of pilot testing of innovated and newly created online learning modules carried out at their institutions. Consortium meeting – the workshop follow-up action – was held on 14 – 15 June 2018. Partners mainly discussed research activities to be outlined and finalised until the end of the project. Additionally financial and administrative issues as well as activities concerning the final report were scheduled.

Dissemination workshop in Almaty, Kazakhstan



Dissemination workshop in Almaty, Kazakhstan



Dissemination activities

The main dissemination activities of the project are following:

Partners from the Kostanay State University A. Baitursynov organised a dissemination seminar on 7 July 2018. The seminar was dedicated to staff and students. Its objective was to inform participants about a progress of the project, impact of the project in the Republic of Kazakhstan on the example of the Kostanay State University, sustainability of the project and objectives of the project for a near future.

On 12 July 2018, partners from the Samarkand State University organised a summer event abroad from of the university with students invited from other universities and also participants from other organisations. Purpose of the event was to inform participants about the ECAP project and its outputs.

On 7 September 2018, a dissemination seminar was organised at the Kostanay State University A. Baitursynov. Students and staff of the university and from other universities as well as institutions and companies attended the seminar. The aim of the seminar was to inform participants about the ECAP project, its progress, and its results.

Dissemination event at the Kostanay State University A. Baitursynov



Dissemination activity organised by the Samarkand State University



Dissemination seminar at the Kostanay State University A. Baitursynov

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