

SUPPORTING UNIVERSITIES IN UKRAINE:

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENHANCED INTER INSTITUTIONAL COLLABORATION

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EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS



Over eight million people have been recorded as refugees from Ukraine across Europe (UNHCR, 21.02.2023)



350 educational institutions were destroyed and another 2,830 were damaged

Education in Ukraine in time of war:



- Educational process restarted on 14.03.2022
- 30 higher education institutions, 65 HEI affiliated units and 44 professional pre-higher educational institutions were displaced



Admission campaign in time of war:

applications submitted – 1,149 mln.:

- 636,000 for Bachelor and medical Master programs,
- 202,500 for Master programs
- 205,600 for professional bachelor programs, 1,700 for junior bachelor programs.

Over 67 000 students were recommended for budget funding

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EVOLUTION OF URGENT AND MIDDLE-TERM OPTIONS – NEW MIDDLE TERM AND LONG TERM PERSPECTIVES: CREATION OF JOINT MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMS



- Totally 64 Ukrainians as winners of the 2022 call will study at Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters at universities in Europe and worldwide within European Union Erasmus+ Programme.
- Study in Europe has become possible for 46 females and 18 males from Kharkiv, Kyiv, Lviv, Mukolaiv, Odessa, Uzhhorod with the financial support of the EU's Erasmus+ Programme (69 candidates from Ukraine are on the reserve list).
- The students from Ukraine started Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters this autumn at the leading universities of Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom.
- The main subject areas of the students' choice are: Literature, Media, Journalism and Languages; Tourism and Culture; Nature Management, Sustainable Shipping and Ecology; European and Eurasian Studies; Engineering and Software Systems; Innovative Medicine and Public Health; Chemistry; Mathematics; Politics, Economy and Society.
- A total of 317 Ukrainian students have studied at Erasmus Mundus Programmes since 2014, including 303 Master's and 14 PhD's students.
- They are considered to act as 'ambassadors', promote and support Ukraine in Europe and will contribute to Ukraine's development, modernisation and reforms.





Erasmus+



The program provides for the allocation of 100 million euros from the Erasmus+ budget for 2027 to support projects of Ukrainians who were forced to leave the country due to the war, as well as to support students and teachers.

The European Commission has provided an opportunity to hold an additional competition for representatives of Ukraine within the framework of the Jean Monnet Action project.

64 Ukrainians received scholarships of the joint master's program "Erasmus Mundus"

A separate project for Ukrainian scientists "Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions for Ukraine" was created within the Horizon-Europe program



The male students and staff 18-60 years old are not allowed to cross the border with some exceptions

- University students are exempt from mobilization for the study period
- However it does not provide automatic permission for the border crossing
- The final decision is taken by the Border Control Officer based on the provided documents

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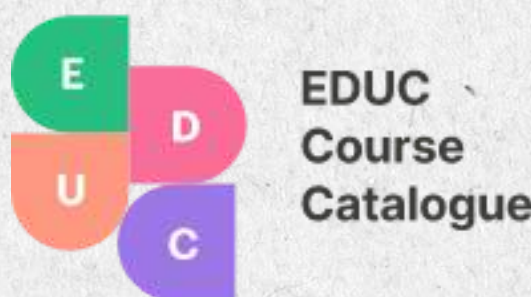
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EVOLUTION OF URGENT AND MIDDLE-TERM OPTIONS – NEW MIDDLE TERM AND LONG TERM PERSPECTIVES:



✓ Twinning programmes:

Universities UK International in partnership with Cormack Consultancy Group supports matchmaking between the UK and Ukrainian universities with a similar profile, to support academics, students and university leaders, affected by the conflict. As of June 2022, a total of 71 Ukrainian HEIs have been twinned with counterparts in the UK, the US, Canada and Belgium as a result of the initiative

The Conference of Italian University Rectors - CRUI and the Union of Rectors of Ukraine have agreed on setting up an advisory working group to better promote bilateral cooperation and partnership actions in the framework of the academic autonomy.

The Université Libre de Bruxelles looks into such cooperation with a network of other universities, in this case the CIVIS University Alliance. The latter has created a Task Force on Ukraine and is considering a twinning project with one or two Ukrainian universities.

✓ Aim - to accelerate sustainable economic growth.

Supporting in resilient capacity of Universities: technical support, equipment, rebuilding

Some of the Projects of national programs to Improve Education system:

- Support for the return of youth to Ukraine: international academic mobility; the opportunity to complete studies and complete an internship abroad with a Ukrainian diploma; scholarship programs for those who may be employed in the near future
- Introduce mobile education facilities and scale-up tutoring programs;
- Performance based grants system for researchers

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✓ The Marshall Humanitarian Plan: How to Rebuild Education, Science, and Culture

Educational and scientific policy focused on the provision of equal access to high-quality education as well as professional and personal skills development provided by governmental and private institutions.

- Adjust educational programs in response to learning losses caused by war;
- Resume the educational process in war-torn areas, restore the infrastructure of educational and research institutions;
- Provide psychological support to educational process participants. Implement psychological rehabilitation programs, adapt and support children and other educational process participants in wartime and postwar period;
- Restore full-scale independent assessment for admission and attestation of students;
- Provide training of qualified specialists for the needs of the country's economy (dual education, financial autonomy of higher education institutions, public-private partnership);
- Resume grant support for research, scientific and technical developments by the National Research Foundation of Ukraine



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MIDDLE TERM AND LONG TERM PERSPECTIVES:



Create conditions for avoiding brain drain:

- creating suitable visa conditions for coming back
- granting conditions
- continuation and completion of studies in Ukraine
- adjusting programmes - double and joint degree programs
- adaptation ERASMUS, reading lecturers by visiting professors
- virtual mobility as innovative approach (Hague Virtual Network, NICE)
- creating new and joining existing university alliances

A graphic featuring the Ukrainian national flag (blue and yellow) in the top right and bottom left corners, with a white textured background in the center.

GLORY TO UKRAINE!