



Furthering the Quality of Doctoral Education at Higher Education Institutions in Uzbekistan / UZDOC 2.0

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Participants of the project



- Lead partner: UNICA-Network of Universities from the Capitals of Europe
- Partners:
 - Politecnico di Torino
 - Universidad de Granada
 - Université libre de Bruxelles
 - Eötvös Loránd University
 - Tashkent Financial Institute – TFI
 - Namangan State University – NamSU
 - Tashkent Chemical-Technological institute – TKTI
- Ministry of Higher and Secondary Specialised Education of the Republic of Uzbekistan – MHSSERUZ
- Uzbekistan State Institute of Arts and Culture – UzSIAC
- Karakalpak State university – QQSU
- Karshi State University – KARSU
- Samarkand Institute of Economics and Service - SIES
- Duration: 36 months (until 2019 October)

Main objectives of the project



Main objective of this new **capacity-building project** is furthering the quality of doctoral education at partner Higher Education Institutions in Uzbekistan and to provide quality assurance measures and mechanisms for Uzbek partners, in line with the principles of doctoral training in Europe and the results achieved through the UZDOC project.

Specific objectives



- To improve the capacity of Uzbekistan HEIs for supporting doctoral education, in line with the results of the preceding project and the state-of-the-art European developments in the area of doctoral education
- To raise the capacity of Uzbekistan HEI's in implementing national standards for quality assurance in doctoral education.
- To increase the capacity of academic and non-academic human resources in Uzbekistan HEIs to contribute toward the implementation of the reforms of doctoral education.
- To improve the collaboration between the academic and business sector and industry in Uzbekistan, reducing the skills gap between doctorate holders and the business sector.

Activities of the project



- Kick off meeting
- Stock taking meeting
- Consultation seminars
- Round tables
- Creation of a policy documents
- Networking and dissemination events (conferences) in Uzbekistan
- Workshops and development of training materials
- Job shadowing
- Knowledge sharing events
- External and internal evaluation of the project achievements



Quality assurance activities of the project

- Quality assurance plan developed by ELTE approved by the steering committee
- The QA plan covers: necessary monitoring steps, feedback loops, and activities during the project life
- Evaluation and quality control elements used in the project :
 - Evaluation forms for conferences, consultation seminars and round tables;
 - Evaluations forms for workshops;
 - Reports from the job shadowing events;
 - Internal feedback during six consortium meetings and the ULCB meetings;
 - External expert evaluation report;

Sustainability issues



- **trainings of academic staff, administrative personnel and doctoral candidates are expected to continue** in some form with the financial backing of Uzbek HEIs and the Ministry; **skills taught during the trainings will add to the sustainability** of the project
- **job shadowing** will create opportunities for Uzbek colleagues to **link with European** partners and to establish contacts and networks which can be further maintained and broaden once the project ends.
- **quality assurance standards** developed during the prior project will be included in the exercise to create a **model of a new joint doctoral programme**,
- the new mechanism of **quality assurance will enhance** their ability to modernize their doctoral education.

Reporting

- Interim reports
- Final report
- Financial report



Challenges



- Risks at Uzbekistan – changing political climate, changes in the government’s HE policy – It might have an impact of sustainability
- Language boundaries
- Quality of technical facilities in Uzbekistan



Thank you for your attention!
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