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First Steering Committee meeting for the EU-funded “Support for Public Administration Capacity Building in Turkmenistan”



On April 25, the First Steering Committee meeting for the EU-funded “Support for Public Administration Capacity Building in Turkmenistan” gathered representatives from the European Commission, members of the technical assistance team and beneficiaries from the National Academy of Civil Service (AoCS), and the Institute of State and Law, under the President of Turkmenistan.



Mr. Folkert Milch, Team Leader of the project, opened the meeting and welcomed the participants. Mr. Milch underlined that the purpose of this First SCM is to establish long term goals of the project and to discuss the recently submitted Inception Report, which outlines the activities and the work plan of the project. The Steering Committee will also participate in the establishment of the future working groups under the project and will make recommendations on the implementation of the project.

In her opening speech, **Ms. Edith Read, Programme Manager at Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development (DG DEVCO)** of the European Commission pointed out that the European Union will provide support to the Government of Turkmenistan in the field of civil servants training. She also referred to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Agenda for Change. *“ The European Union believes that human capital is vital for sustainable development. The key priority of the EU in Turkmenistan is to support the Government reform agenda and Turkmenistan’s 2011-2030 Social-Economic Development Programme, which also prioritizes the upgrading of qualifications of national officials”*, Ms. Read said.





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Mr. Alym Annamuradow, rector of the Academy of Civil Service under the President of Turkmenistan, expressed his gratitude to the Steering Committee members for attending the meeting and expressed his belief that this first meeting will create solid foundations for cooperation among the project partners.



The Government of Turkmenistan set long term tasks for social, economic and cultural development of the country, and the Academy of Civil Service plays an important role in implementing them. The Law on Civil Service and the Law on Ethics and Official Behavior of the Civil Servants adopted in 2016 introduced increased requirements for civil servants' business qualities, their behavior. Among the important tasks of the Academy are provision of courses for upgraded qualifications and knowledge management among the civil servants.

Ms. Ivelina Dilovska, Project Director of the EU project, reiterated the need of educated and skilled officials nation-wide to implement the strategic reforms in Turkmenistan. The institutional development and capacity building are the priority areas. " A very important component of the work will be the project's contribution to the future Master's program at the Academy of Civil Service. Different internships are foreseen for the Academy's teachers, modules will be developed in accordance with the chosen model of the Master's degree.", said Ms. Dilovska.



In his concluding remarks, Mr. Folkert Milch underlined that the project team will rely on every partner to achieve the results, as cooperation is very important for the swift implementation of the project.

Background:

The technical assistance "Support for the public administration capacity building" will build the capacity of the government of Turkmenistan for the modernisation of the Turkmen Public Administration in line with European and international standards. The project was launched in end of 2016 and the duration is 48 months.

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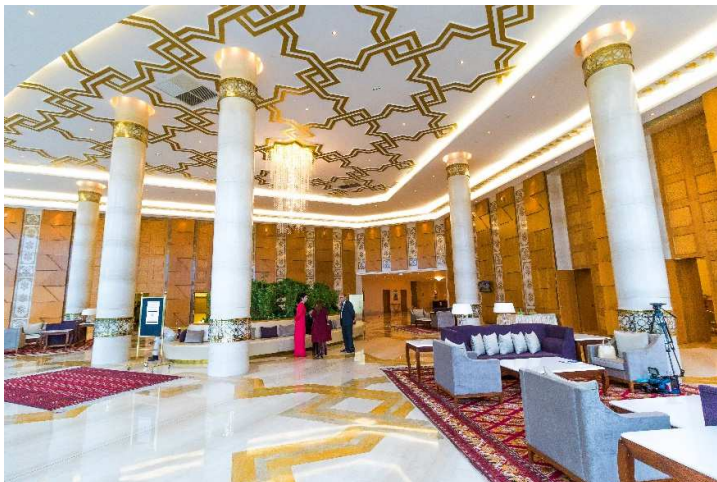
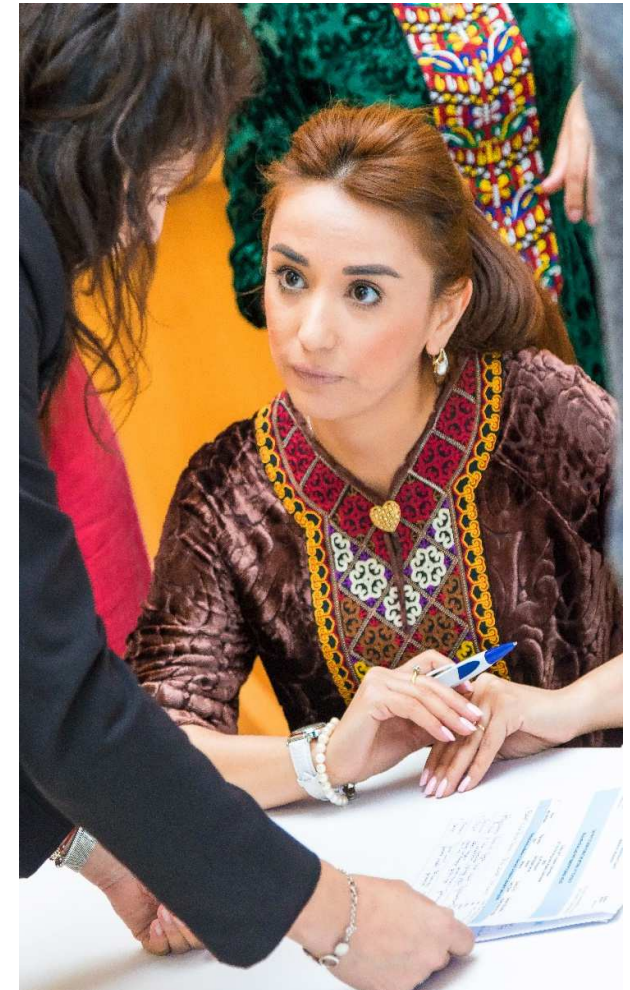


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