The project

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.

MATCHES addresses specifically the priority on "Knowledge triangle: innovation-education-research" by focusing on the collaboration of universities with the world of business and with public authorities.

What's new?

- The partners had 2 project meetings, one in February and another one in May, the last one being in Uzbekistan.
- Bukhara Engineering Technical Institute of High Technologies held the first INFO DAYS in Bukhara in which they presented the project to businesses and enterprises.
- The partners are finalizing the needs analysis thanks to the work of the Uzbek partners.

Our next steps

- The partners are now preparing the implementation in Uzbekistan of the capacity building activities, aimed at training teachers, company managers, and staff from business support organisations.
- The partners are developing an e-learning platform, as well as a mobility programme in the frame of the capacity building activities.

News and publications:

The future of the TEMPUS programme

As of 1 January 2014, Tempus-like activities have become part of a new cooperation programme called Erasmus+. These activities involve existing Tempus countries, in addition to countries from Latin America, Asia and African, Caribbean and the Pacific. The on-going projects will continue their activities until the end of their grant agreement. Erasmus+ is the new EU programme for education, training, youth and sport. It brings together all the current EU and international activities for education, training, youth and sport (including Tempus), replacing all existing programmes with one, to increase efficiency, make it easier to apply for grants, as well as reduce duplication and fragmentation.

Figures about higher education in Uzbekistan

Uzbekistan is a 'young' country, with 65% of its population 30 or under, that means almost 20m people. Higher education is the most important way for the country to develop its human capital. Polls last year showed that 82% of respondents age 20 or under would like a diploma.