



# 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 – 14.01.2023

**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, aswell as creating their network, focusing on enhancing quality of university teaching;
- To introduce the professional university teachers' certification programs based on Europeangood 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.lv/bWzfLo2">https://cutt.lv/bWzfLo2</a>)
- Bayreuth University, Germany (<a href="https://cutt.ly/vWzgw1K">https://cutt.ly/vWzgw1K</a>)
- University of Versailles Saint-Quentin, France (<a href="https://cutt.lv/OWzf3Ug">https://cutt.lv/OWzf3Ug</a>)
- 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.lv/3WzgpvT)
- Kryvyi Rih National University, Ukraine (<a href="https://cutt.lv/oWzgdSB">https://cutt.lv/oWzgdSB</a>)
- Lutsk National Technical University (https://cutt.lv/KWzghca)
- Kropyvnytskyi Volodymyr Vynnychenko Central Ukrainian State Pedagogical University, Ukraine (<a href="https://cutt.lv/0Wzglsb">https://cutt.lv/0Wzglsb</a>)
- Pereyaslav-Khmelnitsky H.Skovoroda State Pedagogical University, Ukraine (<a href="https://cutt.ly/7Wzgx1t">https://cutt.ly/7Wzgx1t</a>)
- Nizhyn Mykola Gogol State University, Ukraine (<a href="https://cutt.lv/bWzgnvb">https://cutt.lv/bWzgnvb</a>)
- 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.lv/9WzgTvu)

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

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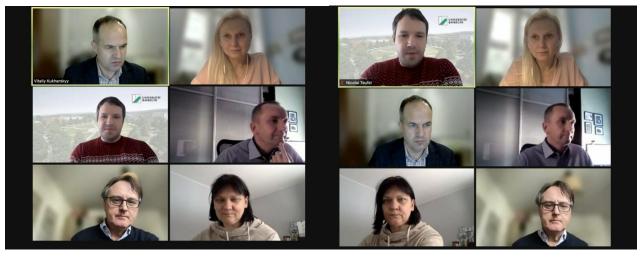
#### Project Management Board meeting (20.01.2022) in online mode

On January 20, 2022, the 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:

- conducting training in Versailles in April 2022.
- joining a special meeting "Transform4europe" at Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania on April 27-28, 2022.









#### Meeting of Ukrainian participants of the Project (06.04.2022) in online mode

On April 6, 2022, the meeting of the Ukrainian participants involved into the UTTERLY ("University teachers' certification centers: innovative approach to promotion teaching excellence") Project was held.

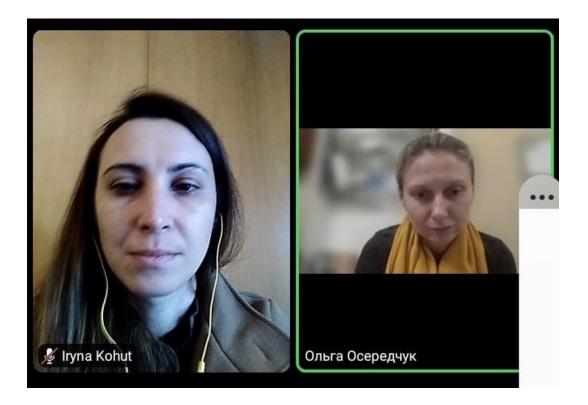
The meeting was organized by Ivan Franko National University of Lviv. Participants of the Project from Ukraine took part in the meeting, namely: representatives of Kyiv National Economic University named after Vadym Hetman, Poltava V.G. Korolenko National Pedagogical University, Kryvyi Rih National University, Lutsk National Technical University, Kropyvnytskyi Volodymyr Vynnychenko Central Ukrainian State Pedagogical University, Pereyaslav-Khmelnitsky H. Skovoroda State Pedagagogical University, Nizhyn Mykola Gogol State University, and Institute of Higher Education of the National Academy of Educational Sciences of Ukraine.







During the meeting, the participants considered the challengws and peculiarities of carrying out the Project during the war time in Ukraine and discussed the events organized by the Project foreign partners from France, Poland, and Lithuania. The organizers of the meeting outlined the support that the foreign partners had provided to Ukraine.



Besides, the meeting participants familiarized themselves with the letter sent by the national coordinator of the Erasmus programme of the European Union confirming the extension of the Project implementation period until the end of 2023, which is especially relevant in connection with russia's military invasion of Ukraine.





#### Project Management Board meeting (07.04.2022) in online mode

On April 7, 2022, the 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:

- 1) the challenges of the Project implementation during the defense emergency in Ukraine;
  - 2) the idea and goal for a new online training.













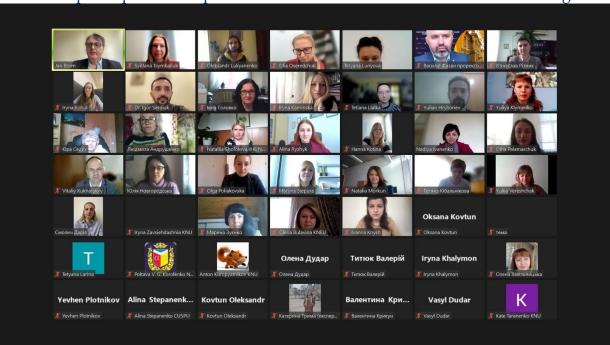


#### Training for the Project participants (20.04.2022 – 22.04.2022) in online mode

On April 20 – April 22, 2022, a series of online trainings for university teachers within the Project UTTERLY ("University teachers' certification centers: innovative approach to promotion teaching excellence") was held.

This online trainings were organized by the University of Versailles-Saint-Canton-en-Yvelines (France).

Almost 70 participants from partner Ukrainian universities attended the training.

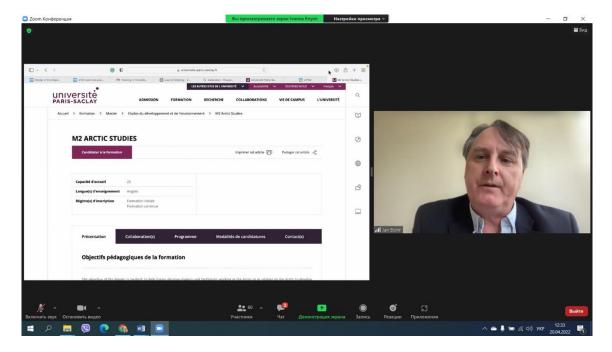


Jan Borm, Vice-President in charge of International Relations at the University of Versailles-Saint-Canton-en-Yvelines, shared useful information about:

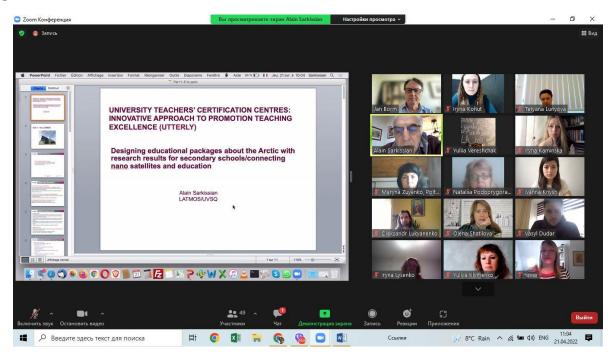
- specifics of the higher education system;
- peculiarities of the organization of the educational process in French universities;
- specifics of academic career development in France;
- requirements for teachers, in particular regarding internships;
- types of activities for different categories of teachers;
- specifics of research activities of teachers;
- principles of formation of university teaching staff;
- features of international academic mobility within Erasmus+ projects;
- motivational aspects of teaching activity;
- peculiarities of training applicants for PhD programs;
- the specifics and advantages of training applicants for the Master's program "Arctic Sciences".







The online trainings were conducted by leading experts from European universities in English.







The training included four lectures:

«Teaching excellence in an international relations» (Jan Borm – Vice-President in charge of International Relations UVSQ); «Designing educational packages about the Arctic with research results for secondary schools/connecting nano satellites and education» (Alain Sarkissian – Adjunct-Physicist, Atmosphere Physics); «The Erasmus+ project HLITL» – Marie Sikias (International Office, UVSQ) and Jan Borm (Vice-President in charge of International Relations UVSQ); «Teaching Arctic Studies to political science students» – Eda Ayaydin (Institute of Political Science, Bordeaux).





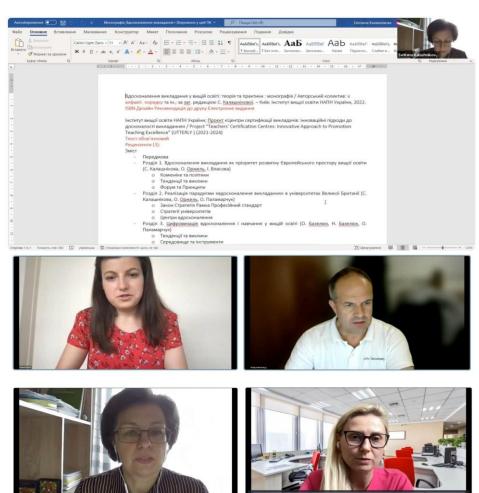
#### Meeting of Ukrainian participants of the Project (15.06.2022) in online mode

On June 15, 2022, the meeting of the Ukrainian participants involved into the UTTERLY ("University teachers' certification centers: innovative approach to promotion teaching excellence") Project Ukrainian was held.

During the meeting, the following issues were discussed:

- 1) the challenges of the Project implementation during the war time in Ukraine;
- 2) writing the monograph "Improving Teaching in Higher Education: Theory and Practice" to ensure the achievement of the Project goals.

Prof. Svitlana Kalashnikova set the conception of the monograph, outlined its scope and described the structure. The participants of the meeting discussed their contributions to the monograph.







# Participation in the Ukrainian-Bavarian Conference on Digital Education (23-24.06.22) in hybrid mode

On June 23-24, 2022, the participants of the UTTERLY ("University teachers' certification centers: innovative approach to promotion teaching excellence") Project took part in the Ukrainian-Bavarian Conference on Digital Education.

The Confrence was held by the University of Bayreuth's Continuing Education Centre for Higher Education, the Bavarian Higher Education Centre for Central, Eastern and South Eastern Europe (BAYHOST) and the Office of the Free State of Bavaria in Ukraine. It brought together specialists from various European countries in a shared discussion space.

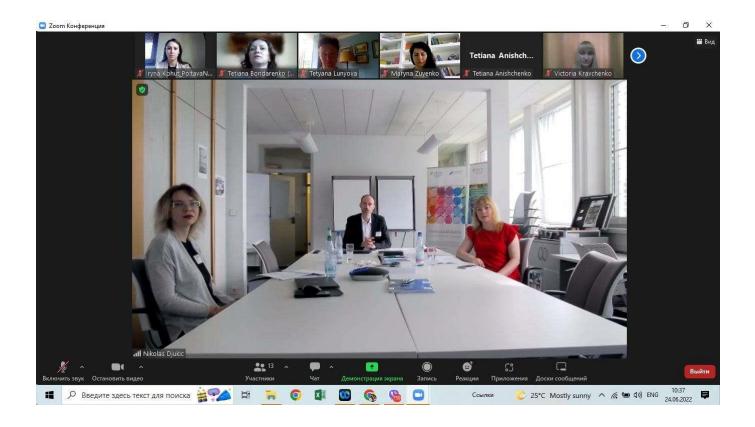






The purpose of the Ukrainian-Bavarian Conference on Digital Education was to discuss and develop knowledge about the use of digital concepts and technologies in education. The Conference participants shared their approaches and experience.

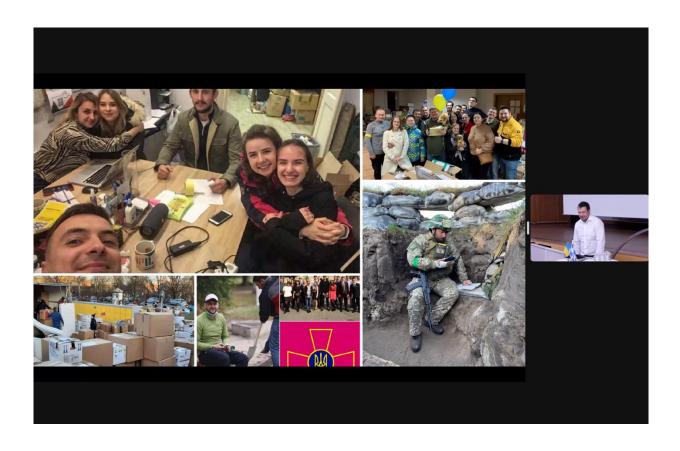
The Conference program included the following topics: open online courses, blended mobility experiences, learning with technology during emergencies and monitoring the success of distance learning.







The second day of the Conference was devoted to exchanging ideas and experience in small groups. It provided an opportunity for many university teachers from Ukraine who were unable to come to Bayreuth to take part in the Conference.







# **Project social networks:**

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