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Minister of Education Jeyhun Bayramov attended the first high-level annual Eastern Partnership conference around the subject of “A stronger economy for stronger societies – Investing in people for sustainable growth” in the Austrian capital of Vienna.

Prior to the conference, the minister of education met with European Commissioner for European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations Johannes Hahn and Austrian Minister for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs Karin Kneissl. They discussed opportunities for using the instruments existing under the Eastern Partnership initiative for developing education in Eastern Partnership countries. Jeyhun Bayramov highlighted the projects implemented in Azerbaijan’s education system with support of the European Union. The minister drew the audience’s attention to the “State Program for increasing international competitiveness of the higher education system of the Republic of Azerbaijan in 2019-2023”.

Jeyhun Bayramov then met with the European Commission’s Deputy Director-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture Viviane Hoffmann. They discussed the current state and prospects of Azerbaijan-European Union cooperation in the field of education.

Following the meetings, the minister of education attended the high-level annual Eastern Partnership conference. Addressing a panel discussion, Jeyhun Bayramov highlighted Azerbaijan’s achievements in the field of education. The minister noted the importance of matching knowledge and skills and labor market needs. He said that rapid development of information technologies nowadays demands mastering appropriate knowledge and skills. “To achieve this, all the interested parties should maintain mutual cooperation,” the minister added.