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Presentation 1

<u>Title:</u> University teachers' certification centres: innovative approach to promoting teaching excellence (UTTERLY).

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<u>Annotation:</u> Aim of the seminar – to present the research results of Erasmus+ project "University teachers' certification centres: innovative approach to promoting teaching excellence" (UTTERLY). The project was implemented from 2021-2023. Aim of the project was 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. Project partners: Vytautas Magnus University; Bayreuth University; University of Versailles Saint-Quentin; Wroclaw University of Science and Technology; eight universities in Ukraine and Union of Rectors of Higher Education Institutions of Ukraine.

The innovations in the outcomes of the UTTERLY project were achieved through a comprehensive analytical review of the current state-of-the-art practices and the specific needs within European education systems, particularly in the realms of professional development and certification for teaching excellence. The project's published report on the professional development of university teachers and certification programs in Europe and Ukraine holds significant innovative research and practical value. The establishment of eight University teachers' certification centres in Ukraine, the development of piloting courses, relevant teaching materials, and supporting materials for teachers' retraining, and the creation of a teaching excellence evaluation methodology also have the innovating elements.

During the seminar the research results based on strategies, models for teaching excellence; teachers' competences, courses and recommendations for University teachers' certification centres development will be presented. Keywords: teaching excellence, innovative approach, certification centres, Erasmus+ project.

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