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13 partners collaborating together: 6 Universities, one Technology Park, 5 Companies and one representative of a national public authority.

The project aims at modernizing the higher education system in Uzbekistan by boosting the cooperation of the key actors of the Knowledge Triangle (Universities, Business sector and local authorities) for the establishment of long-term partnerships.
MATcHES aims at facilitating the cooperation of the universities with businesses and local authorities to facilitate the emergence and consolidation of the knowledge triangle in the 3 regions involved.

The project addresses the priority on knowledge triangle, which means “innovation-education-research”, by focusing on the collaboration of universities with the world of business and with public authorities.

The Project refers to the Europe 2020 Strategy and aims at transferring and adapting EU approach to innovation, regional growth and economic development to Uzbekistan.

Objectives

- To create a knowledge basis on the existing knowledge triangle in the UZ regions and on best practices on regional innovation systems
- To reinforce the capacities of universities and of other regional actors through training and mobility programs
- To develop 3 Regional Knowledge Platforms (REP) for long-term cooperation between Universities, enterprises, local and regional authorities and other stakeholders
- To develop 3 Joint Action Plans as strategy and work plan documents of the platforms
- To establish 3 Knowledge Transfer Offices (KTO) and support the establishment of 3 Scientific and Technological Parks (STP)
- To foster the entrepreneurial spirit of UZ students and researchers