



KIX Europe | Asia | Pacific Hub

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For interested

- **researchers, policy analysts and project managers in education**
- **working for government, university, research institution, or civil society organization**
- **based in Georgia, Moldova, Mongolia, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan**

First KIX EAP Learning Cycle in Russian starting on 24 September

The KIX Learning Cycle 1 “**Feasibility Study on Scaling Innovation**” consists of a professional development course for national experts from 21 countries in the Europe | Asia | Pacific (EAP) region. Through this course, participants will learn about scaling impact, how to design an empirical feasibility study, how to collect, analyse and explain data, among many others. This course enables national experts to publish a high-quality, data-based study in which they examine the conditions whereby it is feasible to scale up an existing innovation or a pilot project in their country. It will equip participants with the skill sets applicable in their day-to-day work in policy planning or education research. In addition, the learning cycle intends to make national experts internationally visible and noted by lending them support to produce blogposts, feature them in videos, and translate their feasibility study into English. The team of instructors and a Graduate Research Assistant (Russian speaking) will assist the expert with data interpretation, visualization and publishing.

A Certificate of Completion will be issued by [NORRAG](#), an associate programme of the [Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies](#), a flagship university with a focus on international relations, cooperation, and development, and by [Nazarbayev University Graduate School of Education](#), the premier graduate programme in education in Central Asia with an international orientation.

Format

The **online course** will start in the week of 24 September and end in the week of 7 December 2020. This first course in the learning cycle series will be offered in Russian. The English and Arabic versions of this course will be offered at a later date.

The participants will meet weekly on **Zoom for 2 hours** during which they will learn in lectures, meet and exchange knowledge with experts from other countries, and get active support from their instructors and research assistants in terms of data analysis, visualisation, editing of papers and reports. National teams will be matched with 2-5 teams from other countries in the region that have a similar interest in terms of thematic priorities of the innovation or pilot project.

Instructors

The course will be taught by instructors with extensive experience in applied policy research:



Julia Levin is a Lecturer at the University of Hamburg, Germany. Her areas of specialisation are student assessment systems and programme evaluation. She worked for the Kyrgyz Academy of Education in Bishkek, funded by GIZ (German Society for International Cooperation) and worked as a consultant for a Kyrgyz school reform project that was funded by the Asian Development Bank. She speaks Russian (native), German (native), English (fluent), Ukrainian (basic), and Kyrgyz (basic).



Gita Steiner-Khamsi is a Professor in Comparative and International Education at Teachers College, Columbia University, New York and at the Graduate Institute for International and Development Studies in Geneva. She is also the Director of NORRAG and of the KIX EAP Hub. Gita Steiner-Khamsi has worked for 20 years in international educational development, teaches program evaluation, international policy analysis, and strategic planning (for masters and doctoral students). She has worked extensively in Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Pakistan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan. In addition to English, she speaks fluently German, French and Farsi.



Darkhan Bilyalov is an Assistant Professor and a PhD Program Director at Nazarbayev University Graduate School of Education. He obtained his PhD in Higher Education from Pennsylvania State University and his Master of Science in Higher Education degree – from Northwestern University. He has worked to improve various aspects of Kazakhstani education for more than 15 years. He took an active part in multiple initiatives and projects funded by the World Bank, UNDP, the European Commission, UNESCO, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and the Government of Kazakhstan.

Eligibility

All partner countries of the Global Partnership for Education are eligible to participate. This Russian speaking course is specifically tailored to education researchers or policy experts from Georgia, Moldova, Mongolia, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan.

Any individual with at least five years of prior policy analysis, research, or management experience in education may apply. Access to Internet, a commitment to weekly meetings, and a strong motivation to collaboratively produce a data-based feasibility study are required. Applicants could be individuals or teams of 2-4 persons (half of which need to be women).

The KIX EAP hub, hosted at NORRAG in Geneva, will collect all applications and forward them to the national KIX coordinators or national KIX Steering Committees for nomination. Ideally, each team consists of **3 participants**– 1 from government, 1 from a research institution (university, civil society, or applied research) and 1 from civil society, associations, private foundations or international organizations (UNICEF, World Bank, Open Society Foundations, etc.).

Course Fees

There are no course fees. The course is funded from a KIX (Knowledge and Innovation Exchange) grant of the Global Partnership for Education (GPE). The GPE KIX Initiative is administered by the International Development Research Centre in Ottawa/Canada and NORRAG, based in Geneva/Switzerland), serves as the hub for the region Europe – Asia – Pacific.

Application

Please email NORRAG KIX EAP hub team at norrag.kix.learning@graduateinstitute.ch with a short motivation letter (max 1 page) explaining:

- why you are interested in the course and
- confirming your availability to regularly meet with your team members as well as with the instructors during the 14-weeks online course.

Attach a short CV to your email that demonstrates your prior experience in policy analysis, research or project management in education.

Deadline to submit your application is **3 September 2020**. For more questions, please reach out to the KIX EAP hub at norrag.kix.learning@graduateinstitute.ch or to the National KIX Coordinator in your country.



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