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Strengthening Higher Education in the Water Sector for Climate Resilience and Security
in Central Asia

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**STUDENTS' RESEARCH COMPETITION & WRITING SEMINAR
SERIES ON SUSTAINABLE WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT &
WATER DIPLOMACY IN CENTRAL ASIA AND AFGHANISTAN**
General information about the Erasmus HWCA project and
Writing Seminar Series

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Briefly about the Erasmus HWCA project

- **Grant holder:** Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic
- **Partners: EU:** IHE DELFT Institute for Water Education, University of Bergamo, University of Reims Champagne-Ardenne
- **Central Asia:**
 - Kazakhstan: Kazakh-German University, Academy of Public Administration under The President of The Republic of Kazakhstan, Saken Seifullin Kazakh Agro Technical University, M.KH. Dulaty Taraz State University
 - Kyrgyzstan: Kyrgyz National Agrarian University named after K.I. Skryabin
 - Uzbekistan: University of World Economy and Diplomacy in Uzbekistan, National Research University "Tashkent Institute of Irrigation and Agricultural Mechanization Engineers"
 - Tajikistan: Academy of Public Administration under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan, Tajik Agrarian University named after Shirinshoh Shohtemu
 - Turkmenistan: Turkmen Agricultural University named after S.A. Niyazov, Magtymguly Turkmen State University



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Briefly about the Erasmus HWCA project

- **Goal:** support the relevance, quality, modernization, and responsiveness of MA/MSc curricula on water governance and water diplomacy offered by Central Asian universities.
- Expected results:
- The expert groups will implement **updating existing** MA/MSc curricula on **water governance and water diplomacy** by developing the modules. Updated curricula will be approved by implementing and cooperating partners.
- Training courses (ToT) on water governance and water diplomacy will be provided by European partner universities for teaching staff and for students of Central Asia Partner Universities.
- Programme for continuous training and research on water governance and water diplomacy to assess the needs and capacities of the Central Asian Partner Universities will strengthen the sustainability of the project



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Brief information about the Students' Research Competition & Writing Seminar Series

- Organised within the ERASMUS+ HWCA project the students' research competition and writing seminar series on sustainable water resources management and water diplomacy in Central Asia and Afghanistan aimed at building the capacities of the young scientists in the water sector.
- The students' competition starting in **October 2023** as well as (**October 2024**) has gathered abstracts of scientific papers submitted by the participants for the Technical Check.
- Authors of the best abstracts take part in the writing seminar series starting in January 2024 with an Info session where participants receive general information about the seminar and paper submission guidelines for the Central Asian Journal of Water Research (CAJWR).



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TARGET GROUP of the Students' Research Competition & Writing Seminar Series

- MA and PhD students as well as young researchers of the ERASMUS+ HWCA consortia partner universities from Central Asia
- MA and PhD students as well as young researchers from Central Asia and Afghanistan coming from other universities



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Advantages for Young Researchers

- professional development of students and young water professionals
- opportunity to present and discuss their research in a constructive and international atmosphere within the 6-month writing seminar series
- development of academic writing skills in English

The structure for the HWCA writing seminars

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| 26 January 2024 | Info session– general hints and highlights on scientific writing and research paper |
| 16 February 2024 | 1. A) Introduction (30 min) B) General discussion of papers (30 min) |
| 15 March 2024 | 2. A) Methodology (30 min) B) General Discussion of papers (30 min) |
| 12 April 2024 | 3. A) Discussion part of the paper (30 min) B) General Discussion of papers (30 min) |
| 10 May 2024 | 4. A) Results (30 min) B) General Discussion of papers (30 min) |
| 31 May 2024 | 5. A) Conclusion (30 min) B) General Discussion of papers (30 min) |
| 21 June 2024 | 6 Case studies: presentation and discussion of the student papers |



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Awards for the Students' Research Competition & Writing Seminar Series

- The authors of the best papers selected by Dr. Iskandar Abdullaev and the Selection Committee will receive an invitation to the **Aral Sea Summer School 2024** jointly organized by the Kazakh-German University and the Erasmus+ HWCA project.
- Participants of the Summer School will take part, among others, in **simulated negotiations** on key issues of water resources management at the regional level, supported by outstanding Central Asian and European experts.
- The certificates will be issued to all participants, including the award certificate for the best paper(s) awards.



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HWCA Aral Summer School 2024 dedicated to the Water Diplomacy

- **The overall aim** of the HWCA Summer School 2024 is to increase the scientific and research capacity of young researchers through case studies directed at the regional security of the socio-economical pathway, including the challenges related to Water Diplomacy and Water Management issues as well as raise awareness about the importance of cooperation and governance at all levels as a cross-cutting issue crucial for the improvement of the socio-economical pathway in Central Asia.



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HWCA Aral Summer School 2024 dedicated to the Water Diplomacy Preliminary Timeline of the Summer School 2024

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| April-May | Open Call |
| June | Selection of participants |
| July | Online Workshops per thematic scopes within the thematic research groups |
| August | Data collection through field research in the Northern Aral Sea region on the case studies selected plots |
| September-November | Data processing of the case studies |
| December | Submission of the articles to Research Journals |

In case of any questions related to the HWCA Seminars, please contact



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