

# **GCRF COMPASS: Comprehensive Capacity-Building in Eastern Neighbourhood and Central Asia: research integration, policy impact and community engagement**

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# COMPASS: Aims and objectives

We seek to establish *‘the hubs of excellence’* in our partner-HEIs to enable them to become the ‘nodes’ for knowledge production and transfer across the region and beyond.

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*Conceptually*, the project explores new approaches to **‘governance’**, with a focus on resilience, community, and ‘critical infrastructures’ for reform, to understand what makes ‘governance’ more effective & sustainable

*Practically*, the project seeks to enhance relations with our partners in three areas:

- **Research Integration**: specialisms, thematic workshops, publications and growing joint learning provision
- **Policy Impact**: policy forums, study trips, EES, policy roundtables & policy papers
- **Community Engagement**: surveys, citizen juries & ‘dialogue with a wider society’

Our **vision** is to connect these hubs of excellence with the world!

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- To provide expert advice and feedback on selected COMPASS activities, developments and implementation
  - To assist the consortium with communication and dissemination activities, including COMPASS research and policy impact, nationally and on a pan-European level.
  - Should the AB members use the name of the project for their relevant activities, they need to inform the Project's Principal Investigator ([E.Korosteleva@kent.ac.uk](mailto:E.Korosteleva@kent.ac.uk)) and/or the Project Manager ([K.Jumel@kent.ac.uk](mailto:K.Jumel@kent.ac.uk)) in advance.



# Key Challenges

- **Reconciling research & practice**
- **Organisational (I):** getting to know your team is crucial!
- **Organisational (II):** shaping shared priorities, KPIs and Action Plans (APs)
- **Monitoring & Evaluation:** deliverables & narratives + KPIs/APs & outputs
- **Communication:** crucial
- **Transactional**
- **Staying open to new opportunities!**