

**Regional Cluster Meeting**  
**“Internationalization and Impact of Erasmus+  
CBHE projects in Russia”**  
*June 29-30, 2021*

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**01. Organizers**

This Regional Cluster Meeting was co-organised by the National Erasmus+ Office in Russia and Lobachevsky State University of Nizhny Novgorod. Due to COVID-19 restrictions the event was held online (Zoom) and gathered representatives of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation, the European Executive Agency for Education, Culture and Audiovisual Media (EACEA), Delegation of the European Union to Russia, Russian and European participants of Erasmus+ projects, as well as representatives of Russian and foreign universities. On behalf of the SUNRAISE project it was attended by Gorno-Altai State University, Siberian Federal University, and Russian State Hydrometeorological University.

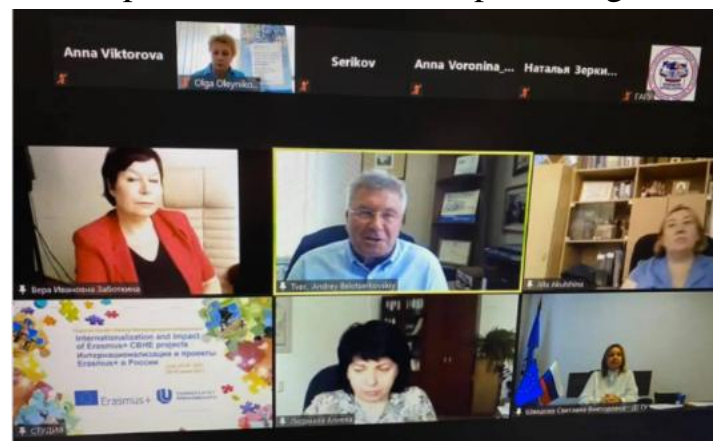


**02. Meeting objective**

The meeting was aimed at:

- ✓ presenting to a wide audience results, outputs, outcomes and impacts of the Erasmus+ CBHE projects;
- ✓ mapping the CBHE project themes for the new Programme after 2021; and
- ✓ further development of the internationalization of higher education in Russia and strengthening of the Russian higher school presence in the European Higher Education Area.

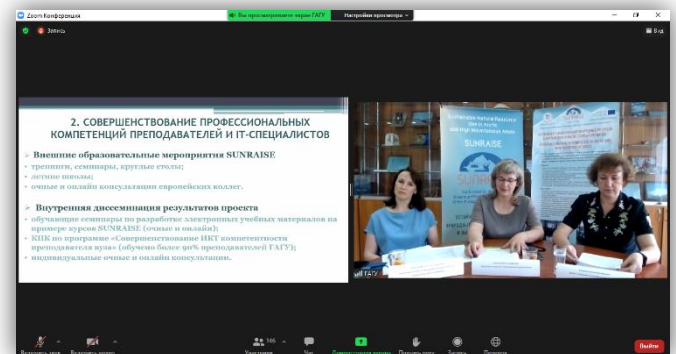
The key task for the SUNRAISE participants was not only to speak on the project results, but to show its role in the internalization of their universities and its impact on the improvement of the system for training specialists in the field of sustainable natural resource use in Arctic and high mountainous areas.



### ***03. Meeting description (input of the SUNRAISE participants)***

The SUNRAISE project presentation was scheduled for day 2, June 30, and included in the Session 7 “Projects in remote regions and at “newcomers” to Erasmus+.” That is why it was decided to give the role of a key presenter to Gorno-Altai State University.

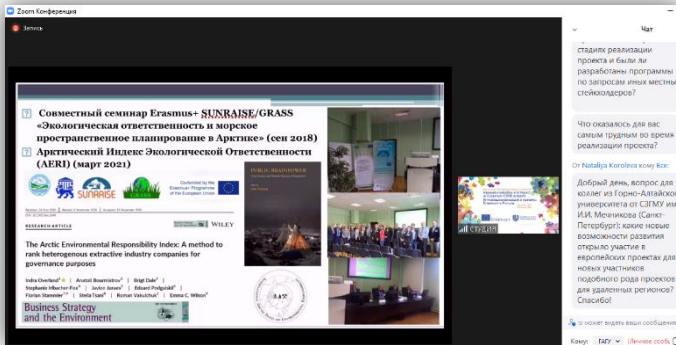
The representatives of GASU (Vice-Rector for Science and Innovations Mariia Sukhova and Dean of the Department of Natural Sciences and Geography Oxana Klimova) told about new courses developed by the university in partnership with European colleagues; presented massive open online course “Sustainable Development of Mountain Territories in the Context of the Concept of Ecosystem Services” co-developed with Indian partners from Kumaun University; described new professional competences acquired by GASU teachers and IT specialists, especially in terms of developing teaching and learning materials for distance learning; and presented the Collaborative Platform Aimed at Assisting the Sustainable Development of the Altai-Sayan Ecoregion (Mountain Platform) created within the SUNRAISE project. After the presentation itself, the SUNRAISE project coordinator in GASU Natalia Iurkova answered questions asked by the session moderator and sent to the chat box by other participants.



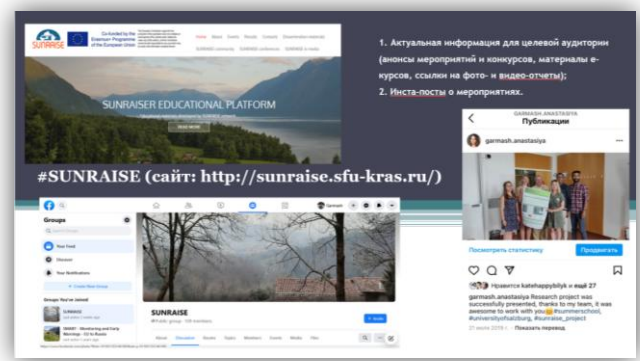
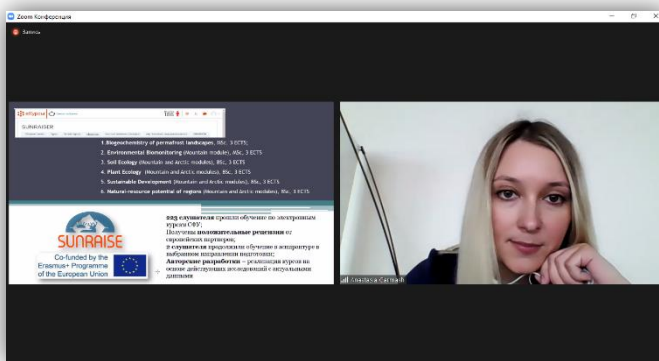
The representatives of Russian State Hydrometeorological University (Head of the Department of Applied and Systems Ecology Denis Alexeev and Senior Lecturer of the Department of Meteorology, Climatology and Atmosphere Protection Eduard Podgaiskii) emphasized the importance of the Project for the development of joint scientific events, research activities, and peer-reviewed publications. They also vividly described how the SUNRAISE experience and achievements can become a solid basis for the development of other international educational programs.

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Last but not least SUNRAISE speaker was Anastasia Garmash, Head of International Cooperation Centre of Siberian Federal University. She not only introduced the Project outcomes achieved by SFU, but also gave a brief overview of the SUNRAISE website and its Facebook page, where the detailed information about all Project activities and their results was presented.



Tatiana Iashina, the Head of the Altai-Sayan Mountain Partnership and the Deputy Director of Katunskiy Biosphere Reserve, also took part in this event. She could not participate in person, but prepared a video-presentation, in which she stressed the importance of close cooperation of HEIs and employers in the preparation of high skilled specialists for sustainable management of natural resources.



## 04. Results

The presentation of the SUNRAISE project was met with a strong interest and the efforts of the Russian universities in achieving the Project outcomes were greatly appreciated.

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