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MOBILITY PROJECT FOR HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENTS AND STAFF WITH PARTNER COUNTRIES WITHIN ERASMUS+ PROGRAMME

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Mobility project for students and staff between programme and partner countries under Erasmus+ (financial agreement no. 2015-1-PL01-KA107-016313) was carried out by Lublin University of Technology (LUT) and Ukrainian universities between 1.06.2015 and 31.05.2017. The project was carried out in compliance with LUT and Ukrainian universities internationalisation strategies, 2014-2020 Erasmus Charter for Higher Education, Erasmus Policy Statement and Erasmus Interinstitutional Agreements.

In the project participated 6 Ukrainian universities (Lutsk National Technical University, National University of Water Management and Nature Resources Use, Ternopil Ivan Puluž National Technical University, Kyiv National University of Construction and Architecture, Odessa National Polytechnic University, Kherson National Technical University), with which cooperation in the scope of bilateral exchange, scientific research, internships for students and staff, cultural and orientation events is most developed. The representatives of academic society of LUT and universities in Ukraine – students, academic teachers and administrative staff – took part in the project. The main subject areas were mechanics and machine construction, transport, management, computer science, environmental engineering. The project comprised 29 mobilities, including mobilities from Ukraine to LUT: 5 mobilities for studies, 13 teaching mobilities, 6 training mobilities. 5 LUT's teachers conducted lectures in partner universities in Ukraine. Due to the fact that education internationalisation strategies and study programmes at LUT and in partner institutions are similar, the project met with great interest of students and staff, which resulted in completing all awarded mobilities and additional two financed from unused funds and OS funds.

The main goal of the project was to conduct high quality mobilities of students and staff. The significance of the project was based on extending present cooperation with Ukrainian universities through the cooperation under EU project. The possibility for representatives of partner universities in Ukraine to get acquainted with Erasmus+ programme, implementation procedures of exchange not only under bilateral agreements but also under the project, was of great significance.

The project quality and management with regard to mobility participants at LUT was carried out by Office of International Education (OIE; before – International Exchange Office), faculty coordinators and Erasmus+ university coordinator. Ukrainian universities appointed persons responsible for project management. During the project, candidates and mobility participants were not discriminated against on grounds of their nationality, sex or age. Principles of equal treatment and equal access to information were followed. The percentage of participation of men and women in the project was the following: 45% and 55% respectively. All participants were eligible to participate in the project and received scholarship according to the budget awarded to LUT and rules agreed by LUT and Ukrainian universities.

The implementation of the project lead to development and improvement of the project participants language (Polish, English, Ukrainian), social, intercultural competences; exchange of best practices with regard to student education and organisation of university administrative tasks; promotion of educational offer of universities involved. Thanks to the project partner universities have strengthened their local, regional and



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international position. They became more attractive universities for foreign students. Moreover, a positive opinion of Ukrainian scientists and entrepreneurs was created. As a result, the regional internationalisation level is growing, intercultural environment is created, and cities/regions where participating universities have their campuses are developing.

Thanks to the long-term cooperation between LUT and partner universities in Ukraine, the project was an opportunity to disseminate information among Ukrainian students on LUT's studies in Polish and English on tuition fee-paying basis. Additionally, long-term international cooperation resulted in increasing LUT's position in the lubelskie region and developing LUT's educational offer for foreign students.

Incoming mobilities for studies	Incoming training mobilities	Teaching mobility Exchange
5	6	18

PARTNERS

Lutsk National Technical University <http://lutsk-ntu.com.ua/en>

National University of Water Management and Nature Resources Use
<http://nuwm.edu.ua/en>

Ternopil Ivan Puluj National Technical University <http://tntu.edu.ua/?p=en/home>

Kyiv National University of Construction and Architecture <http://www.knuba.edu.ua/eng/>

Odessa National Polytechnic University <http://opu.ua/eng/>

Kherson National Technical University <http://kntu.net.ua/index.php/eng/>

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