Farzali Gadirov, director of strategic analysis, planning and personnel management of the Ministry of Education of the Azerbaijan Republic and Amrah Shiraliyev, the head of the department of “Innovations in teaching and further education” of the Azerbaijan University of Languages, have taken part in the seminar.

Except Azerbaijan, representatives of Turkey, Russia, Ukraine, Georgia, Croatia, Israel, Serbia, Bulgaria and Armenia have participated in this seminar.

The delegate from each country in its introduction has given the information on initial preparation, on the status and system of improvement of professional skill of teachers of English language.

The Azerbaijan party gave information about the realization of activities for improvement of professional skill of English language teachers, and about the projects carried out together with British Council, as well as the important achievements which have been reached pursuant to fruitful cooperation, including initial preparation of English language teachers. It has been noted that, in Azerbaijan has been prepared new curriculum in English language for primary schools, and now it is applying in I-II grades. The complete set of textbooks in English language for these grades was prepared and applied, and the next years this process will be continued.

It has been noted that in the current academic year in Azerbaijan in the field of improvement of professional skill applying a new model. Actions in the field of teaching English language in the country, and the new model of improvement of professional skill had interested experts British Council and participants of the seminar.

In the seminar, has been given information about new project British Council - “Steps to success”. It has been noted that since May of the current year the project is supposed to be applied in 16 countries of the Southeast Europe, including Azerbaijan. The project purpose is to impart necessary skills to graduate students, and increase professional development of teachers with five years experience in teaching English. Here will be learnt needs of the young English teachers, will be selected and applied corresponding strategy, and created on-line and private courses, as well as preparing portfolios.

For information, the new project, which will be realised with British Council, is very important for Azerbaijan. The project will surround 900 students, who studying for teachers, as well as 1000 teachers with five years experience in teaching English.