



# Erasmus+ Capacity Building of Higher Education "TEACHERS' CERTIFICATION CENTRES: INNOVATIVE APPROACH TO PROMOTION TEACHING EXCELLENCE" / UTTERLY 619227-EPP-1-2020-1-UA-EPPKA2-CBHE-JP

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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 Exellence 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.





#### **Partners:**

- Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania (<a href="https://cutt.ly/bWzfLo2">https://cutt.ly/bWzfLo2</a>)
- Bayreuth University, Germany (<a href="https://cutt.lv/vWzgw1K">https://cutt.lv/vWzgw1K</a>)
- University of Versailles Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines, France (https://cutt.ly/OWzf3Ug)
- Wroclaw University of Science and Technology, Poland (<a href="https://cutt.ly/MWzgtQh">https://cutt.ly/MWzgtQh</a>)
- Kyiv National Economic University named after Vadym Hetman, Ukraine (<a href="https://cutt.ly/fWzgiqf">https://cutt.ly/fWzgiqf</a>)
- Poltava V.G. Korolenko National Pedagogical University, Ukraine (https://cutt.ly/3WzgpyT)
- Kryvyi Rih National University, Ukraine (https://cutt.ly/oWzgdSB)
- Lutsk National Technical University (<a href="https://cutt.ly/KWzghca">https://cutt.ly/KWzghca</a>)
- Kropyvnytskyi Volodymyr Vynnychenko Central Ukrainian State Pedagogical University,
   Ukraine (<a href="https://cutt.ly/0Wzglsb">https://cutt.ly/0Wzglsb</a>)
- Pereyaslav-Khmelnitsky H.Skovoroda State Pedag. University, Ukraine (https://cutt.ly/7Wzgx1t)
- Nizhyn Mykola Gogol State University, Ukraine (<a href="https://cutt.ly/bWzgnvb">https://cutt.ly/bWzgnvb</a>)
- Institute of Higher Education of the National Academy of Educational Sciences of Ukraine,
   Ukraine (<a href="https://cutt.ly/eWzgW1P">https://cutt.ly/eWzgW1P</a>)
- Union of Rectors of Higher Education Institutions of Ukraine, Ukraine (https://cutt.ly/9WzgTvu)

**Project web-site:** <a href="https://projects.lnu.edu.ua/utterly/">https://projects.lnu.edu.ua/utterly/</a>

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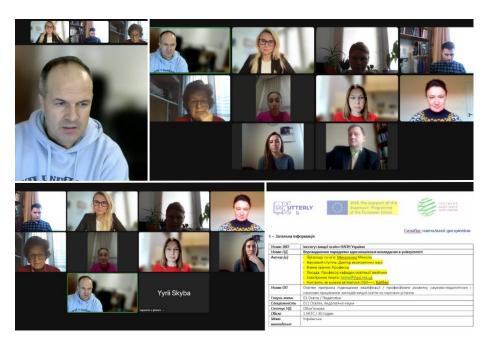




#### Working meeting (13.01.2023) in online mode

At the meeting on 13 January, 2023, the partner universities of Vadym Hetman Kyiv National Economic University, Poltava V.G. Korolenko National Pedagogical University, Institute of Higher Education of the National Academy of Educational Sciences of Ukraine, and Ivan Franko National University of Lviv discussed the structure of the syllabus to be used for designing educational modules to promote university teachers' professional development in the Centres of teaching excellence. The partners shared their institutional experience, compared different approaches to the syllabus structure and agreed upon the model of the syllabus to be used for the UTTERLY Project.

The participants of the meeting also discussed the development of the normative documents to ensure the work of the Centres of teaching excellence.







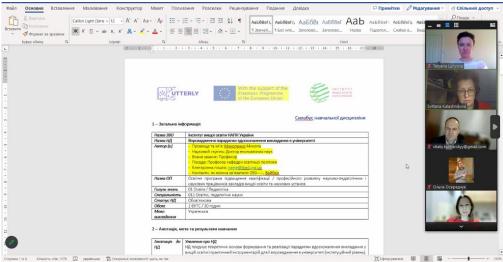




#### Working meeting (16.01.2023) in online mode

At the meeting on 16 January, 2023, all the Ukrainian UTTERLY partners studied the structure of the syllabus to be used for designing educational modules to promote university teachers' professional development in the Centres of teaching excellence, which was developed during the previous meeting. Professor Svitlana Kalashnikova provided a detailed overview of the syllabus and presented an example of the completed syllabus. The participants of the meeting clarified the details of creating the syllabi for the UTTERLY Project in the fruitful discussion. They also set the deadline for submitting the ready syllabi to the Project syllabi pool.







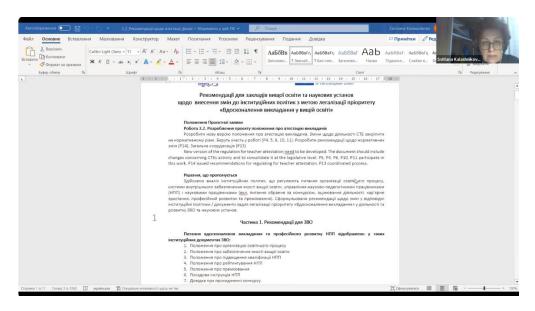


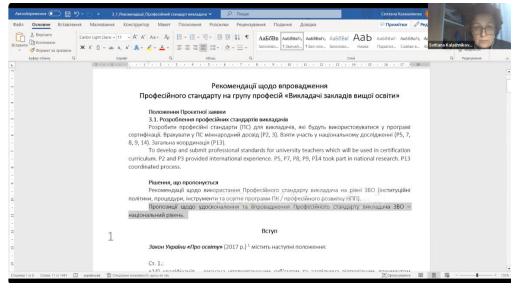
### Working meeting of the National Academic Council (2.02.2023)

#### in online mode

On 2 February, 2023, the National Academic Council, created within the UTTERLY Project, held its working meeting.

Professor Svitlana Kalashnikova introduced for the discussion Recommendations for higher education and research institutions on amending institutional policies to legalise the priority of "Improving teaching in higher education" (in Ukrainian) and Recommendations for the implementation of Professional standard for the group of professions "Teachers of higher education institutions" (in Ukrainian).



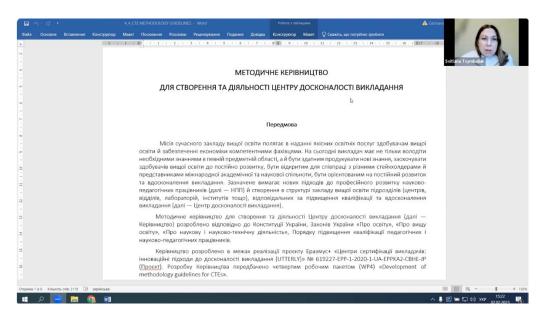






Dr Olha Oseredchuk made a suggestion to approve these two documents to be used by the UTTERLY consortium. The participants of the meeting voted for these documents to be approved unanimously.

Professor Svitlana Tsymbaliuk and Professor Nataliia Vavdiiuk introduced **Methodical guide for the creation and operation of the Centres of teaching excellence** (in Ukrainian).



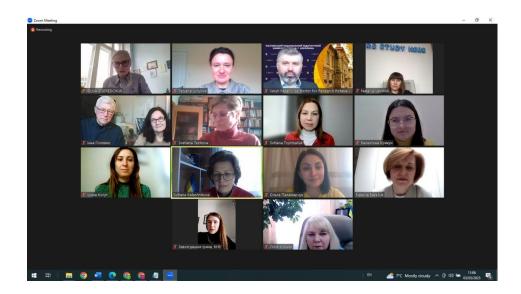
All the members of the National Academic Council approved this document.





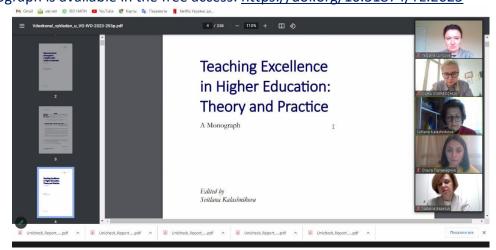
#### Working meeting (3.03.2023) in online mode

On March 3, 2023, a working meeting of all the Ukrainian UTTERLY partners was held.



During the meeting, the newly published collective monograph "Teaching Excellence in Higher Education: Theory and Practice" was presented. The monograph was co-authored by the UTTERLY Project participants under the leadership of the Institute of Higher Education of the National Academy of Educational Sciences of Ukraine. It was edited by Doctor of Pedagogical Sciences, Professor, Corresponding Member of the National Academy of Educational Sciences of Ukraine Svitlana Kalashnikova.

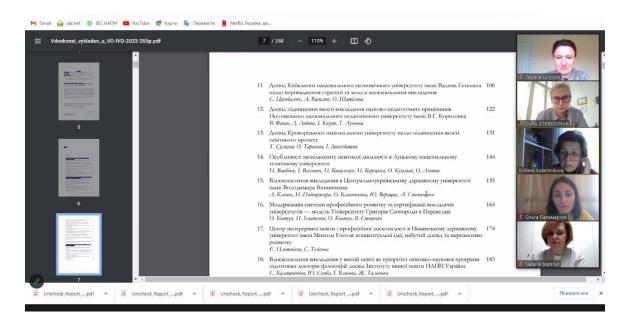
The monograph is available in the free access: https://doi.org/10.31874/TE.2023







The participants of the meeting also discussed the progress in creating the syllabi of the educational modules to promote university teachers' professional development in the Centres of teaching excellence as well as the signing of a Memorandum on cooperation between the partners of the UTTERLY project to ensure the cooperation between Centres of teaching excellence.



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# Working meeting of the National Academic Council (16.03.2023) in online mode

On 16 March, 2023, the National Academic Council, created within the UTTERLY Project, held its working meeting.



The meeting agenda included the issues of establishing the procedure of signing the Memorandum on cooperation between the partners of the UTTERLY project and examining the structure of the syllabi of the educational modules to promote university teachers' professional development in the Centres of teaching excellence.

The meeting participants agreed upon the procedure of signing the Memorandum on cooperation between the partners of the UTTERLY project. Dr Olha Oseredchuk highlighted that this document will ensure the right of the university teachers to pursue their professional development by taking courses at the partner universities, and the universities will be able to provide this service free of charge within the UTTERLY project.

The members of the National Academic Council gave a thorough examination to the structure of the syllabi and approved it.

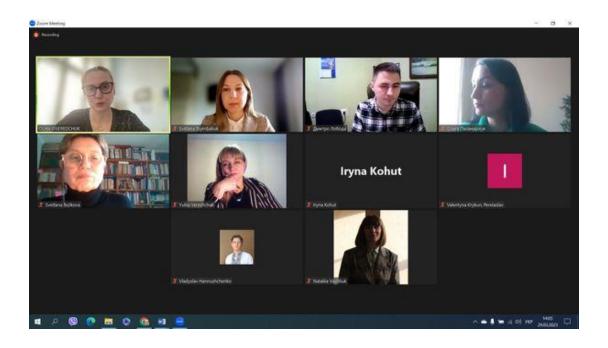




# Working meeting (22.03.2023) in online mode

On 22 March, 2023, all the Ukrainian UTTERLY partners participated in the working meeting and discussed the following issues:

- the practical steps of the preparation of online educational materials for the educational modules to promote university teachers' professional development;
- the procedure for recruiting participants for the "Teaching Excellence" programme developed within the UTTERLY project;
- o the procedure for signing a memorandum of cooperation between the UTTERLY partners;
- o conducting dissemination activities, trainings and workshops within the scope of the Project.



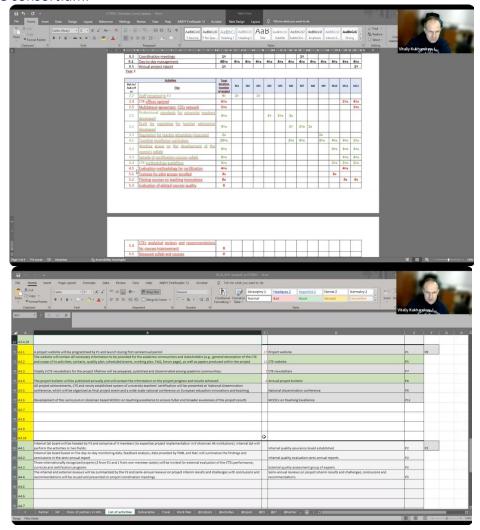




#### Project Management Board meeting (22.03.2023) in online mode

On 22 March, 2023, the meeting of the UTTERLY Project Management Board was held. The focus of the meeting was monitoring the progress of the UTTERLY Project.

Dr Vitalii Kukharskyi presented the interim results of the Project which include the development of guidelines and regulations, the opening of the Centres of teaching excellence at the partner universities, the development of the Internet platform for enabling university teachers distance learning within the Project. Dr Olha Oseredchuk provided detailed information and specified which tasks were performed by which groups of the partners. She explained which teams worked on which documents for the consortium.







Dr Vitalii Kukharskyi also focused on the development and uploading of pilot courses to the Internet UTTERLY platform and the discussion of the drafts of the proposed courses.



The meeting participants also discussed the content of Memorandum of cooperation between the UTTERLY partners and the procedure for signing this document by all the Project participants.

Dr Vitalii Kukharskyi proposed a plan for organising the interaction of all the consortium members in the near future.



The meeting participants paid special attention to the issue of organising and holding a national dissemination conference. Given the current security situation in Ukraine, it was suggested holding this important event outside of Ukraine. A proposal was made to consider Wroclaw as a possible venue for the conference in early November 2023.





#### Working meeting (29.03.2023) in online mode

On 29 March, 2023, all the Ukrainian UTTERLY partners joined a Zoom meeting to discuss the current issues of the Project.

Dr Olha Oseredchuk introduced the agenda of the meeting: further work plans and signing the Memorandum of cooperation between the partners of the UTTERLY project.



The participants of the meeting discussed the prospects and the plan of the training in Lithuania and the dissemination meeting in Wroclaw.

Dr Olha Oseredchuk paid special attention to introducing the structure of the Internet UTTERLY Project Platform for university teachers distance learning. This platform will include the information component and the learning management system, which will enable administration of the courses.

The representatives of the universities participating in the UTTERLY project also discussed the Project dissemination activities.



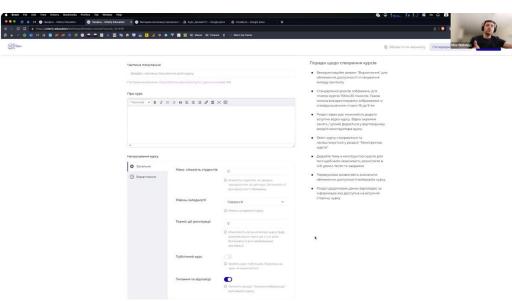


#### Working meeting (31.05.2023) in online mode

On 31 May, 2023, all the Ukrainian UTTERLY partners joined a Zoom meeting to continue the work on the Project.

The participants of the UTTERLY consortium were given a detailed introduction to the Internet UTTERLY Project Platform for university teachers distance learning.









The UTTERLY participants obtained information about the peculiarities of the Platform and the functional capacities of its learning management system. The UTTERLY partners also received detailed instructions on how to use the Platform and upload the courses designed in the partner universities.



Besides, the issues of arranging the training in Lithuania and holding tenders for the equipment purchase were also discussed.





# Participation in the Cluster Monitoring of the EU ERASMUS+ projects (23.06.2023) in online mode

On 23 June, 2023, the Ukrainian UTTERLY partners participated in the Cluster monitoring of the EU Erasmus+ Programmes devoted to Capacity Building in the Field of Higher Education. The Cluster monitoring was aimed at disseminating the best practices and results of the Capacity Building projects in the Field of Higher Education, ensuring synergies between projects implemented in a particular cluster, promoting the thematic priorities of the EU Erasmus+ Programme, in particular quality, digitalisation and inclusion. The Cluster monitoring provided inspection of the implementation of project results at the national and institutional levels in accordance with the strategic development of higher education in Ukraine in the context of European integration.



During the Cluster monitoring, the results of the implementation of the UTTERLY Project were presented. The presentation included the general report summing up the activities of all the UTTERLY partners as well as succinct presentations of the achievements of each UTTERLY partner.





#### Meeting at Vytautas Magnus University in Kaunas (25–30.06.2023) in live mode

On 25–30 June, 2023, a meeting of all the UTTERLY partners was held at the Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas, Lithuania. The participants were welcomed by the Rector of the University Professor Juozas Augustis. In his welcoming speech Professor Juozas Augustis characterized the peculiarities of the Vytautas Magnus University and expressed his sincere support for Ukrainian colleagues.



During the very intensive and productive week, the participants of the event learned about the structure and management of educational activities at the Vytautas Magnus University (the Vice-rector for academic work Dr Simona Pilkene), the system of continuous education (the Head of the Educational department Mykola Lukošiene, and the Chief of the Center for the Development of Professional Competencies Dr Ayste Ragauskaite), directions of professional development of teachers in the system of ensuring the quality of education (Dr Isabelle Savitzkene), principles of personnel management policy and the importance of professional development of teachers (Head of the Human resources management department Maria Karosaite), directions of dissemination of information regarding the development of professional competencies in the community of academics and non-academics (Hintare Visockite).



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With the guidance of Raimonda Zinkavichene and Gabriela Viduolite from the Center for Training and Development of Professional Competences, the Project participants drew up maps of challenges and opportunities for the development of professional competencies. The Head of the Center for Communication and Technology Transfer Edvinas Samis presented prototypes developed by the University researchers and facilitated a discussion about areas of cooperation between science and business.



The UTTERLY partner from the Center for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education of the University of Bayreuth (Germany) Nikolai Teufel discussed the system of continuous professional development of teachers in higher education institutions in Germany. His colleague Nadine Jachmann presented the XRCampus project and the possibilities of using augmented reality (XR) in education. These presentations were followed by the lively discussions.

The Ukrainian participants of the UTTERLY Project presented their universities and focused on the peculiarities of the professional development of teachers and achievements within the framework of the Project.





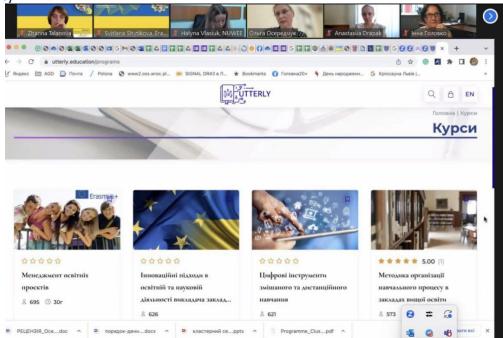
# Development of the UTTERLY Project Platform for distance learning

As part of the UTTERLY project, the Internet Platform for enabling distance learning to enhance teaching excellence was developed.



The Platform has been successfully tested with the first modules uploaded by each Ukrainian

partner university.







All the participants who developed modules for the UTTERLY Project have got the access to the platform to upload their education materials in preparation for the autumn delivery of the modules.







#### **Key Documents Developed**

• Methodical guide for the creation and operation of the Centres of teaching excellence (in Ukrainian) URL:

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 Certification recommendations: Recommendations for higher education and research institutions on amending institutional policies to legalise the priority of "Improving teaching in higher education" (in Ukrainian)

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• Recommendations for the implementation of Professional standard for the group of professions "Teachers of higher education institutions" (in Ukrainian)

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