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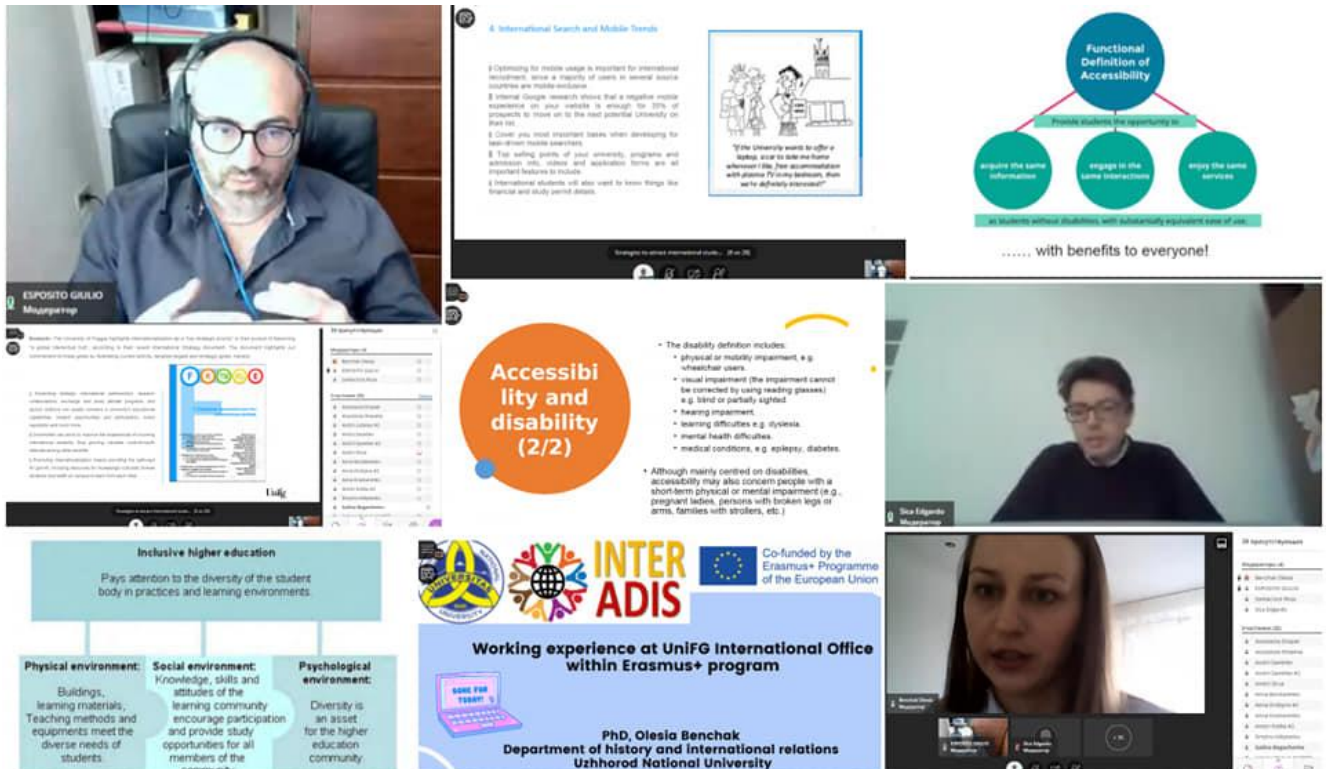
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Online Part of Study Visit, organized by University of Foggia, Italy



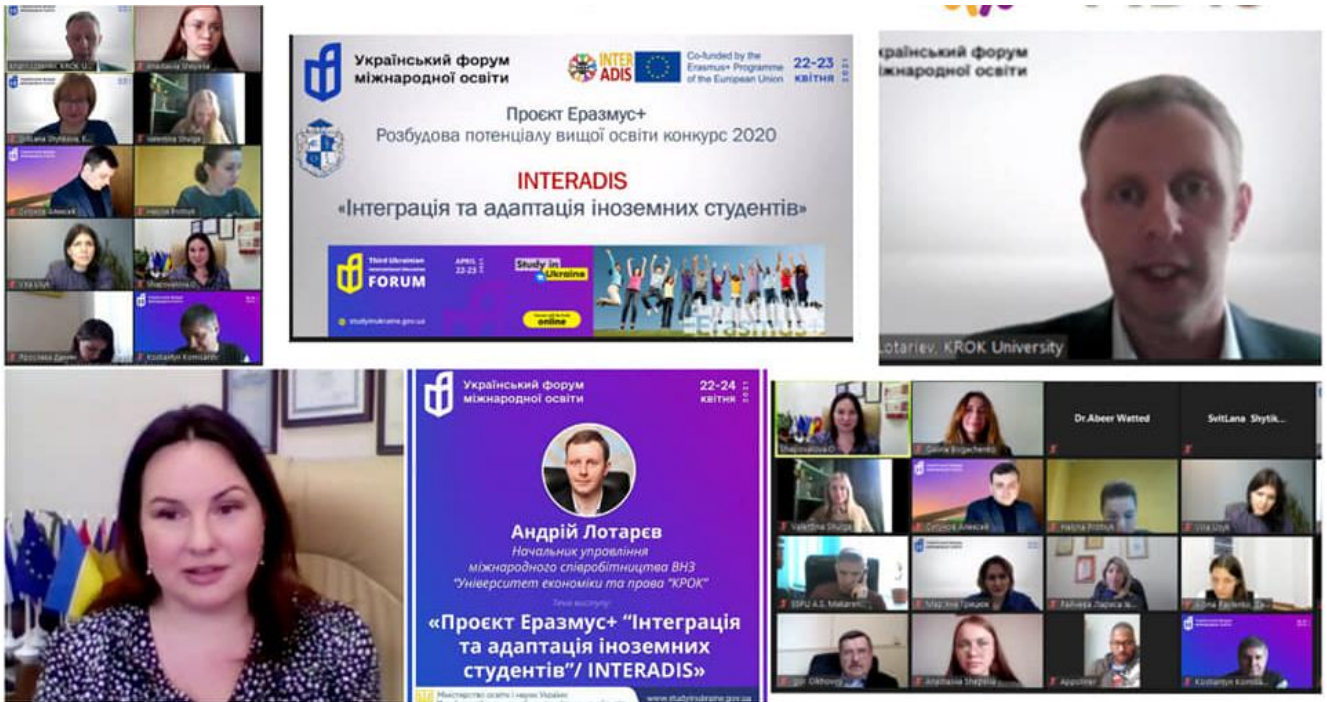
28 April 2021 the Online Part of Study Visit organized by University of Foggia, Italy was held in the frameworks of the project INTERADIS "International Students Adaptation and Integration".

The program of the visit included the following topics:

- ✓ prof. Stefano Netti: "The COVID-19 pandemic and the university system: new challenges and new opportunities for development and internationalization of Ukrainian Higher Education Institutions"
- ✓ prof. Edagardo Sica, Topic: "International students and disability: ensuring accessibility to the Ukrainian higher education system"
- ✓ prof. Domenico Viti, Topic : "Smoothing students' culture gap: enhancing mutual understanding and relationship when studying in Ukraine"
- ✓ PhD Olesia Benchak - Department of history and international relations, Uzhhorod National University, topic: "Working experience at UniFG International office within Erasmus+ program"
- ✓ Giulio Esposito, topic: "Strategies to attract international students. Sharing best practices of University of Foggia in adaptation of international students"

A lot of thanks to the organizers of event – University of Foggia for an interesting and fruitful study visit!

Presentation of INTERADIS project at Third Ukrainian International Education Forum



22-23 April 2021 State Enterprise «Ukrainian State Center for International Education» of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine, partner of INTERADIS project, organized Third Ukrainian International Education Forum.

Different speakers mentioned that international Students integration and adaptation is crucial for successful development of international education.

Andrii Lotariiev, Head of International Office of KROK University, presented the Erasmus+ project coordinated by KROK "International students adaptation and integration - INTERADIS" to about 8 000 visitors of the Forum. He outlined the target audience, goals, tasks, indicators, partners, activities of the project; invited to participate in the analysis of situation with international students integration at other HEIs of Ukraine. For now 30+ Ukrainian HEIs sent their applications to join the project.

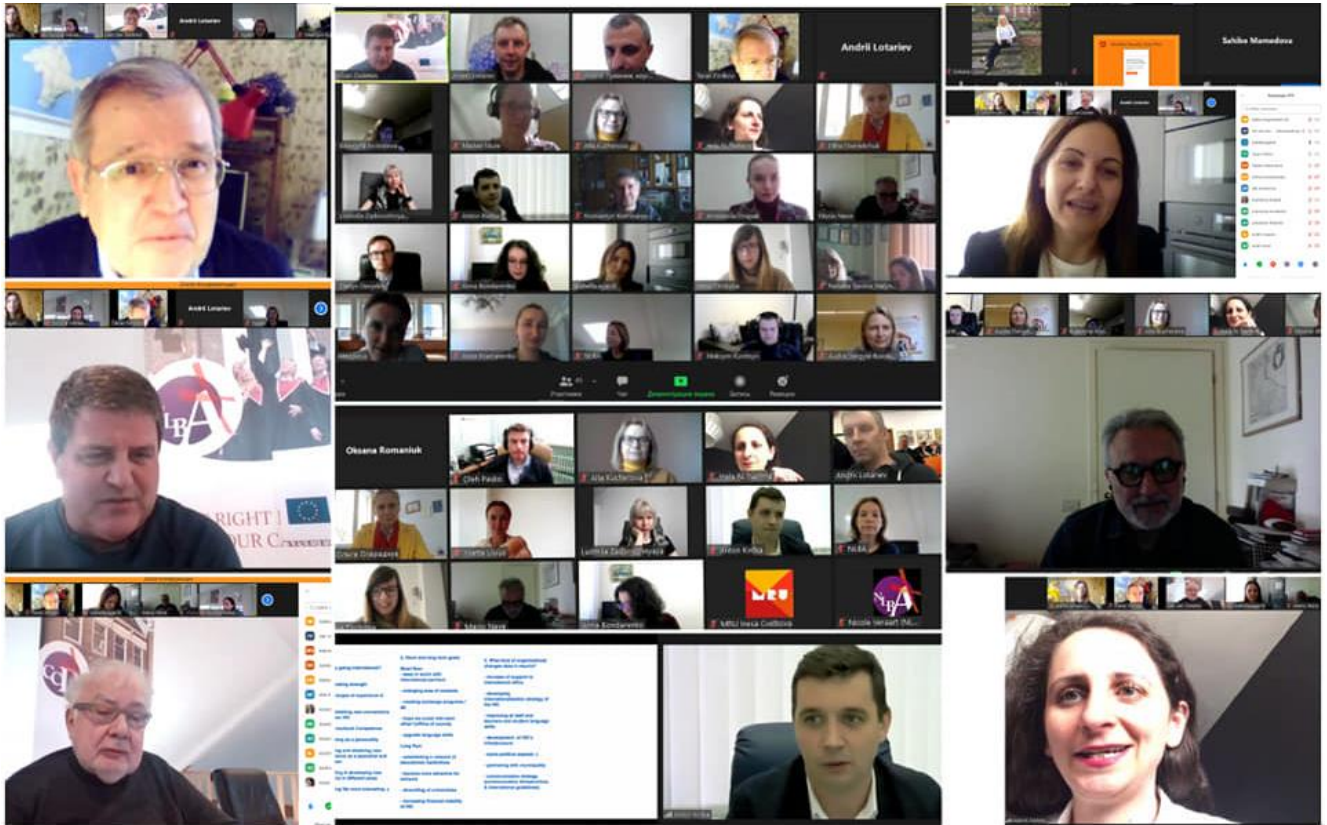
The participants listened to speeches by leading Ukrainian and foreign educational administrators, diplomats, scientists, experts and specialists in the field of higher education internationalization.

Topics of the forum include:

- ✓ modern trends in the internationalization of higher education
- ✓ organization of recruitment and education of foreign students in Ukraine
- ✓ development of cooperation in the field of international education
- ✓ marketing in education
- ✓ development of departments for work with foreign students in HEIs

Many thanks to Ukrainian State Center for International Education for organization of the fruitful and efficient event and to National Erasmus+ Office of Ukraine for guidance and support.

**Online Part of Study Visit,
organized by Netherlands Business Academy**



20 April 2021 the Online Part of Study Visit "Introduction to Intercultural Communication" by Netherlands Business Academy, the Netherlands, was held in the frameworks of the project INTERADIS "International Students Adaptation and Integration".

The program of the online visit included:

- ✓ Opening by Jan van Zwieten and Steve Austen "Short and long term ambition on internalization"
- ✓ Presentation by Jan van Zwieten "why internationalization"
- ✓ Panel discussion
- ✓ Group discussion, answering the questions: "Why going international", Short and Long term goals", "What kind of organizational changes does it require".

Presentations of panelists:

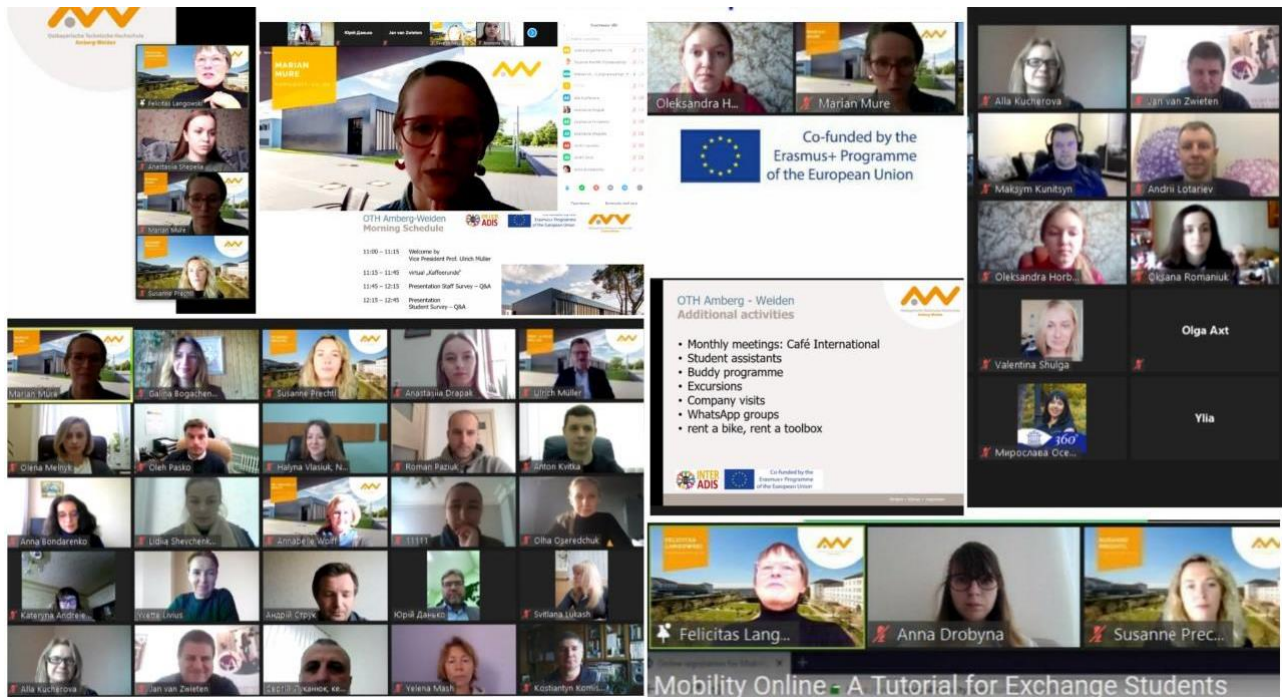
- ✓ Taras Finikov "How to acquire intercultural competences"
- ✓ Izabella Agardi "Aspects of image building and identity construction"
- ✓ Mario Neve "The context of place and environment"
- ✓ Hala Naoum Nehme "European citizenship issues, a personal experience".

Many thanks to Netherlands Business Academy for organization of the fruitful and efficient study visit!

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Online Part of Study Visit

"Data outcome from surveys. Admission and Integration practices" by Ostbayerische Technische Hochschule Amberg-Weiden



16 April 2021 the Online Part of Study Visit "Data outcome from surveys. Admission and Integration practices" by Ostbayerische Technische Hochschule Amberg-Weiden, Germany was held in the frameworks of the project INTERADIS "International Students Adaptation and Integration".

The program of the online visit included:

- ✓ Virtual "Kaffeerunde" with wonder.me
- ✓ Data Analysis of survey outcome (group work - allocating the responses to work packages)
- ✓ Best Practice@OTH AW with the head of the international office Dr. Annabelle Wolff
- ✓ Tools for coordinating the international student life cycle: Mobility Online, Orientation Days, Buddy Program
- ✓ Networking possibilities for international offices in German

Many thanks to Ostbayerische Technische Hochschule Amberg-Weiden, Germany for organization of the fruitful and efficient study visit.

Online Part of Study Visit "International students admission and integration practices of Mykolas Romeris University"



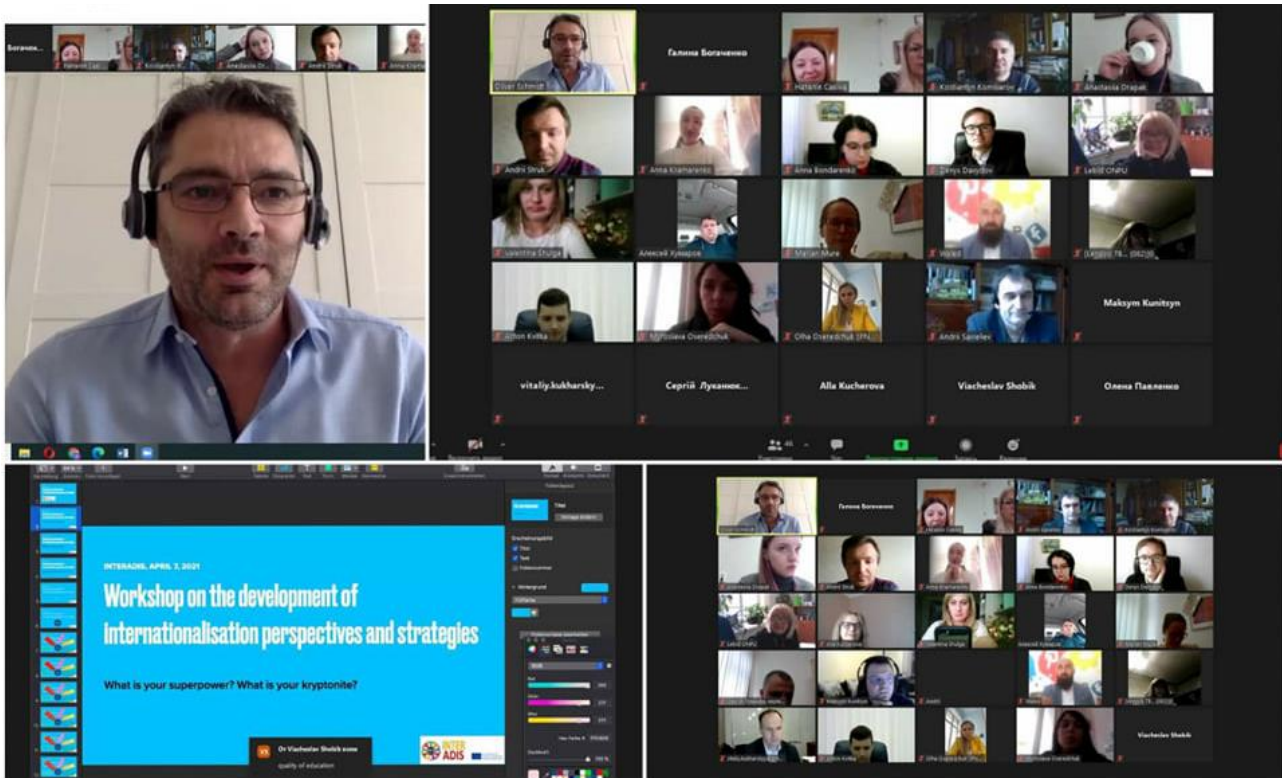
14 April 2021 the Online Part of Study Visit "International students admission and integration practices of Mykolas Romeris University" was held in the frameworks of the project INTERADIS "International Students Adaptation and Integration" gathering 57 participants from EU and Ukrainian HEIs.

The host of the Online Visit, Mykolas Romeris University (Lithuania), presented to the participants short information on the following topics:

- ✓ Admission and Marketing office, International office, Career office
- ✓ Recruitment strategies and marketing tools. Previous successes and failures. Lessons learned.
- ✓ Pre-arrival preparation and guidance services to admitted international students. Step by step sharing of MRU practice
- ✓ After arrival integration of international students. (Introductory week, orientation, student mentors (or student ambassador's) activities from arrival, socio-cultural integration, mid-term follow-up, counselling and related services during entire study period)
- ✓ Pre-departure meetings, pre-graduation orientation including career guidance (graduate traineeships, TRP for graduates to seek employment)
- ✓ International student integration. Student experience.

Many thanks to Mykolas Romeris University for organization of such a fruitful and efficient online study visit and to all the participants!

**Online Part of Study Visit
organized by Hultgren Nachhaltigkeitsberatung UG, Germany.**



7 April Online Part of Study Visit within EU Erasmus+ project “International Students Adaptation and Integration/ INTERADIS” was organized by Oliver Schmidt, CEO of Hultgren Nachhaltigkeitsberatung UG, Germany.

The Corona pandemic poses major challenges for all of humanity, challenges that can obviously only be met as a community. Our global world is not only digitally networked and technically developed, but also vulnerable. Science shows how important a systematically controlled process of internationalization also for Universities is. The internationalization of degree programs at Ukrainian universities as planned in INTERADIS creates important conditions for this.

In the process, these and other questions were discussed at the workshop:

- ✓ How do we convince key internal and external partners and stakeholders to support us in this endeavor?
- ✓ How do we as a university develop a good strategy and what resources do we need for this?
- ✓ How do we reach students abroad?
- ✓ And what marketing methods are available to place our offer to students well and to be able to compete against competing universities at home and abroad?

Many thanks to Hultgren Nachhaltigkeitsberatung UG for organization of such a fruitful and efficient online study visit and to all the participants!

Kick-off meeting of the project «International Students Adaptation and Integration/ INTERADIS»



11-12 February 2021 online and offline Kick-off meeting of Erasmus+ CBHE Project International Students Adaptation and Integration/ INTERADIS (619451-EPP-1-2020-1-NL-EPPKA2-CBHE-JP) was organized at Sumy National Agrarian University, Ukraine.

Oleh Sharov, General Director of the Directorate of Higher and Adult Education of Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine;

Madalena Rodrigues Pereira, coordinator of National Agency Erasmus+ in the Netherlands;

Svitlana Shytikova, director of National Erasmus+ Office in Ukraine welcomed the participants.

The EU partners: Netherlands Business Academy, the Netherlands; Foggia University, Italy; Ostbayerische Technische Hochschule Amberg-Weiden, Germany; Mykolas Romeris University, Lithuania; Hultgren Nachhaltigkeitsberatung UG, Germany presented their organizations focusing on expertise regarding different aspects of work with International students.

Ukrainian HEIs: KROK University, Kyiv; Yuriy Fedkovych Chernivtsi National University; Odessa National Politechnical University; Mariupol State University; Sumy National Agrarian University; V.N.Karazin Kharkiv National University; Ivan Franko National University of Lviv; National University of Water and Environmental Engineering, Rivne provided brief description of HEIs and shortly analyzed as-is situation with International students.

Ukrainian State Center for International Education of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine presented their tasks, activities, provided statistical data and achieved results regarding international students on the national level.

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Key project issues including project goal, specific project objectives, indicators of the progress, project timeline, workpackage activities were described in details.

On the second day **management, financial and administrative issues**: including roles and responsibilities of the Coordinator team and Partners, cooperation and communication, payment arrangements, reporting, documentation, quality management were discussed. Special attention was given to dissemination, sustainability and visibility rules, the to-do list for start of project promotion was announced.

Svitlana Shytikova provided valuable comments and answered to the questions of partners during the whole meeting.

The host of the kick-off Sumy National Agrarian University organized warm welcome for the participants and perfectly arranged all organizational issues.

Meeting with Internaional Students of SNAU

March 2, 2021 a meeting with a focus group of international students of Sumy National Agrarian University was held to discuss their needs, as well as to clarify their vision for the future co-working students zone, which is planned to be designed in the frameworks of INTERADIS project. The students` ideas and thoughts will be taken into consideration and implemented during WP 2 of the project.





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ABOUT THE PROJECT

International Students Adaptation and Integration/ *INTERADIS*

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Project duration: 15.11.2020 – 14.11.2023

Project Coordinator: Netherlands Business Academy, the Netherlands.

Project Co-Coordinator: KROK University.

Partners:

- Foggia University, Italy;
- Ostbayerische Technische Hochschule Amberg-Weiden, Germany;
- Mykolas Romeris University, Lithuania;
- Yuriy Fedkovych Chernivtsi National University, Ukraine;
- Odessa National Politechnical University, Ukraine;
- Mariupol State University, Ukraine;
- Sumy National Agrarian University, Ukraine;
- V.N.Karazin Kharkiv National University, Ukraine;
- Ivan Franko National University, Ukraine;
- National University of Water and Environmental Engineering, Ukraine;
- Ukrainian State Center for International Education of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine;
- Hultgren Nachhaltigkeitsberatung UG, Germany.

Wider objective:

- To integrate international students into Ukrainian and European educational space by the means of cultural, ethnic, social and academic assets.

Specific project objectives:

- To develop and implement Roadmap, that includes all aspects of international students integration and adaptation.
- To improve quality of training and administrative services, assure informational support of international students.
- To upgrade qualifications of administrative and academic staff.
- To create tolerant multicultural international environment at Ukrainian HEIs.
- To disseminate project results among Ukrainian HEIs.

Expected results:

- Developed Roadmap, that includes all aspects of international students integration.
- Trained staff.
- Increased quality of training and administrative services.
- Created more favourable environment for international students.
- Project results disseminated.

Project web-site: <https://interadiscoordinat.wixsite.com/interadis>

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