

### **RECOMMENDATIONS UZDOC 2.0**

The government of Uzbekistan implemented educational reforms in Higher Education and more specifically in Doctorial Education. The emphasis has been put on both internationalisation and quality which are crucial aspects of Doctorial Education.

In order to further develop Doctoral Education, UZDOC 2.0 formulated 4 recommendations.

### 1) Flexibility and mobility.

More flexibility and support to mobility of doctoral students. This allows overcoming the issue of lack of research capacity, both in terms of human capacity as well as up-to-date equipment, and enables performing a better-quality research.

### 2) Diverse formats of doctoral education.

Look for different formats of doctoral education in order to increase doctoral student's mobility and to support their research productivity.

### 3) Preparing for different careers.

Attention to prepare students for different career paths, within and outside the educational sector. Therefore, Higher Education Institutions need to organize trainings to foster new skills, not only for academics, but also for a new generation of administrative staff.

# 4) Boosting language skills.

In the framework of globalisation, one can expect more collaboration between Uzbekistan and European universities in the near future. A better understanding and acquaintance of both Higher Education systems will lead to enhanced collaboration. Further collaboration should also boost language proficiency and enable higher level of communication on all institutional levels, and among all stakeholders.

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Ministry of Higher and Secondary Special Education of Uzbekistan





### UZDOC 2.0

# Furthering the Quality of Doctoral Education in Higher Education Institutions of Uzbekistan

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- > University of Granada (Spain)
- > Université Libre de Bruxelles (Belgium)
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- > Tashkent Financial Institute
- > Tashkent Chemical-Technological Institute
- > Karakalpak State University
- > Karshi State University
- > Namangan State University
- > Samarkand Institute of Economics and Serice
- > State Institute of Arts and Culture of Uzbekistan
- > Ministry of Higher and Secondary Special Education of Uzbekistan





### AIMS OF THE PROJECT

UZDOC 2.0 project activities are based on the Uzbek national priorities, national regulations and strategic documents, and also on the previous experience, established personal contacts with Uzbek stakeholders and on the good understanding of the historical and policy background of the systel of higher education in Uzbekistan.

The project builds on the results of the prior actions under the Tempus project UZDOC.

UZDOC 2.0 relies on the developed framework for improving the quality in doctoral education, contained in the two key documents created under the first UZDOC project:

- 1) Guidelines for development of doctoral programme organization in Uzbekistan
- 2) Recommendations for national standards for quality assurance in doctoral education in Uzbekistan.\*

The main objective of the capacity building project UZDOC 2.0 is furthering the quality of doctoral education at seven partner Higher Education Institutions in Uzbekistan.

The project is composed of 4 specific objectives for Higher Education Institutions in Uzbekistan in the area of doctoral education:

- 1) Improving the capacity for supporting doctoral education, in line with the state-of-the art EHEA development
- 2) Raising the capacity in implementing national standards for quality assurance
- 3) Increasing the capacity of academic and non-academic human resources to towards the implementation of the reforms
- 4) Improving the collaboration between the academic and industry sector and industry, and aligning the skills between doctoral candidates and business sector

# From 15 October 2016 – 14 October 2019, the project partners have been working hard to deliver the following outcomes:

- 1) A virtual doctoral center in 7 Higher Education Institutions in Uzbekistan
- 2) Guidelines for the virtual doctoral center in Uzbekistan
- 3/ Two 1-week Job shadowing events at EU partner universities
- 4) Raising awareness on the need of career development and career planning through a roundtable with industry, development of two surveys and recommendations on career development
- 5) Design of a new Joint Doctoral Programme
- 6) Trainings for supervisors and doctoral candidates and on career development of doctoral candidates, transferable skills and research & integrity
- 7) Two knowledge sharing events in Budapest and Torino



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<sup>\*</sup> See publication on the outcomes of the UZDOC project: ISBN 9789081437141