PRESS RELEASE

International cooperation on the modernization of higher education in the interests of the food production and processing industry in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan

From 16th to 17th may, 2019 at the "JANNAT REGENCY" hotel in Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic, a conference will be held on the modernization of higher education in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan, in the interests of the food production and processing industry.

The participants of the conference will sum up the results of the work in the frame of the project, determine the necessary measures and conditions for improving the quality and compliance of higher education with the needs of the labor market, discuss barriers and prerequisites for improving the competence of the teaching staff and attracting highly qualified specialists to academic and scientific work in Universities. Particular attention will be paid to the discussion of opportunities and necessary steps to establish long-term and sustainable cooperation between relevant government agencies, Universities and the private sector (enterprises) to train highly qualified personnel that meet the needs of the industry in Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan.

Representatives of relevant state bodies (agencies for standardization, the Ministry of education, economy and agriculture of the Kyrgyz Republic and the Republic of Tajikistan), business associations and representatives of the private sector – producers, processors and exporters of agricultural products will attend the conference.

This conference is organized by a consortium headed by the Latvia University of Agriculture, in the framework of the project "Higher education for food production systems and standards in Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan" (HECAFS), funded by the European Union Programme "ERASMUS +".

The overall objective of the project "HECAFS" is to support the modernization of higher education system for the implementation of international systems and standards for the production and processing of food products in Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan, thus enhancing the export potential of small and medium enterprises (SMEs).

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