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**Development of Higher Education Content Aimed to Support Industries for Sustainable Production of Qualitative Agri-food**



Latvia University  
of Life Sciences  
and Technologies

This project is in implementation of the consortium led by  
**Latvia University of Life Sciences and Technologies**

## THE PROJECT

**Latvia University of Life Sciences and Technologies** in cooperation with seven partner organizations is implementing the project “Development of Higher Education Content Aimed to Support Industries for Sustainable Production of Qualitative Agri-food”. The project is financed by EU Erasmus+ Programme, Key Action 2 – “Cooperation for innovation and the exchange of good practices”.

**The overall objective - To modernize agro-industry related higher education thus promoting implementation and effective management of sustainable agro-food production systems in Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan.**



The project team aims to develop the content and mechanisms of higher education, so that the highly skilled specialists better meet the needs of the agro-industrial sector of Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan.

In addition to the development and implementation of the content and the improvement of the study environment, the project contributes to strengthening the cooperation between higher education institutions and agro-industrial enterprises in Central Asia, and enhances the partnership among universities in Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan and EU countries.

The project contributes to the achievement of the following objectives:

- To modernize agro-food production related study programmes in 4 Central Asia universities.
- To promote availability of knowledgeable and skilful specialists for agro-food production industry.
- To develop capacity of academic staff.
- To improve study environment.
- To strengthen links among universities and agro-food production industry.
- To enhance networking among Central Asia's and EU's higher education institutions.



In perspective, the project will allow regional producers to apply internationally recognized good agricultural practices (GAP), including the conditions and requirements of the GlobalG.AP standard, principles and approaches of sustainable agribusiness management. This leads to increased efficiency and competitiveness of the industry, supports business development, and provides local consumers with safe food products of and clean environment, thus indirectly contributing to regional and rural development.

## THE CONSORTIUM

The project is implemented in cooperation with international and regional partners:



**LLU** – Latvia University of Life Sciences and Technologies



**NSU** - Naryn State University named after Naamatov



**KNAU** - Kyrgyz National Agrarian University named after K.I. Skryabin



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### Associated partners



Agro Information Center - innovations of Uzbekistan under the Council of Farming Dekhkan Farms and Owners of Household Lands of Uzbekistan



Agrobusiness Association of Uzbekistan



Public Union Association of dairy -cattle breeding „Kyrgyz-Sut“



Agricultural Development Association

The project's development is based on the initiative of producers and exporters of agricultural products in Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan.