A few words about the project...

MATcHES is built around the concept that universities play a major role in fostering the development of the knowledge society and that this process must involve all relevant stakeholders, including representatives of the business and of public authorities. The project aims at developing three Regional Knowledge Platforms, led by universities and bringing together all relevant actors from regional research and innovation system.

Each platform will define its own strategy and identify a Joint Action Plan to be implemented during the project and afterwards. The platforms will be established following a study phase aiming at identifying needs of regional actors, best practices and nurtured also with the results of a public consultation.

Objectives of the project:

- 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 for long-term cooperation between Universities, enterprises, local and regional authorities.
- 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.
- To design and implement dissemination and exploitation strategies.
The Knowledge Triangle:

The project brings together 13 partners. To ensure the representation of all the actors of different worlds (academia, business and public sector), the consortium is composed by 6 Universities (3 from UZ and 3 from EU), one Technology Park, 5 Companies and business support organizations (4 from UZ and 1 from EU) and one representative of a national public authority - the Committee for the coordination of science and technology development under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

News and publications:

The key role of the Knowledge triangle
The development of a system that supports the collaboration between education, research and innovation sectors is crucial for closing the gap between Uzbekistan and advanced market economies. MATCHES addresses the priority on Knowledge triangle focusing on the collaboration of universities with the world of business and public authorities.

Tempus program: a value tool to promote university-enterprise cooperation
The project refers to the Europe 2020 strategy and aims at transferring and adapting the European approach to innovation, regional growth and economic development to Uzbekistan. With regards to this, it is essential the contribution made by Tempus, the European Union’s program which supports the modernization of higher education in the EU’s surrounding area.