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**Capacity Building in Higher Education: Three Projects, Three Principles**

This presentation will outline three EU funded international projects that explore the themes of social justice, inclusive educational practices, and access to tertiary education.

The projects (ASPIRE, CATALST and ALLVET) were designed to develop knowledge-exchange partnerships beyond the European Union including Georgia, Armenia, Vietnam, Laos, Russia and Kazakhstan. The innovative practices developed across these initiatives have resulted in high-quality research outputs and offer opportunities for further international collaboration and cross-cultural knowledge production.

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