

Onsite Meeting in Almaty (December 2025)

The LESLIE consortium will hold its first in-person meeting of 2025 in Almaty, Kazakhstan, co-organized with the local partner universities
4-5 December 2025

On 4 and 5 December 2025, the LESLIE project will hold its Second Onsite Meeting in Almaty, Kazakhstan. Following the success of the first meeting in Fergana, this event will bring together project partners to review progress, strengthen collaboration among institutions, and plan upcoming strategic milestones.



The sessions will focus on key Sustainable Land Management (SLM) topics, including the SLM International Hub, micro-credentials, the online toolbox, and the Learning for the Future Incubator, while promoting cultural and academic exchange. This meeting marks another step in establishing LESLIE as a leading Erasmus+ CBHE initiative in Central Asia, emphasizing innovation, education, and sustainable land management.

2nd ONLINE WORKSHOP



On 18 June 2025, the 2nd Online Workshop of the LESLIE project was successfully held, with 130 participants from Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, and Europe. Ten representatives presented their work on Sustainable Land Management (SLM), including circular economy, climate change, women's access to irrigation, and innovations in land use and biogas. The workshop was chaired by Javier Rodrigo-Illarri (UPV) and Eleni Toxqui (UCY), highlighting LESLIE's achievements as an Erasmus+ CBHE initiative. A total of 172 new applications were received to join the SLM International Hub, with participation from institutions such as KOKSU, KAZNU, AYU, CAREC, FPI, TIIAME, BSU, and IAU.

WHAT IS NEW

Participation in the Global Hour Meeting (October 2025)

On 21 October 2025, the LESLIE team participated in the Global Hour Meeting at Ualikhhanov University, presenting project achievements such as micro-credentials and digital tools for Sustainable Land Management, and discussing future strategies for international cooperation.

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Presentation at ICESICS 2025 (Almaty, October 2025)

From 6 to 8 October 2025, Khava Yevloyeva presented the goals and progress of the LESLIE project at the ICESICS 2025 conference, focused on sustainable agriculture and plant biology. The presentation attracted strong interest from researchers and participants.

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Training Seminars at Ualikhhanov University (June 2025)

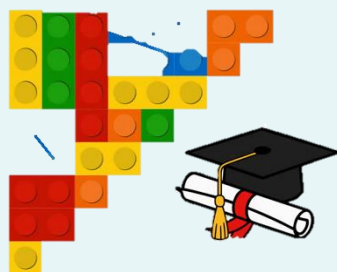
On 4-5 June 2025, the LESLIE project was presented during training seminars at Ualikhhanov University in Kokshetau. The sessions focused on digital transformation, internationalization, and academic quality improvement, highlighting LESLIE's contribution in these areas.

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Launching SLM Micro-Credentials!

We are excited to announce that the **production of the LESLIE Sustainable Land Management (SLM) micro-credentials** will soon begin.

These are short, specialized learning units designed to provide practical knowledge on key topics such as soil conservation, sustainable agriculture, and environmental policies.



The micro-credentials are flexible and can be completed at your own pace. Some can even be “stacked” to build a broader certification.

Educational Resources At Your Fingertips: Leslie’s Online Toolbox

Alongside the micro-credentials, we are developing the SLM Online Toolbox, a digital repository containing presentations, videos, MOOCs, interactive exercises, and self-assessments.

This “toolbox” will be especially useful for members of the SLM International Hub: Hub members will have full access, while other users can request selected content.



PUBLICATIONS

- “High-Resolution Bathymetric Survey and Updated Morphometric Analysis of Lake Markakol (Kazakhstan)”, hydrology, 2025. <https://doi.org/10.3390/hydrology12090228>
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- “Temporal and Spatial Analysis of the Environmental State of the Valencia Plain Aquifer Area”, Sustainability, 2025. <https://doi.org/10.3390/su17135921>
- “Reaction of Minimal Streamflow to Natural Factors in the Context of Climate Uncertainty”, Water Resources Management, 2025. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11269-025-04238-y>

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