

### REFRESH NEWS



#### **TOP NEWS OF THE YEAR**

### 15-16 MAY,2024 KICK- OFF MEETING OF REFRESH PROJECT AT UNEC

Ambassador Mikalko, representatives of foreign partner universities and rectors of local higher education institutions who are partners of the project spoke about the important role of the project in the socio-economic development of the country, training of national personnel in the field of renewable energy, conducting research, development of regional universities.

Azerbaijan State University of Economics (UNEC) hosted a presentation of the winning Erasmus+ project,Refresh.European Union Ambassador to Azerbaijan Peter Mikhalko, Director of the State Agency for Renewable Energy Sources under the Ministry of Energy Javid Abdullayev, SSU, MSU presented the winning project on "Green and sustainable global economic improvement in Azerbaijani universities: renewable energy sources and mitigation of climate change (REFRESH)", rectors of LSU and Azerbaijan University of Technology, director of Erasmus+ Azerbaijan National Office Parviz Bagirov and other guests participated.

# REFRESH: GREEN AND SUSTAINABLE GLOBAL ECONOMIC IMPROVEMENT IN AZERBAIJANI UNIVERSITIES: RENEWABLE ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION

### INFO SESSIONS

#### AT LOCAL UNIVERSITIES: LSU SSU ATU GSU MSU

On November 24, 2023, at Lankaran State University (LSU), in connection with the REFRESH ("Green and sustainable global economic improvement in Azerbaijan universities: renewable energy sources and climate change mitigation) project coordinated by Azerbaijan State University of Economics, in which Lankaran State University is also participating as a partner university, an information day was held.

On November 21, at Sumgayit State University (SSU), an information day of the project "Green and sustainable global economic improvement in Azerbaijan universities: renewable energy and climate change mitigation-REFRESH" funded by the Erasmus fund of the European Union was held.

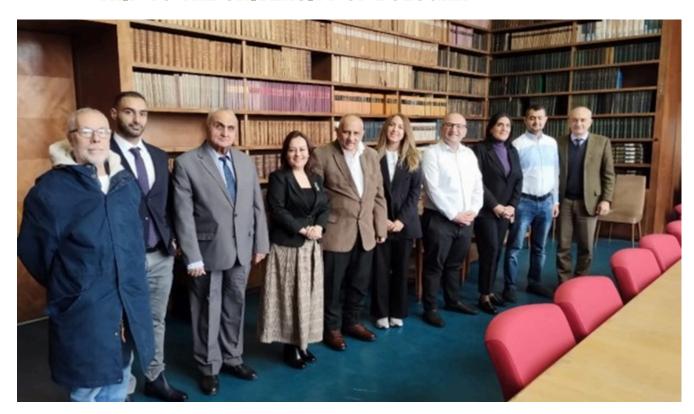
Azerbaijan Technology University (ATU) held Info Day about REFRESH project. The attendees included ATU Vice-Rector for Acadedmic Affairs Ragif Huseynov, Advisor on Strategic Development and Digitalization Issues Mehman Karimov, Head of UNEC Foreign Relatons Office Afet Alakbarova, head of the ATU structural department, as well as professors, teachers, and students from the Department of Environmental Protection.

Ganja State University (GSU) hosted the info-session of the project "Green and sustainable global economic improvement at Azerbaijani Universities: renewable energy and climate change mitigation (REFRESH)." This event, conducted under the Erasmus+ program of the European Commission, marked Ganja State University as a partner and the Azerbaijan State University of Economics (UNEC) as the coordinator.

In a forward-looking initiative, Mingachevir State University (MSU) conducted a comprehensive information session on February 29, 2024, shedding light on the Erasmus+ project titled "Green and sustainable global economic improvement at Azerbaijani Universities: renewable energy and climate change mitigation" (REFRESH). The project is under the coordination of the Azerbaijan State University of Economics (UNEC).



## AZERBAIJANI REPRESENTATIVES OF THE REFRESH PROJECT TOOK PART IN A BUSINESS TRIP TO THE UNIVERSITY OF BOLOGNA



### 4-9 DECEMBER BOLOGNA VISIT

Professors and teachers from the UNIBO Department of Industrial Engineering conducted a seminar focusing on the development of green and sustainable energy. They discussed initiatives aimed at reducing the impact of climate change. Additionally, the UNIBO Scientific and Innovation Center staff made a presentation on scientific and innovation field advancements, followed by a Q&A session.

### 16-20 APRIL DENMARK VISIT

On April 15-19, 2024, employees of local partner universities of the Refresh project made a working visit to DTU, Copenhagen. Topics of this trip are DTU and local partner universities study lines pertaining to renewable energy and sustainability, AI tool as a teaching assistant. Workshop on exchange of ideas on curriculum for education of educators within REFRESH.



On June 3-7 a business trip to Universitat de Barcelona is planned.

On June 9-14 a business trip to KTH University of Sweden is planned. The suitable employees who will participate in the trips have been identified and preparations for the trip are underway.

### **QUALITY MEETINGS**

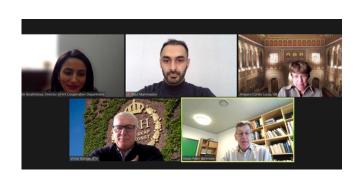
### "First QA Meeting Held for the REFRESH Project"

In a significant step towards advancing green and sustainable economic improvements in Azerbaijani universities, the inaugural meeting of the Quality Assurance Board for the "Green and sustainable global economic improvement at Azerbaijani Universities: renewable energy and climate change mitigation (REFRESH)" project, funded under the Erasmus+ program KA2 activity type, was successfully conducted. The project is spearheaded by the Azerbaijan State University of Economics (UNEC).



### International Dissemination Meeting Held Within the REFRESH Project Framework

In the framework of the REFRESH project, a dissemination meeting with international partners took place, bringing together representatives from Azerbaijan State University of Economics (UNEC), Barcelona University, KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Bologna University, and the Technical University of Denmark. The meeting focused on advancing dissemination activities within the project, discussing plans for inviting foreign partners as speakers at the upcoming local conference scheduled for May 22-23.



#### QA Meeting for the "REFRESH" Project Promotes Sustainable Development in Azerbaijani Universities

In a significant stride towards promoting green and sustainable global economic improvement in Azerbaijani universities, the Quality Assurance Board of the Erasmus+ KA2 project "Green and sustainable global economic improvement in Azerbaijan universities: renewable energy sources and climate change mitigation" (REFRESH) convened for its 2nd meeting on February 19.



### Refresh Project Hosts Meeting with Local Partners in Preparation for ISCEMR-2024

As part of the ongoing REFRESH project, a meeting was held with local partners to discuss the responsibilities falling on the shoulders of these local stakeholders within the framework of the project. Coordinators from UNEC presented the initial program of the upcoming ISCEMR - 2024 (International Scientific Conference of Economics and Management Researchers: New Age of Sustainable Development: Green Transformation and Climate Financing) scheduled to take place on May 22-23.

