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PROMOTION TEACHING EXCELLENCE” / UTTERLY
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ABOUT THE PROJECT

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Project duration: 15.01.2021 – 31.12.2023

Project Coordinator: Ivan Franko National University of Lviv, Ukraine.

Wider objective:

To contribute the modernisation of higher education systems in Ukraine by introducing universities centres of teaching excellence for promotion of European educational innovations by professional university teachers' certification.

Specific project objectives:

- To modernise the formal system of university teachers' professional development and certification in Ukraine by establishing of 9 independent Centres of Teaching Excellence, as well as creating their network, focusing on enhancing quality of university teaching;
- To introduce the professional university teachers' certification programs based on European good practices and education innovations for ensuring teaching excellence;
- To develop and pilot a new teaching excellence curriculum based on teaching excellence framework, including courses syllabi and MOOCs which are permeable with education needs of academic communities in Ukraine and resulting in professional certification of university teachers.

Expected results:

- Benchmarking research conducted.
- Strategy and model for Teaching Excellence developed.
- Selected staff retrained in EU.
- CTEs offices opened.
- Professional standards for university teachers developed.
- Regulation for teacher attestation improved.
- Teaching excellence curriculum developed.
- Evaluation methodology for certification created.
- Trainees for pilot groups enrolled.
- Certification programs accredited.

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Partners:

- **Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania** (<https://cutt.ly/bWzfLo2>)
- **Bayreuth University, Germany** (<https://cutt.ly/vWzgw1K>)
- **University of Versailles Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines, France** (<https://cutt.ly/OWzf3Ug>)
- **Wroclaw University of Science and Technology, Poland** (<https://cutt.ly/MWzgtQh>)
- **Kyiv National Economic University named after Vadym Hetman, Ukraine**
(<https://cutt.ly/fWzgiqf>)
- **Poltava V.G. Korolenko National Pedagogical University, Ukraine** (<https://cutt.ly/3WzgpvT>)
- **Kryvyi Rih National University, Ukraine** (<https://cutt.ly/oWzgdSB>)
- **Lutsk National Technical University** (<https://cutt.ly/KWzghca>)
- **Kropyvnytskyi Volodymyr Vynnychenko Central Ukrainian State Pedagogical University, Ukraine** (<https://cutt.ly/OWzglb>)
- **Pereyaslav-Khmelnytsky H.Skovoroda State Pedag. University, Ukraine**
(<https://cutt.ly/7Wzgx1t>)
- **Nizhyn Mykola Gogol State University, Ukraine** (<https://cutt.ly/bWzgnvb>)
- **Institute of Higher Education of the National Academy of Educational Sciences of Ukraine, Ukraine** (<https://cutt.ly/eWzgW1P>)
- **Union of Rectors of Higher Education Institutions of Ukraine, Ukraine**
(<https://cutt.ly/9WzgTvu>)

Project web-site: <https://projects.lnu.edu.ua/utterly/>

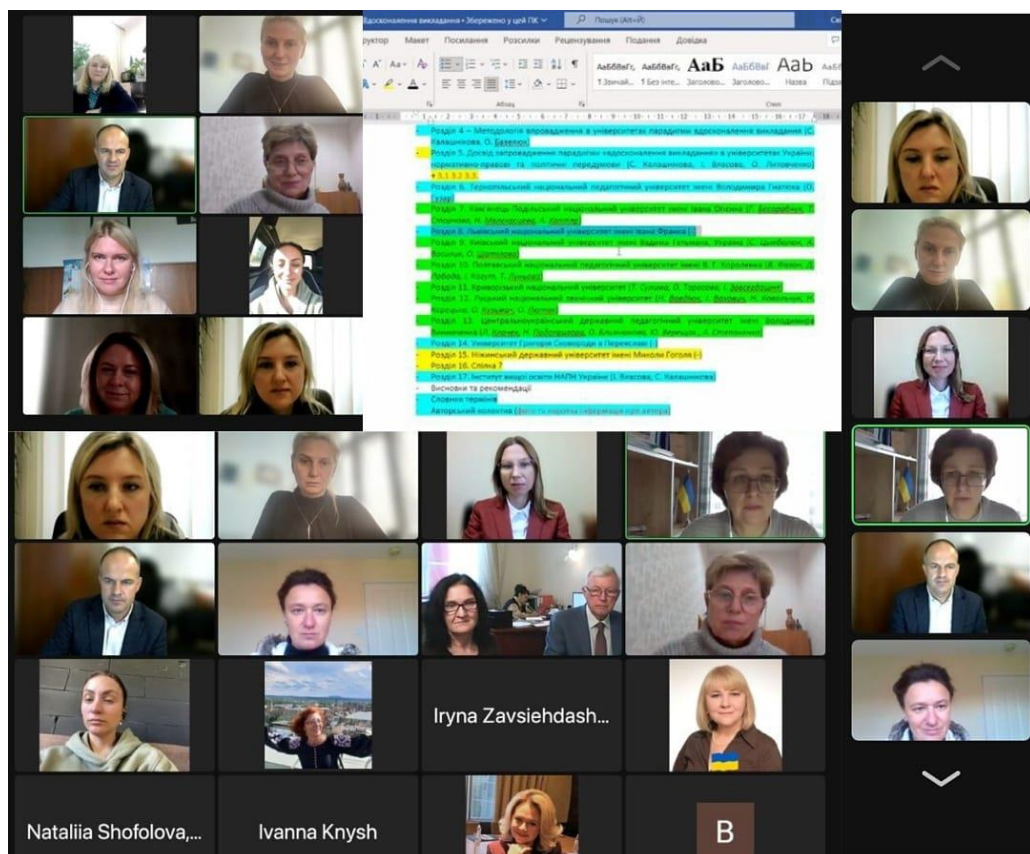
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Project Management Board meeting (27.09.2022) in online mode

On September 27, 2022, a meeting of the UTTERLY (“University teachers’ certification centers: innovative approach to promotion teaching excellence”) Project Management Board was held. During the meeting, the following issues were discussed:

- report on the Project activities and its results;
- preparation of a publication within the Project;
- purchase of equipment;
- Project work plan.

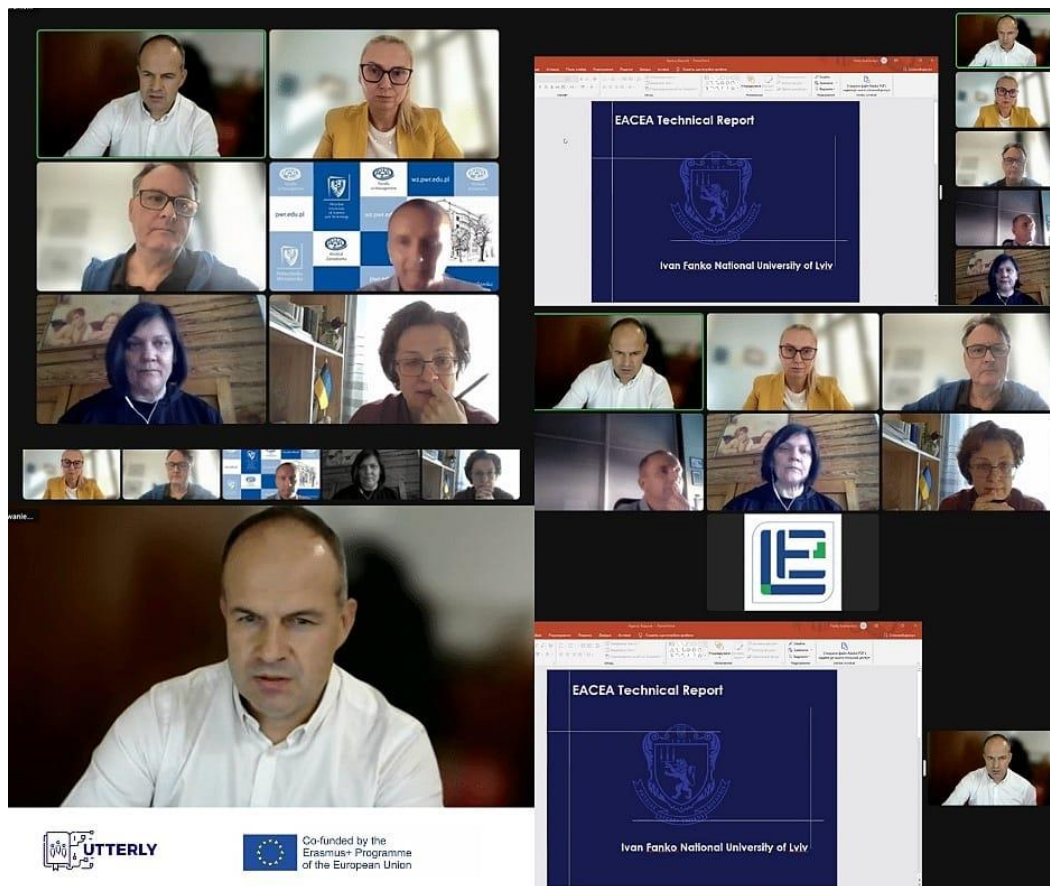


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Project Management Board meeting (7.10.2022) in online mode

On October 7, 2022, a meeting of the UTTERLY (“University teachers’ certification centers: innovative approach to promotion teaching excellence”) Project Management Board was held. At the meeting, Dr. Vitaliy Kukharsky, Vice-Rector for Research, Teaching and IT-Development of Ivan Franko National University of Lviv, presented the response of EACEA to report about project activity and its results.

The Project Management Board also discussed updating the Project working plan.



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Presentation of the Project at the Conference “Transform4Europe International Conference-Hackathon for the Innovative Teaching and Learning Methods in Higher Education (INNO- METHODS)” (24.10.2022-27.10.2022) in live mode

On October 24–27, 2022, to fulfill the dissemination tasks of the Project, its concept and the up-to-date results were presented at the International Conference “Transform4Europe International Conference-Hackathon for the Innovative Teaching and Learning Methods in Higher Education (INNO-METHODS)”, which took place in Vytautas Magnus University, in Kaunas (Lithuania).



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The conference was dedicated to the 100th anniversary of Vytautas Magnus University and brought together educators and researchers from many countries: Germany, Estonia, Poland, Bulgaria, Spain, Algeria, Taiwan, and Ukraine. They contributed to the vibrant discussion space. During the conference, the best practices of implementing educational projects in cooperation with European partner countries were presented.

Associate Professor Dr Asta Raupelienė (Vytautas Magnus University, Agriculture Academy, Lithuania) and Associate Professor Dr Nataliya Petrushova (Poltava V.G. Korolenko National Pedagogical University, Ukraine) presented the main tasks and results of the UTTERLY project (“University teachers’ certification centers: innovative approach to promotion teaching excellence”). They highlighted that one of the key tasks of the project is to establish the network of teacher certification centers and create a teacher development program based on the partnership between Ukrainian and European educational institutions to be delivered in these Centers.





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The discussion of the presentation of the UTTERLY project became an important part of the conference as it attracted the attention of a wide range of researchers to the task of modernizing the higher education system in Ukraine through the introduction of a network of university teacher certification centers which will enable university teachers in Ukraine to learn the best innovative European educational practices.

The presentation of the UTTERLY project is available on the platform for the presentations made during the conference: URL: <https://padlet.com/InternationalConference/rtx92tfxywy9l2cm>

TRANSFORM4EUROPE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE-HACKATHON
FOR INNO-METHODS
October 24-27, 2022



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UNIVERSITY TEACHERS' CERTIFICATION CENTRES: INNOVATIVE APPROACH TO PROMOTION TEACHING EXCELLENCE UTTERLY project

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Needs for the project

The process of raising the level of teachers' qualification in Ukraine has been known for a long time. It is regulated by many normative and legal acts and is obligatory at least 1 time in 5 years. This process aims to improve the professional training of a person by deepening and expanding teachers' professional knowledge, skills and abilities, acquiring experience in performing additional tasks and responsibilities within the specialty, so it is not just about improving the pedagogical skill. Some universities offer courses for improving pedagogical skills (as one of the types of advanced training courses). At the same time, the process of certification of the teachers is not implemented at all. In addition, this process in Ukraine is accompanied by the following problems:

- Limited choice of such courses for senior teaching staff (e.g. professors) especially on a high quality level, which matches EU standards;
- Excessive regulation of the process by the central government and complicated formal procedures concerning the certification courses including the position of HEI themselves;
- Often, teachers pass training courses as a routine formality, just because according to the legislation it is required every 5 years;
- Lack of some formal instruction about certification for the HEI teachers, which could accelerate the process of launching of this type of advanced training and Teachers Certification Program;
- Lack of good practices of teachers' performance evaluating and certification of the HEI teachers.

Aims and objectives

Aim - to contribute the modernisation of higher education systems in Ukraine by introducing universities centres of teaching excellence for promotion of European educational innovations by professional university teachers' certification.

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Training for the Project participants (05.12.2022-09.12.2022) at
University of Versailles Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines (France) in live
mode

On December 5-9, 2022, a training for the Project participants was held at University of Versailles Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines (France). Representatives of all the partner universities came to France to take part in the training.



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The President of the University of Versailles-Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines Professor Alain Bui greeted the participants of the training. The Vice-President in charge of International Relations of the University of Versailles-Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines Professor Jan Borm made an introductory speech highlighting the importance of the cooperation between European and Ukrainian universities.



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Partners from University of Versailles-Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines (France), Vytautas Magnus University (Lithuania), Bayreuth University (Germany), Wroclaw University of Science and Technology (Poland) shared their experience and best practices for supporting teaching development and stimulating teaching excellence.

Ukrainian partners also shared their experiences. Olha Oseredchuk, the Head of the Center for Marketing and Development at Ivan Franko National University of Lviv, presented the University professional development course for academic staff “Improving teaching skills”, which had become the inspiration for designing the UTTERLY Project.

The participants of the event discussed creating a network of university teacher certification centers for promoting teaching excellence in Ukrainian universities.

More information about this event is posted on the website: <https://lnu.edu.ua/weekly-study-in-france-erasmus/>





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