Dear colleagues,

I am forwarding  you the message  with proposal to set up **Tempus partnership** (SM) related to **Qualification Frameworks** which has been introduced  as a new national priority  by the Ministry of Higher and Secondary Specialised Education in **Uzbekistan**. The proposal below **has been approved by the Ministry as a relevant  one to the current modernisation agenda of national HE system**.

Could you please help  with disseminating  of this message  among universities  in your countries.

Best regards,

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**Subject:** Partnership

Dear Friends,

Higher Education in Uzbekistan is initiating a major reform by implementing use of the Common European Framework of Reference for languages -learning, teaching and assessment (CEFR) - and the National Qualifications Framework (NQF) in the country.

We would really appreciate your help in find us partners to apply for a TEMPUS Structural Project grant.

Both projects will be part of the implementation of Presidential Decree Number 1875 of December 2012 in enhancement of the teaching and learning of foreign languages in order to strengthen the communication skills and international effect of future Uzbekistan specialists in all fields.

Here in Uzbekistan the Uzbekistan State World Languages University will be the main partner in implementing the use of the CEFR for General English, Medical English, English for Agriculture and other  instances of English for Specific Purposes.

However, this innovation brings a new way of learning, teaching and assessment in compulsory education for children from 7-19 years old and higher education for older youth, who are the intellectual potential of the country.

Therefore the Government of Uzbekistan has been instructed by the Presidential Decree 1875 of December 2012 to analyze the situation and realise an important project on this issue, together with international organizations and partners.

Uzbekistan is planning to align the educational system with the new internationally-recognized framework  described by the CEFR in learning, teaching, assessment, with a national content.  This will be aligned to international standards in the following divisions by level:

A1 - Elementary Schools, General English, Part I

A2 - Secondary Educations, General English, Part II

B1 - Vocational In 2012 Uzbekistan accepted the CEFR as a nation-wide educational standard of reference for learning, teaching and assessment of foreign languages. As English is the key language in economy, society, education, and industry, the Ministry of Higher and Secondary Education of Uzbekistan has undertaken an initiative to align English Language programs nationwide with the CEFR.

Schools and High Schools, English for Specific Purposes, including language programs

B2 - Higher Education non-language programs and High School language programs

C1 - Language programs, Masters, Doctorate

Thus the Ministry of Higher Education and its partners seeks a partnership in order to establish an enhanced system of education in foreign languages which may serve Uzbekistan without losing the national characteristics of Uzbekistan education and society so that we will continue bring to the world, through our young people, our unique culture and tradition to contribute to world education, science, economics and all other fields of enterprise in today’s internationalized society.

We’re seeking a partner university as a main Grant Holder in this huge but very useful and fruitful project.

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With  best wishes,  
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