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1. INTRODUCTION

With a duration of three years and nine months due to an extension (from January 2019 until October 2022) UNICAC project aims to increase the potential for knowledge transfer and international and cross-regional cooperation of HEIs in Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and China, through a set of capacity building activities for International Relations Offices (IROs) in partner countries High Education Institutions, thus contributing to better international networking, enhancement and better exploitation of their potentials for cooperation in Teaching, Learning and Research (T/L/R) linked to the development of the New Silk Road and improving the conditions of the academic community and society in both regions.

In order to achieve project objectives and contribute to the project sustainability, UNICAC partnership have adopted a **strong dissemination strategy** that has been defined at the beginning of the project and that has been implemented as it was defined within the Dissemination Plan.

INCOMA, as partner in charge of the dissemination of the project, has coordinated the definition and implementation of the Dissemination strategy, supervising partners' efforts to properly communicate and raise awareness about the project. This plan included foreseen activities but also encourages partners to be proactive in terms of communicating with stakeholders by promoting additional, non-foreseen dissemination actions. This means that partners have promoted the project using their own contacts and dissemination channels (for example, through membership of international / professional networks / organisations during the participation in conferences / meetings and events of third parties, through press releases in the media, academic journals, institutional newsletters).

This report details the main dissemination and communication activities implemented during the the project lifetime, namely activities foreseen in the Dissemination Plan and additional actions, including face-to-face and online activities.

It is important to note that the dissemination strategy have been hampered by the global pandemic of COVID-19, which made to stop the normal activity of the Universities and even close their premises for a long time. This situation directly affected the dissemination events expected during the first half of the project. Nevertheless, some partners were able to adapt them to an online format. After the COVID-19 restrictions became more flexible, most partners could return to the normal activities, excepting Chinese HEIs, as they kept a high level of restrictions in their country.



2. DISSEMINATION TOOLS

Dissemination Plan - As defined in the project proposal, the Consortium defined the project visual identity and templates during the first months of project execution. All the materials were then shared with partners through the project's platform and are included in the Dissemination Plan (<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Pjc8gYb4m5B0SXOtabPAsQD1x0OmQocK/view?usp=sharing>).

In addition, a summary of project activities was created in order to clarify how to carry out the dissemination activities and which evidence were necessary in each event: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1b3N0x7Yq7fPVHdMj65XfFZVgw1ttDUPw/view?usp=sharing>.

Visual Identity and Marketing Materials - In its capacity of project coordination and leader of Dissemination activities, INCOMA was responsible for preparing several templates that have been used by the Consortium when preparing documents and other outputs and outcomes within UNICAC.

The created **project templates** (annex 4) include:

- Text (Word) document;
- Presentation (PowerPoint);
- Spreadsheet (Excel);
- Report (similar to the text document but includes a cover);
- Attendance list (to be used in both project meetings and events);
- Certificate (to be used in both project meetings and events);
- Meeting agenda (can also be used/adapted to prepare other events' agenda);
- Meeting minutes (can also be used/adapted to prepare other events' minutes);
- Stakeholders' list (based on text document – landscape);
- Satisfaction questionnaire template;
- Dissemination matrix template (based on text document);
- Press release template (based on text document);

The Dissemination Plan also contains the description of the project visual identity, which includes the **project logo** and the **Erasmus+ logo** and **disclaimer**, as well as recommendations and considerations for their use.

Other marketing materials prepared for UNICAC project are the following:

- Project brochure;
- Poster;

All of them are in English, as the common communication language of the project, and have been also translated to Tajik, Uzbek and Chinese (annex 3).



Website - As foreseen in the Dissemination Plan, UNICAC **website** was created: <http://www.unicac.eu/> (screenshots in Annex 1). The website content mainly focuses on project aims, partners, expected impact, results, products and news or events.

INCOMA has been responsible for managing this website, with the support of all partners, which have been responsible for producing some contents and translate main parts of the website to their national languages. The website is available in English, Chinese, Tajik and Uzbek, and was launched in February 2019, it had 14.068 visits until the 15th of October 2022:

Table 1: number of visits in 2019:


Statistics for:	unicac.eu
Last Update:	01 Jan 2020 - 05:19
Reported period:	Month Dec 2019
When:	Monthly history Days of month Days of week Hours
Who:	Countries Full list Hosts Full list Last visit: Unresolved IP Address Robots/Spiders visitors Full list Last visit
Navigation:	Visits duration File type Downloads Full list Viewed Full list Entry Exit Operating Systems Versions Unknown Browsers Versions Unknown
Referrers:	Origin Referring search engines Referring sites Search Search Keyphrases Search Keywords
Others:	Miscellaneous HTTP status codes Pages not found
Summary	
Reported period	Month Dec 2019
First visit	01 Dec 2019 - 01:52
Last visit	31 Dec 2019 - 23:25
Viewed traffic *	71
Number of visits	212
Pages	4,804
Hits	5,163
Bandwidth	5.08 MB
Not viewed traffic *	386
Pages	386
Hits	533
Bandwidth	3.56 MB
* Not viewed traffic includes traffic generated by robots, worms, or replies with special HTTP status codes.	
Monthly history	
	
Month	Unique visitors
Jan 2019	0
Feb 2019	0
Mar 2019	0
Apr 2019	8
May 2019	24
Jun 2019	61
Jul 2019	60
Aug 2019	72
Sep 2019	177
Oct 2019	368
Nov 2019	247
Dec 2019	71
Total	1,088
Number of visits	2,116
Pages	49,632
Hits	57,901
Bandwidth	115.77 MB

Table 2: number of visits in 2020:


Statistics for:	unicac.eu
Last Update:	27 Aug 2020 - 05:16
Reported period:	Month Aug 2020
When:	Monthly history Days of month Days of week Hours
Who:	Countries Full list Hosts Full list Last visit: Unresolved IP Address Robots/Spiders visitors Full list Last visit
Navigation:	Visits duration File type Downloads Full list Viewed Full list Entry Exit Operating Systems Versions Unknown Browsers Versions Unknown
Referrers:	Origin Referring search engines Referring sites Search Search Keyphrases Search Keywords
Others:	Miscellaneous HTTP status codes Pages not found
Summary	
Reported period	Month Aug 2020
First visit	01 Aug 2020 - 00:41
Last visit	27 Aug 2020 - 05:00
Viewed traffic *	418
Number of visits	608
Pages	34,410
Hits	35,302
Bandwidth	31.87 MB
Not viewed traffic *	620
Pages	895
Bandwidth	8.23 MB
* Not viewed traffic includes traffic generated by robots, worms, or replies with special HTTP status codes.	
Monthly history	
	
Month	Unique visitors
Jan 2020	76
Feb 2020	343
Mar 2020	546
Apr 2020	643
May 2020	569
Jun 2020	459
Jul 2020	526
Aug 2020	418
Sep 2020	0
Oct 2020	0
Nov 2020	0
Dec 2020	0
Total	3,580
Number of visits	5,748
Pages	126,315
Hits	138,371
Bandwidth	318.50 MB



Table 2: number of visits in 2021:

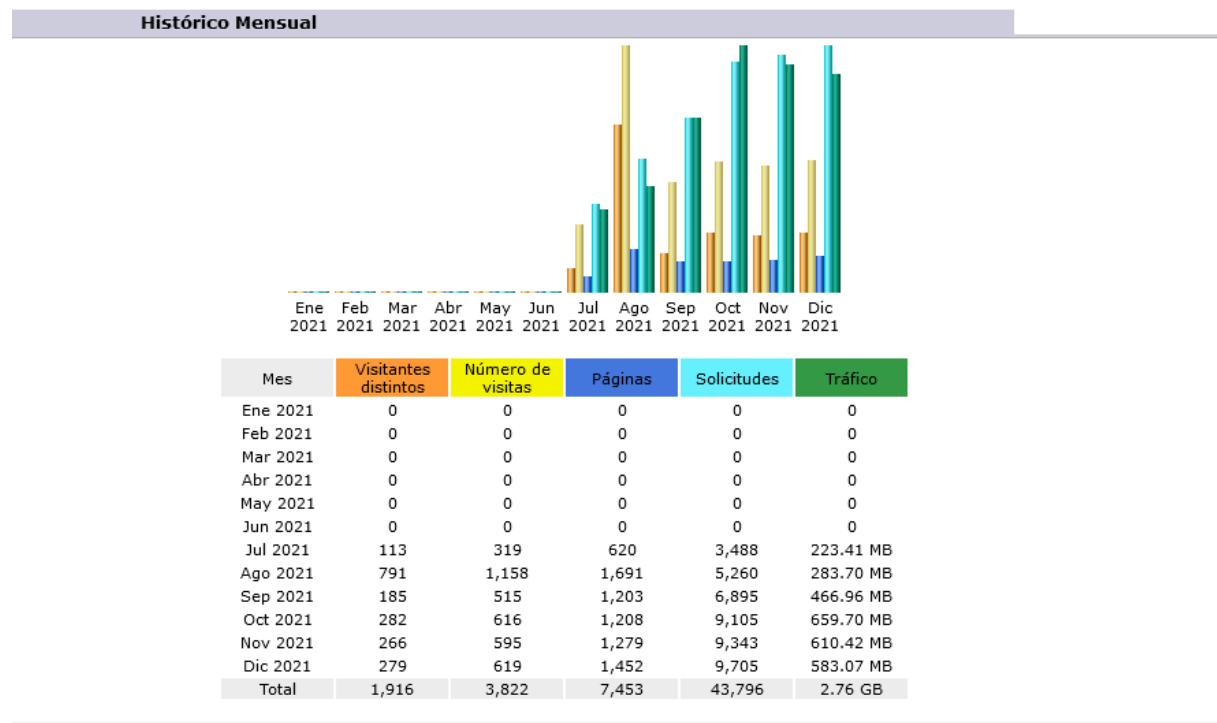
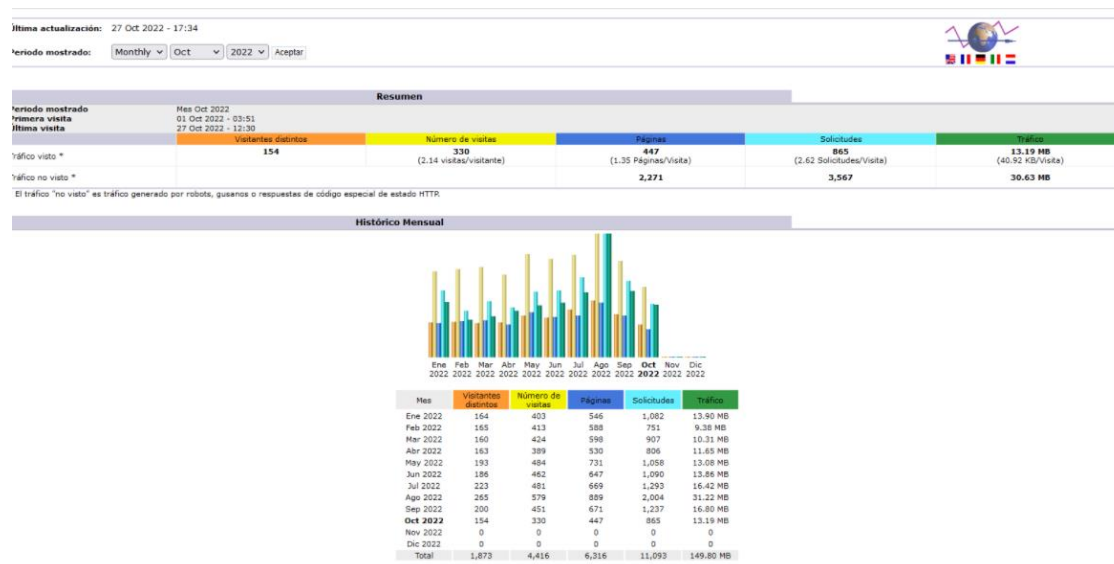


Table 3: number of visits in 2022:



As foreseen in the Dissemination Plan, all partners have included a link of the UNICAC website in their own University's websites, the links are the following:

- US: <http://www.internacional.us.es/proyectos-academicos>



- UNITO: https://www.management.unito.it/do/progetti.pl/Show?_id=2azw
- LAUREA: <https://www.laurea.fi/en/projects/u/unicac---university-cooperation-framework-for-knowledge-transfer-in-central-asia-and-china/>
- TUIT: <https://tuit.uz/en/university-cooperation-framework-for-knowledge-transfer-in-central-asia-and-china-unicac>
- NUUZ: <http://unicac.nuu.uz/>
- KHOGU: <http://www.khogu.tj/index.php/tj/> <http://www.khogu.tj/index.php/tj/foreign/loi-ai-unicac>
- IET: <https://iet.tj/en/unicac/> and <https://iet.tj/tj/category/unicac-habar/>
- XJU: <http://www.xju.edu.cn/#>
- NPU: <https://en.nwpu.edu.cn/index.htm> <http://jidian.nwpu.edu.cn/info/1230/8324.htm>
- NWAUFU: <https://en.nwsuaf.edu.cn/> <https://cmee.nwsuaf.edu.cn/kxyj/hzjl/index.htm>
- INCOMA: <https://incoma-projects.eu/projects/unicac/>

Newsletters - As part of UNICAC dissemination strategy, six newsletters should be prepared and launched during the project lifetime (Annex 2), and there are seven (one more than foreseen) prepared by INCOMA with the collaboration of all partners. Partners received the newsletter in two different formats: HTML and by email, which allowed them to forward the content to their own contacts. Additionally, the newsletters are available at the UNICAC website (<https://unicac.eu/newsletters/>), and they were sent through Mailchimp to a common distribution list:

- 1st Newsletter: sent 01/10/2019 – 50 opened. Link to Mailchimp: <https://mailchi.mp/002d38c9f703/unicac-news>
- 2nd Newsletter: sent 13/01/2020 – 48 opened. Link to Mailchimp: <https://mailchi.mp/b14f03fd64a1/unicac-news>
- 3rd Newsletter: sent 30/06/2020 – 41 opened. Link to Mailchimp: <https://mailchi.mp/28acf8a510fa/unicac-news>
- 4th Newsletter: sent 26/04/2021 – 39 opened. Link to Mailchimp: [https://mailchi.mp/b2ad825fc95d/unicac-news?e=\[UNIQID\]](https://mailchi.mp/b2ad825fc95d/unicac-news?e=[UNIQID])
- 5th Newsletter: sent 14/01/2022 – 51 opened. Link to Mailchimp: [https://mailchi.mp/4e2b69b9c7b0/unicac-news-14515777?e=\[UNIQID\]](https://mailchi.mp/4e2b69b9c7b0/unicac-news-14515777?e=[UNIQID])
- 6th Newsletter: sent 31/08/2022 – 40 opened. Link to Mailchimp: [https://mailchi.mp/fb8cc1f46c4a/unicac-news-15037954?e=\[UNIQID\]](https://mailchi.mp/fb8cc1f46c4a/unicac-news-15037954?e=[UNIQID])
- 7th Newsletter: sent 13/10/2022 – 38 opened. Link to Mailchimp: [https://mailchi.mp/666469dfd88f/unicac-news-15040794?e=\[UNIQID\]](https://mailchi.mp/666469dfd88f/unicac-news-15040794?e=[UNIQID])



3. DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES

The current section provides information about dissemination activities implemented during the UNICAC lifetime, being planned actions and additional dissemination actions put forward by Consortium members. The latter are not included in the proposal but rather the result of partner's own initiatives, which made use available to spread the project.

Regardless of the type of dissemination or media used, all partners were required to provide some reporting documents in order to validate their actions. These supporting documents are included as annexes to the current report (Annexes 5 and 6).

3.1. PLANNED ACTIVITIES

During the first half of the UNICAC project the outbreak of the COVID-19 global pandemic delayed or hampered the normal development of the planned activities. Therefore, some partners decided to continue its organisation by online means and other decided to postpone them. Nevertheless, after the COVID-19 measures became more flexible in EU and CA countries (not in China), several face-to-face activities could finally take place.

3.1.1 WP7.3 INTERNAL INFORMATION WORKSHOPS

31/01/2020 – IET. On January 31, 2020 International relations department of IET TSUC hold round table dedicated to the summary and dissemination of 3 seminars within WP2-Capacity building for IROs' staff: in Khujand on "International cooperation agreement and Funding opportunities", in Tashkent on : "Organisation and Management of IROs" and in Xi'an on "Academic teaching and research cooperation related tools, methodologies and best practices" . There has been shared information about the concept of the project, its goals and objectives. Also was disclosed information about previous seminars hold in Sevilla (Spain), Khujand (Tajikistan), Tashkent (Uzbekistan) and Xian (China).

The event started with greeting of the Vice rector for international relations – Aminov I. Vice rector for Innovation and science, deans of all three faculties and their deputies participated in the event, representatives of international relations departments of regional universities such as Khujand State University, Tajik State University of Law, Business and Politics and Mining – metallurgical Institute of Tajikistan also took part.

Head of IRD of IET TSUC UNICAC institutional coordinator - Mukhtorov S. started the presentation of UNICAC, defining overall goal of the project. He also shared the information received from series of trainings carried in Seville, Khujand, Xi'an and mentioned the importance of internationalization of HEIs. Presentation on how to start internationalization, strategy defining, and internationalizing teaching, learning, research and cultural dimensions at HEIs was properly delivered.

Proceeded the presentation specialist of IRD Yusupov A. with clarifying ways of internationalization of university and pointing out some useful notes from training attended in Tashkent.



Finalized the presentation specialist of IRD Oqilova M. through sharing information about building partnership and networks. She talked of how IET finds partners and maintains relations with them, and also presented the experience of Laurea University shared in training held in Khujand city.

Q&A session was full of interesting discussions and later informal speeches. **A total of 22 participants attended this onsite activity.**

Evidence can be found in Annex 6.

30/06/2020 – KHOGU. The online workshop was held at KhOGU in order to pursue the dissemination action plan and again to spread the information about the results of the project. The seminar was very good and there were discussed many things regarding the project and regarding different topics what have learn during the training modules. In a base of this training theme was discussed how to do the university international corporation better / how to design new projects. The seminar was hosted by the project team of the University and Sayfuloeva and Ghafurova made presentation also Tojigul Mardonova had a speech about how to design projects and how the current projects are going.

The current situation of global pandemic made that the workshop was organised online through Zoom Platform. **A total of 19 participants attended the Workshop.** Workshop evidence can be found in Annex 6.

17/10/2020- KHOGU. An educational program on the topic "Erasmus + Day" was held at Khorog State University by Moyonsho Nazarshoev, which was initiated by the UNICAC project. The event was held on the ground floor where teachers and students from different faculties gathered. About **70 students** took part in the event and many of them took part in the competition, which was carried out by the staff of the international department of KSU. Some of the most active students received certificates and gifts.

Workshop evidence can be found in Annex 6.

19/06/2021- IET & KHOGU. June 19, 2021, in Khujand, Tajikistan in the framework of the UNICAC project and with the initiative of the National Erasmus+ Office in Tajikistan, Khorog State University and the Institute of Economy and Trade of TSUC has organized a national roundtable and internal workshop. A national roundtable brought together field experts from Higher Education Reform Experts, Czarina Nuriddinova, Erasmus+ coordinator in Tajikistan, Nurova Sanavbar, Moscow State University branch in Dushanbe, Olga Sayfulloeva, Khorog State University and teaching and administrative staff of the IET TSUC. In the national roundtable, key speakers brought the most relevant topics of higher education internationalisation, including the importance of internationalisation strategy, international cooperation in higher education, higher education trends, etc. Workshop and national roundtable evidence can be found in Annex 6.

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Workshop evidence can be found in Annex 6.

15/10/2021- KHOGU. The workshop was held at Khorog University on the following topics: UNICAC, the project implementation and next steps; Student online learning platform Canvas leading by LAUREA; Learning outcomes of online courses offered by LAUREA within the UNICAC project; HI EdTech modernization of higher education in Central Asia through new technology (Erasmus+), and so on.

Workshop evidence can be found in Annex 6.

25/09/2021 – NPU. The workshop was held at Northwestern Polytechnical University in Xi'an, China. **The workshop was attended by 10 scholars and 76 students.** The following topics were part of the meeting: Introduction of the project and its progress, the cross-integration of international research institutions within the university and research cooperation projects between international governments or international regions, the active participation of teachers in major scientific research cooperation projects to enhance their own scientific research level and academic reputation. Additionally, the prospects of NPU students in terms of studying abroad were discussed as well as the future plans of the project.

Workshop evidence can be found in Annex 6.

06/11/2021 – NPU. The workshop was held at Northwestern Polytechnical University in Xi'an, China and **was attended by 10 scholars and around 70 students.** The meeting was held on the following topics: work in progress of the project, effective practices and experience in scientific research and academic exchange and student training, promotion of the project and the internationalisation of education, next steps, and work priorities of the project.

Workshop evidence can be found in Annex 6.

05/03/2022 – NPU. The last workshop at Northwestern Polytechnical University in Xi'an, China was held in March 2022 and was **attended by 10 scholars and around 70 students.** The main contents of the workshop were: work in progress of the project and experience, promotion of educational exchange and cooperation with international organisations and professional institutions. Furthermore, students shared their views on International Education Cooperation and the importance of international cooperation. The work priorities and later stages of the project were discussed.

Workshop evidence can be found in Annex 6.



12/01/2021 – NUUZ. The workshop held at National University of Uzbekistan, Tashkent was **attended by 13 people**. The main topics of the meeting were the main strategic goals of internationalisation for the NUUZ and the cooperation among local and foreign universities in scientific sphere.

Workshop evidence can be found in Annex 6.

18/03/2022 – NUUZ. The second workshop at National University of Uzbekistan was used to discuss a wide range of problems facing philological science today: lingocreativity, linguistic norm, methodology of linguoculturological approach to language signs, the ratio of universal and culturally specific in phraseology and in language, culturally marked features of text, discourse, speech behaviour, problems of modern lexicography. All the input was of high importance for the development of interdisciplinary areas of modern linguistics. **The internal workshop was attended by 69 people.**

Workshop evidence can be found in Annex 6.

19/04/2022 – NUUZ. In this meeting, several topics connected to the internationalisation of HEIs were discussed and presented in different speeches by some participants. Also, some report about the UNICAC project were presented. **100 people attended the meeting.**

Workshop evidence can be found in Annex 6.

20/04/2022 – NUUZ. In this meeting, participants were mainly informed about the UNICAC project and its accomplishments and benefits for NUUZ. There was also a speech of the First Deputy Minister of Higher and Secondary Specialised Education of the Republic of Uzbekistan. A manual with Best Practices for Internationalisation was presented. **110 people attended the workshop.**

Workshop evidence can be found in Annex 6.

21-23/02/2022 – XJU. This 3-day workshop was held at Xinjiang University. The UNICAC project was presented as well as different internationalization strategies of the university and how to improve R&D level with the business and local institutions, start-ups and business incubators. **76 people attended the workshop each day.**

Workshop evidence can be found in Annex 6.

03/03/2022 – XJU. In this meeting the situation of scientific research and the international specific RDI activities and services of Xinjiang University were discussed. **76 people participated.**

Workshop evidence can be found in Annex 6.

12/05/2022 – XJU. The third internal workshop was held online at Xinjiang University where the following topics were presented: international specific RDI activities and services in Xinjiang University, international cooperation and exchange, University Alliance of the Silk Road, the R&D team of the Education Department as well as different possibilities for cooperation. **77 people attended the workshop.**



Workshop evidence can be found in Annex 6.

3.1.2 WP8.1 NATIONAL ROUNDTABLES

26/04/2020 – CHINA (NWAUFU). National Roundtable about “Construction of innovation and entrepreneurship education ecosystem from the perspective of internationalisation”. It was organised online because of the COVID-19 pandemic. **More than 200 participants attended the event** in which the following issues were addressed:

1. Discussion about the “Research on Construction of Innovation and Entrepreneurship Education Ecosystem from the Perspective of Internationalization”. Post several questions, such as “Need to change, but how? lacking experience and relevant guidance”, “Learning from others, and which countries we can learn from?”, to track the answer of “Why International Experience Is Critical?”.
2. Talking about these three answers, “(1) The international environment we are facing and coping strategies; (2) The construction of innovation and entrepreneurship education ecosystem; and (3) The curriculum design, teaching methodologies, and methods of assessment”. A lot of universities from EU and international worldwide are taken as examples.
3. Discussed the reform roadmap and internationalization construction system in the last part. Some standard steps or processes are listed as referencing templates, “formative assessment, rubrics, in-class assessment, deep learning and providing feedback” and some experiences are shown by all attendances.

15/10/2020 – UZBEKISTAN (NUUZ & TUIT). This joint roundtable was held online and **attended by 22 participants**. The following topics were discussed at the event:

- Implementation of international projects at the National University of Uzbekistan during a pandemic
- Development and implementation of the UNICAC project at TUIT
- Development and implementation of UNICAC projects at the National University of Uzbekistan.
- The creation of Cross-Regional Network for Internationalisation and Cooperation of HEIs

At the end of the conference several proposals were made: Training of strategic and management personnel at partner universities and renewal of the infrastructure of international relations departments; Development of national and interregional recommendations; Development of 1 best practice guide and 1 toolkit to improve policy and management of international cooperation in higher education; Development of strategic plans for international cooperation in the participating universities of Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and China; Development of a UNICAC cooperation framework for international mobility and cooperation; Implementation of mobility (as a test) for a group of students and teachers to check the results. In the future, a lot of work is planned to carry out effective work in



the framework of such international projects, to strengthen cooperation with foreign educational and scientific institutions, and their effective implementation will become a priority of state policy.

15-17/10/2020 – TAJIKISTAN (IET-TSUC). The 3-day event was held under the name Erasmus+ Days. The results and challenges of the UNICAC project were presented as well as the study abroad opportunities. On the second day, students found out how they can apply for Erasmus, how the application process works and got some recommendations from program alumni. The third day was for staff and teachers to present them the programs and opportunities that exist for them to go abroad. **A total of 33 people attended the event.**

17/10/2020 – CHINA (NPU, NWAUFU & XJU). This online activity was held under the theme of “Erasmus Day”. The current academic exchange progress of research-oriented institutions in China, the European Union and Central Asian countries, the role and responsibilities of research-oriented universities in the contemporary world, and the future work prospects of Chinese universities in the project were presented. The related contents and specific tasks of the UNICAC project were introduced as well as the current situation of the project. Next, the progress and importance of academic research of Chinese universities in the world was discussed as well as the best practices and experiences of their universities were shared by the participants. **15 people attended the event.**

17/10/2020 – TAJIKISTAN (KHOGU). The national Roundtable at Khorog State University took place with the topic “Erasmus+ Day”. **About 70 students participated in the event.** The National Roundtable event included a tour of university to the Innovation Centers equipped by Erasmus+ projects, a presentation on the role of Erasmus+ projects, the UNICAC project and HEID TECH project. The development and implementation of Erasmus+ projects were explained, and students had the opportunity to find out about the possibilities to study at European universities under the Erasmus+ project. In the end, a survey was conducted, and students had the opportunity to leave their wishes and suggestions on a Erasmus+ board which was made by two alumni.

19/03/2021 – UZBEKISTAN (NUUZ & TUIT). The roundtable of the Uzbek partners was organised online. **The event was attended by 73 people.** The UNICAC project, goals and plans were presented. Other lectures of the conference included:

- Development of Uzbek Chinese relations within the framework of the project UNICAC
- Strategy of TUIT for the inclusion in the International Ranking Systems of QS and THE
- The role of IRO in international cooperation:
- Strategic Plan for Internationalization of the Urgench branch of TUIT

The seminar highlighted the different elements of international activity in higher education and the way in which these are expressed on an institutional level.

19/06/2021 – TAJIKISTAN (IET-TSUC & KHOGU). A joined National Roundtable under the initiative of the National Erasmus+ Office in Tajikistan was held in Khujand where experts from Higher Education, Erasmus coordinators and teaching and administrative staff came together. The most relevant topics



of higher education internationalisation, including the importance of internationalisation strategy, international cooperation and latest trends were discussed. Additionally, the UNICAC project was presented. Further topics included: Introduction to the new Erasmus+ 2021-2027, entrepreneurial education for innovative economy, involvement of the employers and business community in designing curriculum, micro-credits in higher education, SPI within UNICAC and best practices learnt from UNICAC. At the end of the day, a roundtable with experts, Erasmus coordinators and students of the IET TSUC was organized. Students demonstrated they're that they are informed of the UNICAC activities and Erasmus+ programme opportunities. The interested in UNICAC virtual mobility students were proactively asking questions and sharing own thought regarding studying abroad and experience the international culture. **29 people attended the event.**

28/10/2021 – REGIONAL ROUNDTABLE (ALL PARTNERS). A regional roundtable on the effects of the situation in Afghanistan on Central Asia was held with all partners in the scope of the UNICAC project. **Around 70 people participated.** The following topics were covered: presentation of the UNICAC project, the fragility of women rights under the Taliban in Afghanistan, discussion on how the situation in Afghanistan will affect security in the Central Asian region and on how the situation in Afghanistan will affect universities from the students' perspective, the impact of Afghanistan crisis in central Asia's tourism development and relations between Uzbekistan and Afghanistan: yesterday and today.

19/04/2022 – UZBEKISTAN (NUUZ). The meeting was held at NUUZ and **attended by 82 people.** The following topics were covered during the event:

- NUUZ IRO and university international relations
- NUUZ and internationalisation process
- Scientific potential of the NUUZ
- Perspectives of internationalisation
- Introduction to the Institute of Economy and Trade of Tajik State University of Commerce: Challenges in Internationalisation of Research and Teaching
- Gastronomy tourism in Uzbekistan
- El Yurt: opportunities for talented youth
- Main features and accomplishments of the UNICAC project
- Implementation of innovative ideas, technologies, and projects
- Historical places of Uzbekistan

25/08/2022 – TAJIKISTAN (IET-TSUC). The National Roundtable for public participants and local partners took place in August 2022. Presentations on the following topics were held: Internationalisation of the IET TSUC, UNICAC Network – the perspective of future partnership, short term mobility at the University of Turin, at the University of Seville. Many other short-term possibilities at universities in Europe and outside of Europe were presented. **117 people attended the event.**

Evidence can be found in Annex 6.



3.2. VOLUNTARY DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES

3.2.1. ONLINE DISSEMINATION AND PUBLICATIONS

According to the Dissemination Plan, all partners are committed to post updates and information about the project activities and development in their Universities' websites, social networks, etc.

During the first half of UNICAC, the following posts were shared in the following networks (all supporting documents can be found in Annex 5):

ONLINE ACTIVITY	PARTNER	PLACE	DATE	TARGET GROUP	IMPACT
Article about the KOM in University of Seville webpage.	US	Website	10.04.19	University staff, students, and public	n/a
Meeting with TOCHINA HUB	UNITO	Online (skype)	04.06.20	Tochina hub staff (Francesco Silvestri and Virginia Mariano)	n/a
Post on the UNICAC project and updating on the UNITO dedicated webpage	UNITO	https://www.management.unito.it/do/progetti.pl/S how?_id=2azw	02.07.20	Colleagues, Professors, students, IRO staff of the UNITO central office	n/a
News on the UNICAC project on the SME website	UNITO	https://www.management.unito.it/do/avvisi.pl/Show?_id=63yd	03.07.20	Colleagues, Professors, IRO staff of the UNITO central office	n/a
News: UNICAC have got funding	LAUREA	Laurea's intranet	08.2018	Laurea's staff and students	n/a
News: UNICAC Kick off meeting	LAUREA	Laurea's intranet	04.2019	Laurea's staff	n/a



ONLINE ACTIVITY	PARTNER	PLACE	DATE	TARGET GROUP	IMPACT
Information about project on Laurea's website	LAUREA	www.laurea.fi	Always	All Laurea's stakeholders, public site	n/a
Post updates on UNICAC activities	TUIT	Tashkent, Uzbekistan	19.06.2020	Teachers and students of TUIT, Employees of all enterprises and organizations subordinate to the Ministry of Information Technologies and Communications Development	n/a
Virtual meetings of the UNICAC Uzbek team	TUIT & NUUZ	TUIT, NUU Tashkent, Tajikistan	Regularly		n/a
Post updates on UNICAC activities	NUUZ	National University of Uzbekistan, Tashkent	Regularly	Followers of nuuz	20
Post updates on UNICAC activities	NUUZ	National University of Uzbekistan, Tashkent	Regularly	Members and followers of nuuz	30
Meeting about project result at KhSU	KHOGU	1 st floor "Innovation centre" at KhSU	24.04.2019	Students Teacher staff Administrative	20 people
Dissemination at local website	KHOGU	Khorog	15.06.2019	Academic staff, students and the user of internet	1408 subscribers
Post updates on UNICAC activities	IET	online	Regularly	952 Facebook followers 100 LinkedIn 300 Instagram	952 Facebook followers 100 LinkedIn



ONLINE ACTIVITY	PARTNER	PLACE	DATE	TARGET GROUP	IMPACT
					300 Instagram
Latest Newsletter	IET	online	30.06.2020	Social network followers	952 Facebook followers 100 LinkedIn 350 visitors in www.iet.tj
Post updates on UNICAC activities	NPU	Northw estern Polytech nical Universi ty (NPU, Xi'an, China)	21.12.2019	All teachers and students of the school of Mechanical Engineering	21
Online dissemination in the union laboratory	NPU	(NPU, Xi'an, China)	23.04.2020	Master degree students and teachers in the lab	16
Updates on UNICAC	NWAFU	CMEE, NWAFU	Regularly Posted: 2019-12-25	Members and Followers of CMEE	2000+
Updates on UNICAC	NWAFU	Northw est A&F Universi ty	Regularly Posted: 2019-12-27	Members and Followers of NWAFU	4500+
Updates on UNICAC	NWAFU	CMEE, NWAFU	Regularly Posted: 2020-01-11	Members and Followers of CMEE	2000+
Academic Productivity	NWAFU	Online	26.02.2020	Young scholars; postgraduate students	8 scholars; 18 postgradua ted.
Construction of Innovation and Entrepreneurship Education Ecosystem from The Perspective of	XJU	Online	06.03.2020	Young Scholars; postgraduate students	More than 110 students



ONLINE ACTIVITY	PARTNER	PLACE	DATE	TARGET GROUP	IMPACT
Internationalization					
Updates on UNICAC	XJU	Online. XJU Website	01.03.2020	Members and Followers of school of Mechanical Engineering	1800+
Post in social networks	INCOMA	Facebook	27.03.2019	Visitors and followers of INCOMA Facebook	Reach: 945
Article in website	INCOMA	INCOMA web	27.03.2019	Website visitors	22 visits
Post in social networks	INCOMA	Twitter	28.03.2019	Visitors and followers of INCOMA Twitter	786 impressions
Post in social networks	INCOMA	Twitter	23.09.2019	Visitors and followers of INCOMA Twitter	1043 impressions
Article in website	INCOMA	INCOMA web	01.10.2019	Website visitors	19 visits
Post in social network	INCOMA	Twitter	08.10.2019	Visitors and followers of INCOMA Twitter	1013 impressions
in social network	INCOMA	Facebook	07.10.2019	Visitors and followers of INCOMA Facebook	Reach: 372
Post in social network	INCOMA	LinkedIn	08.10.2019	Visitors and followers of INCOMA LinkedIn	107 impressions
Post in social network	INCOMA	Facebook	03.12.2019	Visitors and followers of INCOMA Facebook	Reach: 143
Article in Website	INCOMA	INCOMA web	04.12.2019	Website visitors	16 visits
Post in social network	INCOMA	Facebook	08.01.2020	Visitors and followers of INCOMA Facebook	Reach: 145
Post in social network	INCOMA	Twitter	08.01.2020	Visitors and followers of INCOMA Twitter	1390 impressions
Post in social network	INCOMA	LinkedIn	08.01.2020	Visitors and followers of INCOMA LinkedIn	96 impressions
Post in social network	INCOMA	Facebook	16.01.2020	Visitors and followers of INCOMA Facebook	Reach: 117
Post in social network	INCOMA	Facebook	22.05.2020	Visitors and followers of INCOMA Facebook	Reach: 253
Post in social network	INCOMA	Facebook	19.06.2020	Visitors and followers of INCOMA Facebook	Reach: 150



ONLINE ACTIVITY	PARTNER	PLACE	DATE	TARGET GROUP	IMPACT
Post in social network	INCOMA	LinkedIn	19.06.2020	Visitors and followers of INCOMA LinkedIn	81 impressions
Post in social network	INCOMA	Facebook	29.06.2020	Visitors and followers of INCOMA Facebook	Reach: 150
Publication of the Final Conference UNICAC in US Website	University of Seville	Website	03.10.2022	Visitors of the website	US Website visitors
News and dissemination on the training on 4th Training Module: EU Central Asia-China cooperation with special focus on HE (WP2.5)	UNITO	Website	14.01.2021	Visitors of the website	Reach: 200
News and dissemination on the training on WP3.3 Boosting International research development and innovation - RDI	UNITO	Online	5.10.2021	Technicians of the UNITO patents office and the UNITO incubator 213t	20
News and dissemination on the UNICAC opportunities of international mobility (WP3.7)	UNITO	Online and onsite at SME, Corso Unione Sovietica 218bis	13.01.2022	Students, teachers and technicians from UNITO	1000
Laurea Journal article: When the Silk Road went online: internationalisation	LAUREA	https://journal.laurea.fi/when-the-silk-road-went-	29.4.2021		N/A



ONLINE ACTIVITY	PARTNER	PLACE	DATE	TARGET GROUP	IMPACT
of higher education in pandemic times		online-internationalisation-of-higher-education-in-pandemic-times/#4fccd183			
Laurea Journal News: UNICAC Project opening doors to Tajikistan for Laurea students and staff	LAUREA	https://journal.laurea.fi/unica-project-opening-doors-to-tajikistan-for-laurea-students-and-staff/#4fccd183	6.9.2022		N/A
Theseus: article in a book “Intercultural Harvest” (UNICAC going COVID-19: Finding Each Other Online)	LAUREA	https://www.theseus.fi/handle/10024/377002	2021		743
Virtual meetings of the UNICAC Uzbek partners	TUIT	TUIT	19.03.2021	Uzbek Members of UNICAC, Teachers, Researchers	18
Final Conference of the UNICAC project	TUIT	TUIT & online	September 2022	European and CA Members of UNICAC, representatives of the Ministry, NEO Uzbekistan, the press and the public, Teachers, Researchers, Students.	85



ONLINE ACTIVITY	PARTNER	PLACE	DATE	TARGET GROUP	IMPACT
Presentation of UNICAC project results in ERASMUS+ WEEK IN UZBEKISTAN / ERASMUS DAYS	TUIT	Ministry of Higher and Secondary Specialised Education (MHSSE) of Uzbekistan	14.10.2022	Representatives of the MHSSE, NEO Uzbekistan, Teachers, Researchers,	25
Report on the opening of the UNICAC center	TUIT	Uzbek TV	23.09.2022	Audience of the Uzbek TV programme	N/A
Internal information workshop on Strategies of internationalization	NUUZ	Online and onsite	12.01.2021	All project partners, representatives of HEIs not participating in the project	13 offline 37 online
Internal information workshop on Strategy of international cooperation in T/L practices	NUUZ	Online	26.01.2021	All project partners, representatives of HEIs not participating in the project	22
Roundtable of the Uzbek partners - UNICAC	NUUZ	TUIT	19.03.2021	Teachers, IRO staff, students from Uzbekistan universities	65
Dissemination workshop	NUUZ	Online and onsite	6.05.2021	All project partners, representatives of HEIs not participating in the project	52
Dissemination workshop	NUUZ	Online and onsite	14.06.2021	All project partners, representatives of HEIs not participating in the project	54
Dissemination workshop	NUUZ	Online and onsite	23.06.2021	All project partners, representatives of HEIs not participating in the project	50
Regional Roundtable about	All partners	Online	October 2021	All project partners, representatives of HEIs not	70



ONLINE ACTIVITY	PARTNER	PLACE	DATE	TARGET GROUP	IMPACT
Afghanistan situation in the Region				participating in the project and students	
Cluster Meeting	NUUZ	Online	17.09.2021	local Capacity Building in Higher Education (CBHE) project coordinators and team members, the representatives of International Relations Offices (IRO) and accountants of higher education institutions (HEIs), representatives of Ministry of Investments and Foreign Trade (MIFT), Representatives of the Ministry of Higher and Secondary Specialised Education (MHSSE), Ministry for Innovative Development, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Agriculture and other branch ministries and higher education stakeholders	147
Erasmus+ Day	NUUZ	Online (Zoom Platform)	21.10.2021	Members of UNICAC, representatives of HEIs not participating in the project	80
International scientific and peer-reviewed online conference "Modern philological paradigms: interactions of traditions and innovative approaches II "	NUUZ	Online	18.03.2022	Members of UNICAC, representatives of HEIs not participating in the project	80
UNICAC National roundtable in IET	IET TSUC	IET TSUC, Khujand	19.06.2021	Local universities, students, Internal staff	29



ONLINE ACTIVITY	PARTNER	PLACE	DATE	TARGET GROUP	IMPACT
TSUC jointly with KhoGU		, Tajikistan			
Erasmus + CBHE Virtual Fair	IET TSUC	online	26-27.10.2021	International audience	120
3rd UNICAC National roundtable in IET TSUC	IET TSUC	IET TSUC, Khujan, Tajikistan+ online	11.05.2022	UNICAC partners	30 offline 10 online
4th UNICAC National roundtable in IET TSUC	IET TSUC	IET TSUC, Khujan, Tajikistan+ online	25.08.2022	Publicly open event, scholars, students, teachers, school-leavers	117
Joint International Conference at IET TSUC	IET TSUC	IET TSUC, Khujand, Tajikistan+ online	14-15.06.2022	Scholars, university management, partners,	50 offline 32 online
Post updates on UNICAC activities	IET TSUC	online	Regularly		1825 Facebook followers 223 LinkedIn 2250 Instagram
Latest Newsletter	IET TSUC	online	30.06.2020		1825 Facebook followers 223 LinkedIn 1360 visitors in www.iet.tj
Updates on UNICAC	XJU	Online	25 March, 2021	Scholars; postgraduate students	4 scholars; 6 postgraduate students



ONLINE ACTIVITY	PARTNER	PLACE	DATE	TARGET GROUP	IMPACT
Preventing network telecommunication fraud knowledge lecture	XJU	Xinjiang University Urumqi,	13 Jan, 2021	Members and Followers of school of Mechanical Engineering	100+
Updates on UNICAC	XJU	Online	22 Sep, 2022	UNICAC Members and Followers	3 Scholars; 5 postgraduate students
Updates on UNICAC	XJU	Xinjiang University Urumqi, XinJiang	3 Mar, 2022	Members and Followers of school of Mechanical Engineering	20+Scholars; 50+ postgraduate students
Boosting Research Capacities through International Cooperation	XJU	Online	18 th , June, 2021	Scholars; postgraduate students	About 15 scholars and some postgraduate students
The international specific RDI activities and services in XinJiang University	XJU	Online	12 May ,2022	Scholars; postgraduate students	About 15 scholars and 80 postgraduate students
"Intelligent Manufacturing and Robotics" International Academic Exchange Conference	XJU	Xinjiang University Urumqi, XinJiang	12 Jul ,2022	Scholars; postgraduate students	About 15 scholars and 30 postgraduate students
Updates on UNICAC	XJU	Xinjiang University Urumqi, XinJiang	18 Feb ,2022	Members and Followers of school of Mechanical Engineering	1800+
Seminar	NPU	Xi'an, China	25.09.2021	Scholars; postgraduate student	10 scholars; 65 postgraduate students



ONLINE ACTIVITY	PARTNER	PLACE	DATE	TARGET GROUP	IMPACT
Seminar	NPU	Xi'an, China	06.11.2021	Scholars; postgraduate student	10 scholars; 65 postgradua te students
Seminar	NPU	Xi'an, China	05.05.2021	Scholars; postgraduate student	10 scholars; 65 postgradua te students
Post in social networks	INCOMA	Faceboo k	27.03.2019	Visitors and followers of INCOMA Facebook	Reach: 945
Article in website	INCOMA	INCOMA web	27.03.2019	Website visitors	22 visits
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Post in social network	INCOMA	Facebook	15.10.2020	Visitors and followers of INCOMA Facebook	Reach: 49
Post in social network	INCOMA	Facebook	28.10.2020	Visitors and followers of INCOMA Facebook	Reach: 31
Post in social network	INCOMA	Facebook	24.11.2020	Visitors and followers of INCOMA Facebook	Reach: 120
Post in social network	INCOMA	Facebook	09.02.2021	Visitors and followers of INCOMA Facebook	Reach: 20
Post in social network	INCOMA	Facebook	10.02.2021	Visitors and followers of INCOMA Facebook	Reach: 92
Post in social network	INCOMA	Facebook	12.04.2021	Visitors and followers of INCOMA Facebook	Reach: 107
Post in social network	INCOMA	INCOMA	29.04.2021	Visitors and followers of INCOMA Facebook	Reach: 114
Post in social network	INCOMA	Facebook	02.07.2021	Visitors and followers of INCOMA Facebook	Reach: 118
Post in social network	INCOMA	Facebook	27.07.2021	Visitors and followers of INCOMA Facebook	Reach: 80
Post in social network	INCOMA	Facebook	11.10.2021	Visitors and followers of INCOMA Facebook	Reach: 420
Post in social network	INCOMA	Instagram	11.10.2021	Visitors and followers of INCOMA Instagram	Reach: 107
Post in social network	INCOMA	Facebook	02.11.2021	Visitors and followers of INCOMA Facebook	Reach: 140
Post in social network	INCOMA	Instagram	02.11.2021	Visitors and followers of INCOMA Instagram	Reach: 134
Post in social network	INCOMA	Facebook	18.01.2022	Visitors and followers of INCOMA Facebook	Reach: 180
Post in social network	INCOMA	Facebook	17.08.2022	Visitors and followers of INCOMA Facebook	Reach: 140
Post in social network	INCOMA	Facebook	29.08.2022	Visitors and followers of INCOMA Facebook	Reach: 119



The online activities carried out during the first half of the project have reached more than 20.000 people at international level.

3.2.2. ONSITE DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES

Consortium members also deployed their efforts to present UNICAC during other events or activities of relevance for the project and its main target groups.

As stated previously, in order to be considered valid, Consortium members were required to provide documents and evidence supporting the implementation of dissemination actions, which are included as annexes to the current document.

Additional activities are included in each partner's matrix (Annex 5).

EVENTS:

28.02.2019 – TUIT. Information about the UNICAC project, of the head of the international relations of TUIT J. Abduljalilov. The target group was the Scientific Council of TUIT. **A total of 65 participants attended this event.**

18.03.2019 – NPU. Introductory seminar. It has been presented by the coordinator at NPU, Shuxia Wang. She shared the project's background, project's main targets, events, and tasks. All the cooperated members are introduced. She showed opportunities within UNICAC and gave the brochures to other teachers. The full information about the project details were given.

The chief of the international union lab Pro. Weiping He has participated. After the presentation, they discussed some details and methods about this project and planned about what would do in the next few months. **A total of 3 participants from the University have participated.**

03.04.2019 – TUIT. Dissemination of the project. The event was addressed to the department of Physics of TUIT and members of the Scientific Council of TUIT, **25 people attended this event.**

10.04.2020 – NPU. This workshop has been organised by the school of Mechanical Engineering. Students from different schools came to our university to listen the presentation. The teacher from foreign affairs department in NPU introduced the UNICAC, including its background, its goal and its opportunities. After the presentation, the teacher and Professor Shuxia Wang joined Q & A, some students showed interesting about the communicating with other countries, the teacher gave them the brochures about this project. **About 30 participants attended this onsite workshop.**

11.04.2019 – IET. UNICAC presentation at the IET TSUC IET TSUC. The overall UNICAC has been presented by the institutional coordinator at IET TSUC, Saidqosim Mukhtorov. Project's aims, work packages events and tasks were delivered to the audience. All the consortia members were introduced. The opportunities within UNICAC project were introduced, brochures were distributed. The full information about the project details was given. In the activity NEO of Tajikistan Ms Czarina Nuriddinova has participated. After presentation there was an interesting Q&A session.



It was addressed to Administration and Faculties members and **a total of 20 participants attended this event.**

06.09.2019 – TUIT. The field-monitoring meeting UNICAC project at TUIT. Some of the participants were teachers and students of TUIT, project members from TUIT and NUUZ, NEO coordinator A.Abdurakhmonova, Vice-Rector of TUIT K.Toshev, Head of the IRD Zh. Abduzhalilov, Project Coordinators A. Yusupov and N. Sadullaeva, Head of the IRD NUUZ S.Sokhibjonov, Project members Zh.Sh. Dzhumabaeva, M.A. Rakhmatullaev, K. Bakhodirov R.Kh. Nasimov V.A.Solieva, Sh.Ismoilov., Gulomov Sh.R., and professors of TUIT and NUUZ.

11.10.2019 – NPU. Open lecture about UNICAC. The lecture was cooperated with foreign affairs department. First, the lecture introduced some details about how to study and exchange abroad. And then the teacher talked about the UNICAC project and showed students how they can benefit from the project. In the end, we gave out the printed brochures and posters. Some students asked questions about the studying and showed interested in this project. After the lecture, a few students left their messages to contact them and some of them knew more about the potential seminar and chance to exchange to other countries. It was addressed to new-arrival students and **a total of 30 people participated.**

SEPT. 2019 – XJU. Academic Productivity: exchange and present potentialities and goals. Talking about the academic productivity (AP). The head of Office of international cooperation and exchange and 4 scholars took part in the seminar. The concept of AP and the research fields included in AP, and the differences among different researchers; presentation of the UNICAC project. Exchange and present potentials, goals, academic between Scholars and Postgraduate students. Talking about the Bologna Agreement. **A total of 5 scholars and about 20 postgraduate students attended this event.**

14.10.2019 – UNITO. Seminar on the history of the SME and the UNITO IROs offices (main challenges and constraints). The target group was Colleagues, Professors, IRO staff of the UNITO central office. Prof. O. Calliano, founder of the ERASMUS office at SME (UNITO), Prof. C. Baretini (former IROs coordinator at SME), Ms. M. Marengo (founder of the UNITO Erasmus office in the '80s). **15 participants attended this event.**

21.10.2019 – UNITO. Seminar on the current UNITO IRO offices. The target group was Colleagues, Professors, IRO staff of the UNITO central office. PROF. U. MORELLI (Full Professor of History of International Relations, Jean Monnet Chair holder), Ms. Alice Traverso Bernini (Director UNITO Erasmus Office). **15 participants attended this event.**

10.01.2020 – NUUZ. Internal Seminar training. On the 10th January 2020 at the faculty of foreign philology withing the UNICAC project was held a seminar-training on the theme of Internationalisation as an important and widely discussed phenomenon in higher education. Recent important developments such as liberalisation of the education market have made internationalisation in higher education more complex, bringing new challenges to higher education institutions. At the training was



also considered international mobility, which was previously the main activity in responding to internationalisation. Though activities are nowadays expanding to include for example participation in international consortia, setting up branch offices in foreign countries, and setting up joint programmes or degrees. Increasingly, a mix of underlying rationales and activities for internationalisation can be observed.

It was addressed to Dean of Faculty, vice-dean, head of departments, teachers, researchers, students.

About 50 participants attended this event.

22-23/09/2022 – FINAL CONFERENCE & CHINA AND CENTRAL ASIA CONVENTION. The Final Conference of the UNICAC project took place together with the China and Central Asia Convention. The Chinese partners connected themselves online to join the event. The following topics were part of the meeting:

- Capitals needed (and managed) for the enhancement of IROs
- Opportunities and benefits of international cooperation between Central Asia and the European Union
- Developed national recommendations for internationalisation of Uzbekistan HEIs within the framework of the UNICAC project
- Report on the external evaluation of the UNICAC project
- Internationalisation of higher education in Tajikistan
- New master's degree program developed under Erasmus+ SPACECOM project
- Innovative projects for young researchers
- Development roadmap of Chinas agriculture, countryside, and farmer issues: a teaching-learning-research perspective for developing country
- International technology cooperation base of cyber physical intelligent manufacturing
- Development of joint programs and projects for internationalisation of Xinjiang University
- Internationalisation of Higher Education in Uzbekistan
- Methodology of conducting specialised subjects in English language in binary style
- Analysis of speech phonemic and formant structures
- Categorisation principles in linguistics

The first day of the conference was attended by 46 people and the second day by 47 people.

Almost 300 people have participated in onsite dissemination activities.

3.2.3. OTHERS

01/11/2019 – NUUZ. Publication and presentation of an article by the National University of Uzbekistan. The article is on the topic of the role of digital technologies in assessing learning outcomes.



It was published in the scope of the International Conference of Young Scientists “Science and Innovation”.

10/01/2020 – TUIT. Publication of an article about UNICAC project in a newspaper. Teachers and students of TUIT, Employees of all enterprises and organizations subordinate to the Ministry of Information Technologies and Communications Development was the main recipients of this article.

19-20/11/2020 – Regional Cluster Meeting organised by NEO Uzbekistan. This 2-day online event was on the topic of Capacity Building in Higher Education Projects in Central Asia. Various topics such as the impact of such projects in Central Asia, the regional cooperation in Central Asia, future CBHE actions, and challenges and coping strategies in the project management and the implementation during the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed. Additionally, there were different workshops on e.g., the internationalisation of universities in Central Asia, impact on higher education systems, regional cooperation and Business cooperation and employability.

29/04/2021 – LAUREA Journal. An article with the title “When the Silk Road went online: internationalisation of higher education in pandemic times” was published online by LAUREA. The article explains the UNICAC project, its impact, output, and benefits and how the pandemic affected the project management, the communication, and the implementation of this international cooperation project.

26-27/10/2021 – Erasmus+ CBHE Virtual Fair. Relevant results and outputs of the UNICAC project were presented during the EACEA Virtual Fair within the topic of Internationalisation Strategies.

2021 – LAUREA. A publication with the title “Kulttuurikirjon sadonkorjuu / Intercultural Harvest” by LAUREA University (ed. Elina Wainio) was published in 2021. Among many other articles, an article by Tiina Wikström, project researcher at LAREAU University, was published in this publication, The article with the title “UNICAC Going COVID-19: Finding each other online” addresses the COVID-19 pandemic and its effects on European universities as well as Erasmus+ projects on the example of the UNICAC project.

October 2020 – IET. Publication of an article about “The Internationalisation of higher education: UNICAC lessons”. It presents the structure of the university and especially the UNICAC project in detail and how it affects the IET TSUC.

All dissemination evidence can be found in Annex 5.



4. CONCLUSION

This report details the main dissemination and communication activities implemented during the first half of UNICAC. These can be divided into: foreseen (that is, activities included in the initial proposal and in the Dissemination Plan) and additional (that represent the efforts of Consortium members to reach a broader number of stakeholders).

On the other hand, there were two main types of dissemination activities implemented in this period: online (using social networks, such as Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn, and webpages) and face-to-face, where stakeholders had the opportunity to receive information and interact with Consortium members more directly.

At the beginning of project execution, INCOMA prepared a set of project templates and other dissemination materials (such as the project logo, brochure, poster) that all Consortium members used to present the project and communicate with stakeholders. Indeed, it should be pointed out that all institutions deployed all necessary efforts to achieve a relevant number of stakeholders from the different target groups.

This involvement of external actors is essential, as it will allow UNICAC to expand its impact base and, therefore, ensure the compliance of project indicators and, at the same time, contribute to project sustainability by promoting the adoption of UNICAC by non-partner institutions.

Awareness of the UNICAC social media presence was further enriched by partners' own social media presence and, in that sense, their efforts to share news about UNICAC.

Evidences of dissemination activities provided above allow us to conclude that UNICAC is positioning itself to comply the impact indicators defined in the proposal, despite the difficulties found in that sense regarding the COVID-19 and the need to delay the realisation of onsite dissemination activities.

The current impact of the project, taking into account all dissemination activities are as follows:

- Planned activities: 241 participants in onsite and onsite events ;
- Voluntary dissemination activities:
 - o Onsite: almost 300 people reached,
 - o Online: about 20.000 people reached.
- Website visits: 7.256 ;
- Newsletter openings: 139.

Total impact of UNICAC project during the first half: almost 28.000 people reached.

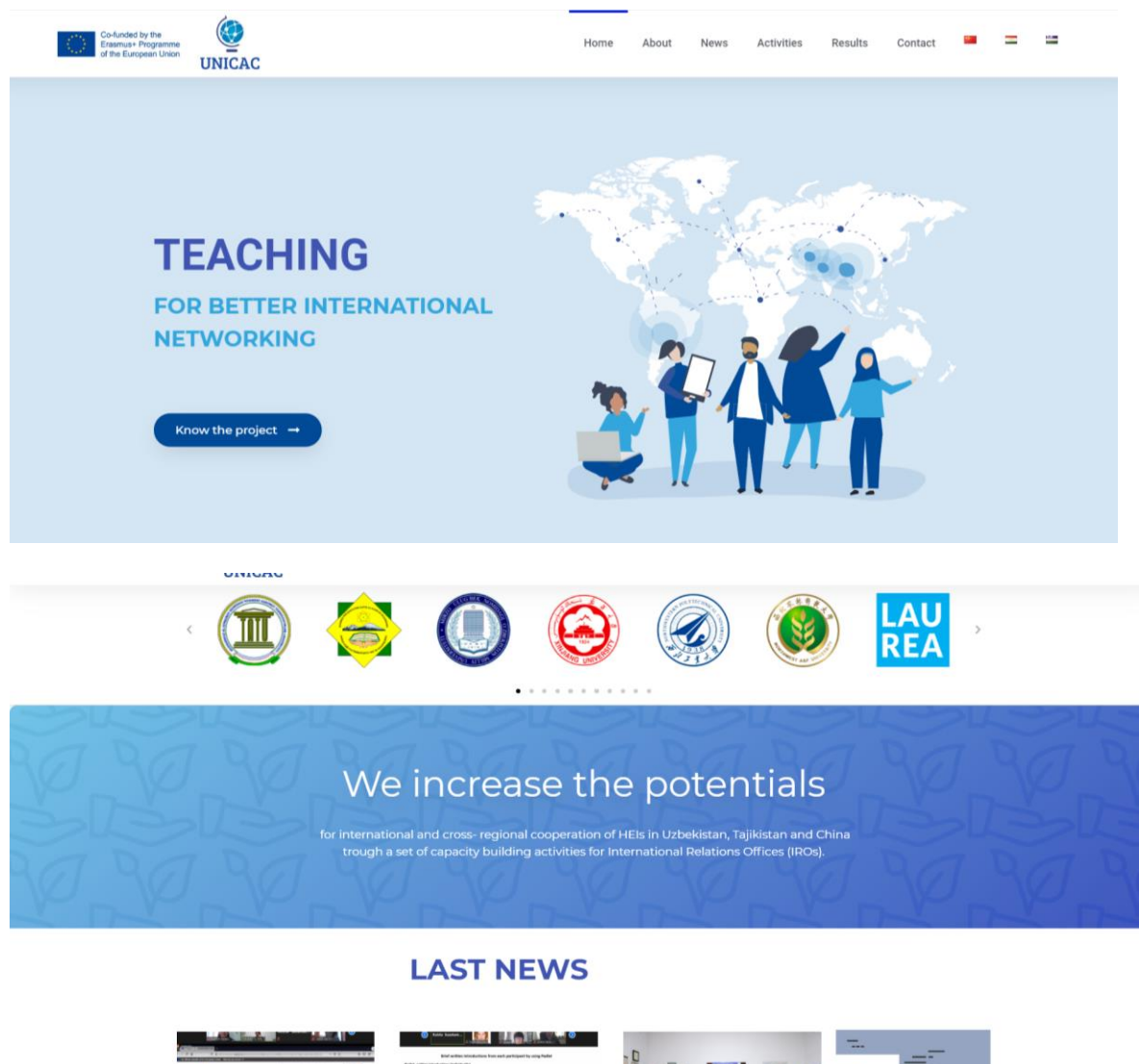


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5. ANNEXES

5.1 Annex 1. Website screenshots





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UNICAC is unstoppable!

June 29, 2020

Last Tuesday, June the 16th, all UNICAC partners virtually met to share the evolution of the project activities and prepare the Interim Report of the

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The UNICAC partners organised a virtual meeting to prepare seminars about Internationalisation and Research Capacities

June 29, 2020

Last Friday the 26th of June, all project partners met in a Virtual pre-seminar organised by the leader of this activity, LAUREA. This activity was

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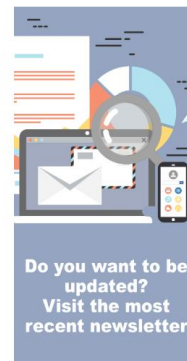


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May 22, 2020

COVID-19 is not just a pandemic but also a challenge that has affected all aspects of our academic life. UNICAC project partners, as all international

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UNICAC: an opportunity for a mutual European – Asiatic learning!



UNICAC project has been launched in January 2019 and will be running till 2022. It is founded under the Erasmus+ programme, and matches the needs of 7 Asian Universities – in Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and China – to improve Cross- regional and international cooperation of High Education Institutions and the willing of three European Universities – in Finland, Italy and Spain – to learn from the way of working of the Asian colleagues.

The objective is to contribute to develop international cooperation; to enhance strategic, human and infrastructural capacities for the management of International Relations in Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and China; and to develop a multi-regional network as a platform for the exploitation of synergies in International Relations.


Kick-off meeting in Seville



Last 25th to 26th February 2019, UNICAC partners personally met at the University of Seville facilities. During this time, the representatives of all partner Universities had the opportunity to share different points of view and expectations about this interesting project.

The first day, all partners presented their institutions in order to know each other, the profile of the universities, what they can offer and what they want to achieve being part of the project. The second day of the meeting, partners discussed about the activities to be developed and the working methodologies. Moreover, partners also had the opportunity to discover the ancient city centre of Seville, as well as, to taste the more typical food of Spain and the well-known tapas.

Synergies start!





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Right after the Kick-off meeting, partners carried out a technical visit at the University of Seville (in Spain) with the objective of having a deeper knowledge of the International Relation Offices management, and directly learn from their European counterparts.

The visit to the International Centre of the University of Seville allowed the participants to meet the staff and ask them about their daily tasks, making a comparison of their structures of international relations and the University of Seville and learning about best practices and how to apply them in their International Centres.

You can now visit the UNICAC webpage!



The UNICAC project webpage is already running! Enter into the website to have a deeper knowledge about the project.

Visit our webpage!



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University partners travelled to Tashkent to reinforce their capacities in International Cooperation Agreements, Networks and Funding Opportunities



UNICAC partners met in the Institute of Economy and Trade of Tajik State University in Khujand (Tajikistan) to start with the cycle of training foreseen in the UNICAC project, and whose objective is the reinforcement of capacities of the IROs staff. This training took place from 16th to 20th September 2019.

In that sense, this first training was coordinated by LAUREA experts, Arja Majakulma and Minttu Rati, and experts from Uzbek, Tajik and Chinese partner Universities could learn and participate of the contents treated.

All participating institutions presented their own institutions in order to better know their internal structure and organisation. Some of the contents treated during the training days were how to establish the objectives of Internationalisation in Higher Education and case example un Laurea University; they also tackled the topic on how to build partnerships and networks. It was a highly collaborative training, as partner presented some interesting projects to the audience in order to generate synergies between them.

working groups.

Xi'an hosted the UNICAC training about Academic teaching and research cooperation related tools, methodologies and best practices



From 16th to 20th December 2019, the University Cooperation Framework for Knowledge Transfer in Central Asia and China (UNICAC) held the third training module in the School of Mechanical Engineering, North-Western Polytechnical University (NPU). Participants included the University of Seville (US), the Tashkent University of Information Technologies (TUIT), the National University of Uzbekistan (NUUZ), the Khorog State University (KhoGU), Institute of Economy and Trade of Tajik state University (IET TSUCU), the Xinjiang University (XJU), the Northwestern Polytechnical University (NPU), and the Northwest A & F University (NWAUFU). Professor Shuxia Wan, the project manager from NU, hosted the training module. The training was coordinated by Inmaculada Vivas and imparted by Miguel Angel Adame, both from University of Seville

During the five days of the training, all universities shared their approaches about the quality teaching. They presented the good practices and policies like joint international degrees and exchange students. One of the experts from US, introduced the good strategies and practical cases in his University like flexible length of schooling, online classes and full credit system. After that, all the members discussed the question about how to improve the quality of teaching and learning. Also, they discussed the academic university rankings.

It was a very enriching experience where all partners had the opportunity of widening their knowledge!

UNICAC partners worked on Organisation and Management of International Relation Offices



Between the 18th and 22nd November 2019, took place in the National University of Uzbekistan, in Tashkent, the training module about the Organisation and Management of International Relation Offices.

This training was conducted by Professor Alicia Centrone, from the University of Torino and UNICAC partners from Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and China could benefit of the different sessions of the training.

Some of the contents learnt during these working days were the objectives of internationalisation in Higher Education, where issues such as theory and practice of the IROs' organisations, how to build partnerships and networks, or some innovative projects in Uzbekistan as case study.

All these sessions were carried out in a collaborative way thanks to the organisation of round tables and

Next steps!



2020 is an opportunity to continue the path of learning and reinforcing of capacities amongst all UNICAC partners. We wish you all a very peaceful and fruitful 2020!



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UNICAC FACES BARRIERS IMPOSED BY COVID-19 THANKS TO NEW TECHNOLOGIES



UNICAC project partners, as all international projects, have been touched by the collateral effects of this situation, therefore European and most of the Asian Universities are physically closed, what is more, international travels have been cancelled making impossible the continuation of physical partner meetings, and other project activities.

Nevertheless, a crisis is also an opportunity and the partnership decided to continue with the development of the activities foreseen taking advantages of new technologies and alternative ways of communication. Although partner meeting, onsite seminars, trainings and workshops are very important, they will be postponed until the medical situation will get better. In the meantime, UNICAC continues to carry out most of the foreseen activities thanks to the use of new technologies and collaborative platforms that help us to tackle the current barrier of physical mobility.

UNICAC is unstoppable!



On June the 16th, all UNICAC partners virtually met to share the evolution of the project activities and prepare the Interim Report of the project.

The global pandemic did not stop project partners from sharing their knowledge and continue working on their Strategic Plans of Internationalisation and Cooperation, and benchmarking of internationalisation and cooperation potentials in Teaching, Learning and Research.

In addition, on the 3rd of June, INCOMA prepared and delivered an online workshop in the framework of the project activities about funding opportunities and project preparation. All partners participated in this workshop, in which they had the opportunity to know how to apply for calls in Erasmus+, Horizon 2020 or EuropeAid programs, among others; and learnt how to prepare successful project proposals.

The impact of the COVID 19 on the internationalisation of HEIs in Uzbekistan: between constraints and alternative solutions (within the UNICAC project)

In the space of a few weeks our global interconnected societies have transformed into life in lockdown and with restricted mobility. Every private company, public organisation or educational institution has been impacted by the COVID-19 crisis.

In the meantime, at the National university of Uzbekistan the project UNICAC continues to carry out most of the foreseen activities thanks to the use of new technologies and collaborative platforms that help us to tackle the current barrier of physical mobility. Some of these activities are the organisation of virtual working groups meetings to analyse and identify best practices in Teaching/Learning/Research in all partner universities; online seminars to prepare the Strategic Plans of Internationalisation in partner countries; or a workshop about funding opportunities and project preparation.

The COVID-19 pandemic period has a big effect on internationalization of HEIs in Uzbekistan in terms of international mobility of staff/student/teachers and their onsite trainings. International universities cannot invite professors from foreign countries because of closed borders. International activities, like conferences, seminars, symposiums have been postponed or cancelled. However, the situation has affected on boosting the distance learning process: many universities have started providing online education, which will enhance new services at HEIs.

As an international network supporting innovation beyond borders, we know that when people work together, extraordinary things can happen. In the past weeks, our colleagues and partners across the network have been banging their virtual heads together to put in place support measures for developing the project and implementing the activities and tasks into reality.

Nilufar Sadullaeva
National university of Uzbekistan

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UNICAC's impact on the Institute of Economy and Trade of Tajik State University of Commerce (IET TSUC)



The IET TSUC intensifies activities within the framework of the UNICAC project. The main goals of the UNICAC aligned with the Strategic missions of the IET TSUC approved for 2020-2025 to promote Internationalization and develop International Cooperation.

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It is appropriate to mention that, IET TSUC is working with UNICAC consortia members already. We already have agreed with the Laurea University on collaborating within International Credit Mobility KA107 in the framework of Erasmus, and we have already applied for the call 2019. Also, the IET TSUC is happy to include Laurea University to its Capacity Building project implementing through the Higher Education Development Project of the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Tajikistan. Together with the University of Torino and the University of Seville, the memorandum of understandings and mobility agreements are signed. Agreed to continue collaboration within International Credit Mobility KA107.

The IET TSUC is closely working with Central Asian and Chinese partners. This year together with the National University of Uzbekistan we have applied jointly for the Capacity Building for Higher Education in the framework of the Erasmus. We have agreed on cooperating in science and research. We agree with Tashkent University of Information Technology to cooperate in the direction of building innovative centers. The memorandum of understandings with the National University of Uzbekistan, Khorog State University has been signed as well. The IET TSUC also seeks opportunities to work with NorthWest Agriculture- Forest University within the Chinese research funding opportunities.

Erasmus+ CBHE UNICAC project realization at Tashkent University of Information technologies



UNICAC project's activities were presented at the TUIT Academic Council in May 2019 and received great interest in the development of international relations by the board members. In particular, the Dean of the Faculty of Computer Engineering paid special attention to the development of the Strategic Development of the University's Internationalization during the project implementation period. Since then, the department plans to increase the number of foreign students, making special efforts to obtain international accreditation from ABET.

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The impact of UNICAC in KHOGU

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In general, all the topics mentioned above are aimed at improving the international offices of partners. Although this is not a novelty for our university, the trainers have proposed many new and interesting ideas that will continue to be used to improve the international ties of our university.

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Each step of the project is presented to the administration, teachers and students, and the highlights of the project are inserted on the university website. Several times the project was presented to the entire university and once was presented to representatives of Erasmus in Tajikistan.



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NUUZ IS FACING A NEW ERA




The new turn of political situation in Uzbekistan led to a more opened partnership in cooperation with global society, therefore, the system of higher education is actively developing in compliance with the new goals. For the National University of Uzbekistan, a leading higher educational institution in Uzbekistan, the cooperation with foreign HEIs is one of the most urgent priorities. NUUZ has defined the following Strategic goals of internationalization:

- Training highly qualified graduates who are in demand in the Uzbek and foreign labor markets and who are able of addressing the issues of the modern globalized community, considering the world requirements.
- Recognition of the university research and development in the international scientific community.
- Achieving the status of the reliable partner that is well-known in the world university space, and the status of the partner for implementing joint international short-term and long-term educational, cultural and scientific projects. The COVID-19 pandemic period has a big effect on internationalization of HEIs in Uzbekistan in terms of international mobility of staff/student/teachers and onsite trainings. Nevertheless, during the last two years NUUZ has obtained the following results:
- Increase of foreign students that entered in NUUZ (40% of BD students, 25% of MD students, 100% of PhD students);
- Increase of publication activity (42%);
- Entering in the university world ranking (UI GREENMETRIC WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS-2019: 374; UI GREENMETRIC WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS-2020: 353);
- New double-degree programs opened in 2018-2020 (11) and 4 memorandums signed for 2021-2022 (Renmin university of China, Belorussia National Technological University, Russian Chemical-technological university, Ankara university);
- Intensification of staff exchange (116 professors lecturing in NUUZ and 12 professors from NUUZ lecturing in foreign universities). Moreover, within the UNICAC framework the following activities were accomplished with the use of online conferencing systems:

- Online meetings with members of NUUZ and TUIT project team discussing the ongoing problems and perspectives.
- Organization of online conference with the partners from Tajikistan.
- The posters about the project were translated into Uzbek and released at the official website.
- NUUZ coordinator published the article devoted to the project.
- The strategic plan of Internationalization was signed.

UNICAC project was presented in the 2020 Symposium on Graphics Research and Education



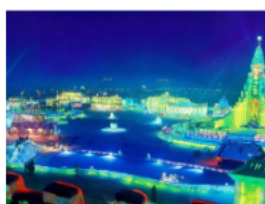
On 21 November 2020, Prof. Shuxia Wang, a member of the project team from Northwestern Polytechnical University, took the opportunity of organizing the 2020 Symposium on Graphics Research and Education and successfully introduced the main contents and relevant topics of the Erasmus+ project UNICAC to more than 60 participants, coming from multiple Chinese higher education institutions. In addition, the conference also adopted the way of online broadcast, online more than 3800 people watched the seminar live.



On November 21, 2020, "2020 Symposium on Graphics Research and Education" was successfully held in Northwestern Polytechnical University, Xi'an, China. This seminar is one of the projects of the "Innovation Driven Development Program of the Association of Science and Technology of Shaanxi Province" applied by Shaanxi Institute of Graphics. The purpose of the project is to provide a platform for the frontline workers engaged in graphic research, education and application to exchange experience. Focusing on the new mode of graphic education in the "new engineering" situation and the new challenge of integrating with the international community under the background of global integration, this paper discusses how to seize the opportunity, deal with the challenge, and seek for the new development and breakthrough of graphic research and graphic education. Efforts should be made to construct a new mode of talent training under the condition of "Internet +" and explore new methods of graphical research in the information age.

The conference was attended by more than 60 experts and scholars in the field of graphics and graphics from different famous universities and research institutions in China. At the meeting, Professor Wang Shuxia clearly described the 9 modules and mobile projects sponsored by the Erasmus+ Unicac project. Attendees come from all over China, with academic background, industry background and even well-known enterprises background.

UNICAC project in the 5th International Conference on Mechanical, Control and Computer Engineering (ICMCCE 2020)!



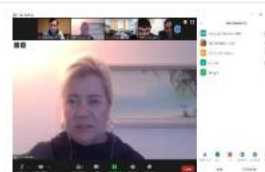
On 26 December 2020, Dr. Fengxin Yan, a member of the project team from Northwest A&F University, took the opportunity of attending the international academic conference and successfully introduced the main contents and relevant topics of the Erasmus+ project UNICAC to more than 100 participants, coming from 32 Chinese higher education institutions.

Harbin, located in the northeast of China, is the provincial capital of Heilongjiang Province and also a mega city coming third in registered population among the provincial cities in China. It is a famous historical and cultural city and tourist city in China, also known as "the Ice City", "Oriental Moscow" and "Oriental Paris". It has 46 ethnic minorities, bringing a variety of religious cultures together, making it the only city featuring the co-existence of Buddhism, Taoism, Christianity, Catholicism, Islam and Orthodox Christianity in China.

The 2020 5th International Conference on Mechanical, Control and Computer Engineering (ICMCCE 2020) was successfully held in Harbin, China from December 26 to 27, 2020. ICMCCE 2020 is to bring together innovative academics and industrial experts in the field of mechanical, control and computer engineering to a common forum. The primary goal of the conference is to promote research and developmental activities in mechanical, control and computer engineering and another goal is to promote scientific information interchange between researchers, developers, engineers, students, and practitioners working all around the world. The conference will be held every year to make it an ideal platform for people to share views and experiences in mechanical, control and computer engineering and related areas.

In this conference, there were over 180 experts and scholars in the area of Mechanical, Control and Computer Engineering representing different famous universities and institutes around the globe to attend the conference. During the conference, Dr. Fengxin Yan divided his speech into two parts, and in the first part he talked about his latest agricultural engineering research and then in the second part he clearly described the 9 modules and mobility programs sponsored by the Erasmus+ UNICAC project. His insightful speeches about the project had triggered heated discussion. The participants of the conference were from most part of the world, with background of either academia or industry, even well-known enterprise.

Continuing the implementation of the UNICAC project activities at IET TSUC





The IET TSUC maintains the realization of the activities in the framework of the UNICAC project. Nowadays, we are working on the implementation of work packages on virtual mode despite the coronavirus pandemic and succeeding to spread the impact, contributing to the sustainability of the project, also strengthening the collaboration within the consortium.

1. Ph.D. coaching and supervision IET

TSUC is actively engaged in the realization of the UNICAC project. Particularly, under a WP3 - Development of Potentials for Internationalisation in Teaching/Learning/Research (T/L/R) a series of online seminars on Ph.D. coaching and supervision were held by professors of EU universities to the PhD students of the Partner Country universities from October to December 2020.

Ph.D. students of the IET TSUC have benefited a lot from the seminars. They have received good material and resources to work with, also got informed about opportunities for making their Ph.D. studies more international and get funding for research activities. Moreover, they got an insight and a new perspective of research practices, writing an article, the concept of open data, career paths in a non-academic context, and how the academy can bring science to the business.

2. Fostering the cross-regional network for cooperation

On January 28th all UNICAC partners have met in a general online meeting organized by TUIT. This meeting brought together UNICAC consortia to share ideas about WP6: The creation of a Cross-Regional Network for Internationalisation and Cooperation of HEIs. TUIT presented their initiative to create an International Scientific Advisory Board in the framework of the WP5. "The Board's key mission is to give its scientific opinions, strategic feedback on the major outlines of HEI's science and education policy, such as the strategic plan, the development and accreditation of educational programs as well the improvement of the education and research infrastructures including teaching lab and research centres."

Development of a SPI in IET

TSUC According to the WP1 - Policy and Strategic Planning for Cross-Regional Cooperation and Internationalisation in HEI the workgroup of IET TSUC is engaged in the designing and drafting of the Strategic Plan of Internationalization (SPI) of the institute. Firstly, the workgroup conducted a survey of all departments and administrative staff of the institute regarding their wishes and aims towards internationalization. Thus, involving all the stakeholders gave a holistic picture and ensured that everyone's ideas and proposals would be taken into account. Further based on the survey the workgroup commenced to set definite goals of the internationalization and to develop an action plan. The draft version of the SPI was sent for review to professor Miguel Angel Adame from the University of Seville.

KHOGU has improved its online systems thanks to erasmus+ projects



Khorog State University is located in one of the most inaccessible places in Tajikistan (GBAO) with the center of the city Khorog. One of the important achievements of the university is that KOSU for many years has participated in many projects, including Erasmus +. Within the framework of international projects, KhSU cooperates with many universities from Europe and Asia. At the moment, there are three Erasmus + capacity building projects operating at KhSU. These projects are major donors for teacher retraining, student exchange and the creation and equipping of innovation centers.

For the third year now, the UNICAC project has been implemented at our university. During the two years of the project, almost all the staff of the international department of the university was retrained. Thanks to the project, seminars and trainings were organized online and onsite, in which, in addition to the staff of the international department, there were teachers and students of masters and PhD students. And also, the administration of the university was involved in the implementation of the project, which tried to implement and disseminate the results of the project in every possible way.



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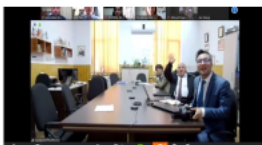


Despite the COVID 19 pandemic, the UNICAC project continued, although some changes were introduced. The UNICAC project has become one of the few at our university, which has proved that even in such difficult situations there is always a way out. The project did not stop for a minute, but on the contrary, all events from onsite went online. For the first time, in the frame of Erasmus + projects seminars and trainings were held online. Initially there were certain problems such as Internet connection and the inexperience of some teachers in using the online platform. Thanks to Erasmus + projects (UNICAC, HI EdTech) during the pandemic, more than 100 teachers were trained how to use the new innovative technologies, the use of online platforms for conducting classes and some new programs, which subsequently helped teachers overcome some existing problems.

During 2020, the IRO team and the administration of KhSU developed a strategic plan of internationalization (SPI) for the university under the sensitive leadership of Miguel Angel Adame from University of Seville and the SPI of Khorog state university is almost ready.

The UNICAC project continues its activities, although the pandemic is still ongoing.

Implementation of the UNICAC project at the Tashkent University of Information Technologies



In the Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated October 8, 2019 PP-5847 "On Approving the Concept of Development of the Higher Education System of the Republic of Uzbekistan until 2030", one of the main tasks is the development of international relations was to involve teachers and compatriots abroad in the higher education system of Uzbekistan. To achieve these goals and ensure international competitiveness, the concept provides for the following measures: development of academic mobility programs for teachers and doctoral students in cooperation with foreign higher education institutions, expanding training in joint educational programs with foreign universities, increasing the number of joint scientific conferences and seminars, implementing international scientific and educational projects, the creation of branches of local universities in foreign countries, the implementation of joint educational programs, etc.

To date, Tashkent University of Information Technologies has done a great job in solving the tasks identified in this concept. University scientists are currently working on more than 10 projects under the EU-funded ERASMUS + program.

Today, the university community is carrying out large-scale work under the UNICAC project. In particular, during a virtual meeting in October 2020, under the leadership of the TUIT team, it was agreed to establish a system of organization and management of international relations and international relations ("Network") between partners and universities in Central Asia and China. One of the main directions of this "Network" is to ensure the mobility of students and professors between universities, the organization of distance learning for master's students and the organization of scientific guidance for PhDs. On March 19, 2021, a roundtable discussion was held on the ZOOM platform between the participants of the UNICAC project, TUIT and professors and teachers of the National University of Uzbekistan named after Mirzo Ulugbek. During the roundtable, the TUIT team informed about the work being done to create the UNICAC Network, while the team of the National University of Uzbekistan informed about the work being done with Chinese higher education institutions. The team of TUIT Urgench branch also took part in the virtual meeting as a guest and provided information on the strategic plan of Internationalization of the branch.

The International Project Development Center being established at TUIT on the basis of computer equipment purchased at the expense of the UNICAC project. The university administration has allocated a room for this center, and now the renovation of the room for begin. Currently, the project participants are considering ways to further improve cooperation, sign memorandums of understanding and exchange professors and students. These days, professors and teachers of TUIT, Seville, Turin and the University of Uzbekistan are considering the preparation and submission of a new project for the introduction of the European credit system in the universities of Uzbekistan for the ERASMUS + program in 2021.



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Joint National roundtable with KHOGU and IET TSUC




On June 19, 2021, in Khujand, Tajikistan, within the framework of the UNICAC project and with the initiative of the National Erasmus+ Office in Tajikistan, Khorog State University and the Institute of Economy and Trade of TSUC organized a national roundtable. This national roundtable brought together field experts from Higher Education Reform Experts, Czarina Nuriddinova, Erasmus+ coordinator in Tajikistan, Nurova Sanavbar, Moscow State University branch in Dushanbe, Olga Sayfulloeva, Khorog State University and teaching and administrative staff of the IET TSUC. In this national roundtable, key speakers brought the most relevant topics of higher education internationalisation, including the importance of internationalisation strategy, international cooperation in higher education, higher education trends, etc.

The director of the IET TSUC, Hoshimzoda Homid Hasan, gave as a welcome speech an overall picture of internationalisation processes, how we are tackling the issues of internationalisation during the COVID-19 pandemic and what is our vision in terms of Internationalisation. It is therefore to mention, that Hoshimzoda Homid Hasan is involved in developing the new Strategic Plan for Internationalisation of the IET TSUC in the framework of the UNICAC. He has mentioned that The strategic development of IET TSUC is based on the comprehensive internationalisation of the university, that is, to strive for the continuous development of the institute, taking into account the improvement of teaching, learning, research activities, and modernization of infrastructure, through international projects and our international network, which is mainly developed in the Erasmus+ offered opportunities.



Using the opportunity of being Khorog State University and the Institute of Economy and Trade of TSUC in the same room, the NEO from Tajikistan has decided to follow up with UNICAC implementation. Ms. Czarina Nuriddinova has opened a meeting, shared her expressions, and some insights from this morning's monitoring of the UNICAC project, which generally had a positive assessment. The main part of her presentation was dedicated to the new ERASMUS+ 2021-2027, and what opportunities it has for HEIs.





The Higher Education Reform Experts Nurova Sanavbar and Olga Sayfulloeva continued with the interesting topics on the Internationalisation of the curriculum, business engagement in designing study programs, microcredits in higher education, and entrepreneurial education. The relevant topics raised many questions in the room and participants were proactively discussing them. During the break, partnership opportunities and joint projects between Khorog State University, Institute of Economy and Trade of TSUC and Moscow State University branch in Dushanbe were discussed.

The second session of the day started with the presentation of the UNICAC results, plans, and upcoming events. The institutional UNICAC coordinator, Saidqosim Mukhtorov, shared the current state of the development Strategic Plan for Internationalisation in the framework of the UNICAC project, which further helped to gather new ideas, recommendations and suggestions to be included in the strategic document. Then, Olga Sayfulloeva from Khorog State University shared her own experience of implementation of the UNICAC project, lessons learnt, and how it is helping to internationalise teaching, learning and research in her home university.

UNICAC Joint Regional Roundtable on Effects of the situation in Afghanistan on Central Asia with CA HEIs



This Regional Roundtable was held online on the 28th of October of 2021 and the topic was the Effects of the situation in Afghanistan on Central Asia.

Participants of the Regional Roundtable had the opportunity to listen to various speeches about different topics:

First, a talk about "The fragility of women rights under the Taliban in Afghanistan" was held by M. Nazarshoev Khujanazarov Jabbor, Senior Lecturer from the Department of Philosophy and Politics of Khorog State University.

Afterwards there was discussion on how the situation in Afghanistan will affect security in the Central Asian Region held by M. Nazarshoev Alimshoev Mamadrizo, Candidate of Historical Sciences Professor of the Department of General History and Religion, Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs; Hoshimov Firuz, senior lecturer at Social Science dpt. from Khorog State University & Institute of Economy and Trade of Tajik State University.

After the coffee break, participants listened to a speech on how the situation in Afghanistan will affect universities from a students' perspective. Hereafter, the impact of the Afghanistan crisis in Central Asia's tourism development was discussed by Yana Arustamyan, PhD, associate professor of the Department of Theory of translation and Comparative linguistics, and Dr. Yulong Yang, Teacher, School of Marxism, from National University of Uzbekistan and Northwest A&F University.

Then, there was a discussion on The impact of Afghanistan crisis in Central Asia's tourism development held by M. Nazarshoev Khujanazarov Jabbor, Senior Lecturer, Department of Philosophy and Politics; Ikrom Kuchkorov, senior lecturer at World Economy dpt; and Gulnoza Odilova, DSc, associate professor of the Department of Theory of translation and Comparative linguistics (NUUZ & IET TSUC).

At the end of the Regional Roundtable, a talk about the relations between Uzbekistan and Afghanistan (yesterday and today) was led by Ismoilov Shukurullokh, deputy director of the Urgench branch at Tashkent University of Information Technologies.

In sum, around 70 participants attended the online Regional Roundtable on the effects of the situation in Afghanistan in Central Asia.

Next steps!

As borders are opening again, 2022 will be a great year to develop WF3 mobilities. Stay tuned!





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Partners meeting in Vantaa, Finland





Thanks to the flexibility of the COVID-19 measures, it was possible to hold a second face-to-face meeting between the project partners in Vantaa, Finland, on 24-25 May 2022.

This meeting was particularly relevant and fruitful in order to define the pending tasks of the project and set the way for a successful completion of the project.

The meeting was hosted by Laurea University and consisted of two sessions in which all relevant aspects of the project were discussed.






Attendees: University of Seville, Laurea University of Applied Sciences, University of Turin, Tashkent University of Information Technologies, National University of Uzbekistan, Khorog State University, Institute of Economy and Trade of Tajik State University, and INCOMA attended face-to-face, while Xinjiang University, Northwestern Polytechnical University and NORTHWEST A&F UNIVERSITY had to attend online, as the COVID-19 measures to travel still had high-impact in China.



Pilot Testing: Mobility Actions of Students And Professors

An important part of the project could finally be developed. Partners were able to carry out the planned mobilities with the aim of exchanging knowledge, developing training and exchanges of professionals. More than 40 students and 30 staff have travelled between Central Asian countries, and between Central Asia and Europe.

Seminars, workshops, technical visits and exchanges were organised throughout April, May and June.

4th National Roundtable IET-TSUC

The IET TSUC has been implementing the UNICAC project since 2019. Certainly, the UNICAC project made the IET TSUC one of the most internationalised universities in the country. On August 26, 2022, the IET TSUC 4th National Roundtable was open for public participants. The National Roundtable at the IET TSUC brought together more than 110 participants, including teaching staff, administrative staff, students (newcomers), school leavers, school teachers, etc.

The 4th National Roundtable at the IET TSUC was supported by the regional education department of Sugd. The director of the IET TSUC, Hoshimzoda Homid Hasan, has made an open speech, mentioning the general aspects of the university development and its internationalisation policy, and the role of the UNICAC project in reaching the set goals. Deputy-director of Research and International affairs, Dalerjon Mirpochoev presented the topic of Internationalization of the IET TSUC: Today and Tomorrow. In his presentation, the current situation of Internationalization, strategic goals, and the importance of Internationalization was mentioned.

At this stage of the UNICAC project, all 11 partner organisations are working on the Creation of the Network, a cross-regional network for cooperation in Internationalisation, this is going to be a continuation of the project, and will assure the sustainability of the project. The institutional project coordinator Saidqosim Mukhtorov made a presentation about this topic and about a further partnership with universities in the consortium beyond the UNICAC project.

One of the big parts of the project recently implemented was the UNICAC short-term mobility. The second part of the National roundtable was dedicated to sharing stories, experiences and knowledge gained during the UNICAC short-term mobility, and International Credit Mobility KA107.

Shoiru Muhidinova, Anastasia Komarova, and Nigora Shamsieva shared their mobility experience at the University of Turin, Italy. Studying and doing an internship at the School of Management and Economics of the University of Turin gave them valuable knowledge, in addition, their stay was combined with another activity WP2.6. Practical Training at the International relations office.





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Farrukhjon Kamolov, Chinoroy Davlyatova and Kamoliddin Aminzoda made a presentation about their mobility to the University of Seville, and the city of Seville, Spain. Studying at the Faculty of Economics and Faculty of Law and doing an internship at the Library of the University of Seville was a unique experience. Farrukhjon Kamolov participated in the Library Exchange System. As well all the participants could join the International Staff Week of the University of Seville.

Shoira Azizova, Sarvaroy Maqsudova and Saidqosim Mukhtorov, as mobility participants at the Laurea University of Applied Sciences, Finland, were happy to tell inspiring stories about Finnish education, participation in the lessons, and sharing best practices with a teaching staff of Laurea. In September, IET TSUC is expecting the last mobility of master's student Zabiniso Akhmedjonova to Laurea.

Further International Credit Mobility KA107 alumni, (students and teaching staff) of the IET TSUC talked about their studies in partner universities. They had presentations from the University of Cantabria, the University of Cordoba, the University of Seville, University of Osijek, Varna University of Management, and Laurea University of Applied Sciences.

Next steps!

The project is coming to an end, and the Conference will be held in conjunction with the China and Central Asia Convention on 22-23 September in Uzbekistan. Would you like to attend?


[Register](#)




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Final Conference and China and Central Asia Convention



The Final Conference of the UNICAC Project was organised jointly with the China and Central Asia Convention in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, by Tashkent University of Information Technologies. In addition, the day before, the Final Partners Meeting took place, also in Tashkent, organised by the National University of Uzbekistan.

Topics such as:

- Internationalisation of higher education in Tajikistan: problems and perspectives;*
- Innovative projects for young researchers, Opportunities and benefits of international cooperation between Central Asia and the European Union;*
- Capitals needed (and managed) for the enhancement of IROs;*
- Development roadmap of China's agriculture, countryside, and farmer issues: a teaching-learning-research perspective for developing country;*
- International technology cooperation base of cyber physical intelligent manufacturing;*
- Development of joint programs and projects for internationalization of Xinjiang University;*

Cluster approach to the development and internationalization of educational processes in Uzbekistan;
Approaches modernization and internationalization higher educations of Republic of Uzbekistan;
 And more, were conducted by project's partners and keynote speakers.

In addition to this, that week TUIT inaugurated its international relations office in the framework of the UNICAC project.

Find more information about the partners meeting [here](#).





Pilot Testing: Mobility Actions of Students And Professors

In addition to the mobilities developed during the Spring period, there have been more in September and October. In this context, IET welcomed partners from Tashkent University of Information Technologies. Staff of TUIT had mobility actions under UNICAC W.P. 3.7.2. According to mobility agenda, their guests were welcomed by the authorities of the IET. After that, a roundtable was organised at the International Center and Global Engagement office with Dalerjon Mirpochoev – the Deputy Director on Research and International Affairs and Saidqosim Mukhtorov – the Head of the ICGE. The main topic of discussion was about strengthening partnership between the HEIs, which is one of the important goals in the framework of UNICAC. Also Saidqosim Saidosimovich conducted a presentation about IET TSUC to our guests from Uzbekistan.



The second day of the mobility under UNICAC project started with the presentation of the activity of the International Center and Global Engagement of IET by the Head of ICGE – Saidqosim Saidosimovich. He presented information about students and staff mobility in the framework of the several programs like UNICAC, Erasmus+ ICM. It is important to note that the curve of mobility performed by IET is growing vertically and in 2022 more than 30 mobilities have been organised, this number is expected to be increased by the end of the year. The mobility staff of TUIT were excited and liked the activity of the ICGE very much. Straight after that, participants expressed a wish to visit IET Acceleration of Digital Business center and there was organized a tour.

According to the agenda, there was a planned lecture about telecommunications by Professor Ahmad Yusupov from TUIT. Professor has told about the history of telecommunications, its perspectives and implementation. The lecture was conducted very interesting and students were very active in discussion.

The 3rd and 4th days of the mobility there was held a roundtable with Information Technology department and the actual topic of the conversation was about information technology opportunities for partnership and potential projects. During the conversation two parties have identified some common points and decided to strengthen collaboration on information technology sphere.



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5.3 Annex 3. Other dissemination materials: poster and brochure

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5.4 Annex 5. Dissemination matrixes

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5.5 Annex 6. All the dissemination evidence can be found here :

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