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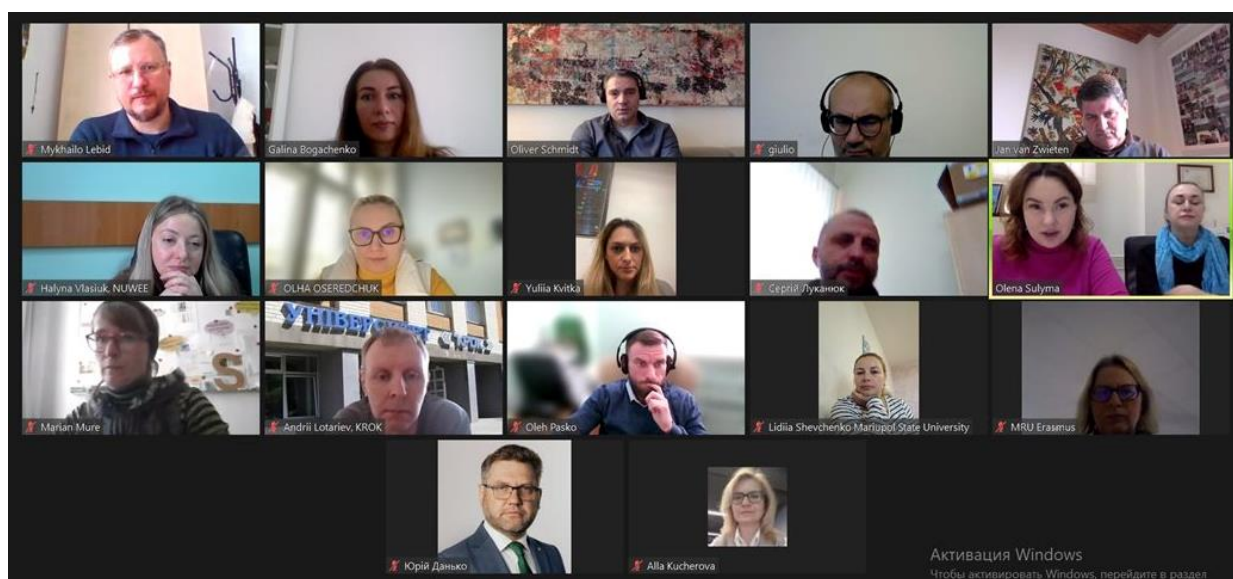
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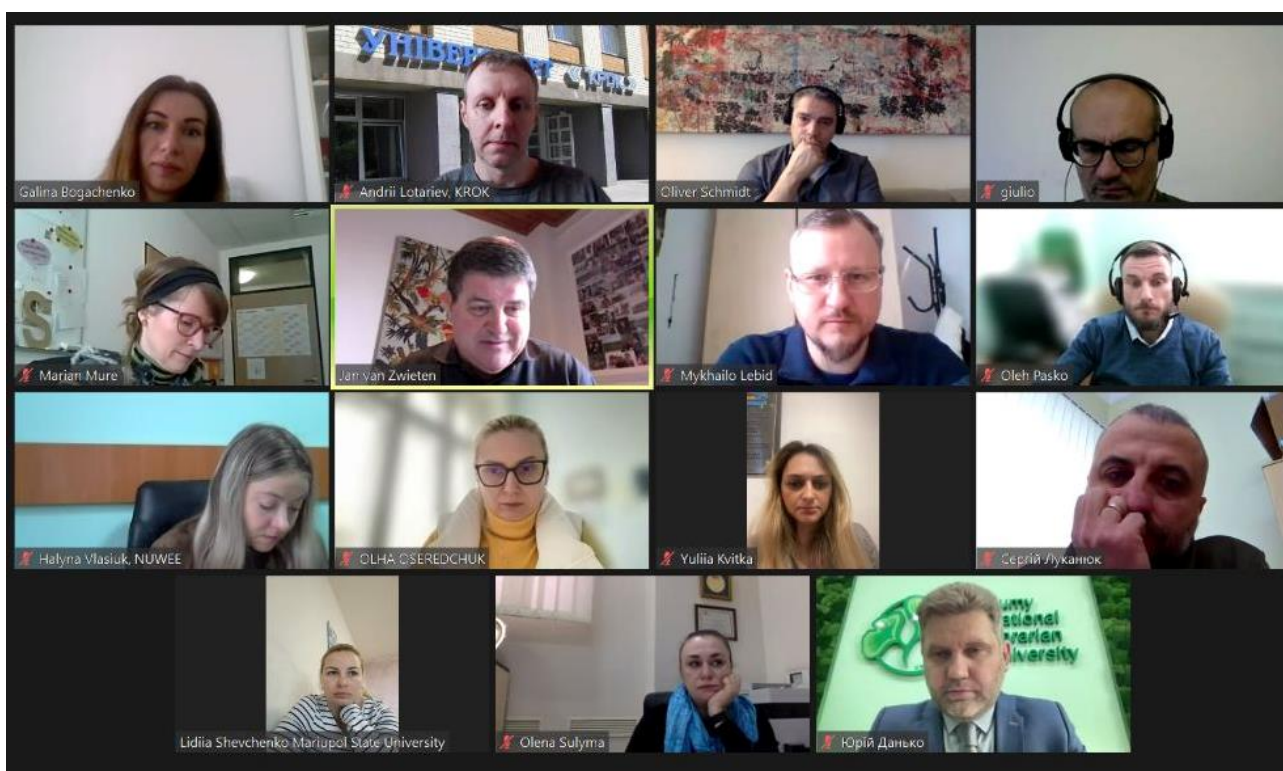


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ONLINE MANAGEMENT MEETING

On March 21, 2023, in the frameworks of the EU Erasmus+ project **INTERADIS “International Students Adaptation and Integration”**, Online Management Meeting was organized.

The partners discussed project’s updates and issues, planned the meetings and worked on adaptation of the project content to the current situation in Ukraine. The spirit of the consortium is inspiring for further achievements and developments.



News from KROK Co-working zone is open!

In September 2022, a coworking zone, which was equipped within the INTERADIS/International Students Adaptation and Integration project, began operating at “KROK” University.

The room will be used for various cultural and information events, networking, as a place for communication between Ukrainian and International students. Moreover, foreign applicants may fill out the application forms here, order certificates online, and get personal consultations on admission.

Students can also use the equipment in this room to join online classes, do the assignments, projects, etc. From September 1, 2022, a free wi-fi zone is available in the room. The co-working zone is equipped with computers and a beamer. If necessary, students have the opportunity to take the laptops at the Educational and Scientific Institute of International Education.



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Meeting of University and College administration with student body 2022. Presentation of the Buddy program, implemented at "KROK" University

On September 20, 2022, a traditional meeting of the University and College administration with the student body took place online (Teams) and offline (the assembly hall of "KROK" University).

The meeting took place in the form of a friendly dialogue, during which the student activists had the opportunity to express their opinions and their own visions, as well as directly communicate with the administration.

Anna Drobyna, Head of International Office, provided students with the information on the international possibilities offered by "KROK" University, namely Erasmus+ ICM programs, bilateral exchanges, short-term scholarship programs. Also, Ms Anna presented the Buddy program, implemented at "KROK" University within **INTERADIS/International Students Adaptation and Integration Project**, and emphasized that new buddies are wanted, described the benefits of Buddy system.

We sincerely thank the students for the active position shown during the meeting. We hope for further fruitful cooperation and constructive dialogue in all formats!



Presentation of Erasmus+ projects at the Freie Universität Berlin, Germany

On October 14, 2022, Halyna Bohachenko, Director of International Project Office of Educational and Scientific Institute of International Education of «KROK» University, presented Erasmus+ projects at Freie Universität Berlin, Germany.

Participants of the events received information about Erasmus+ Capacity Building of Higher Education, such as: **INTERADIS, MEDIATS, CLIMAN** and **COOPERA**, implemented and co-coordinated by «KROK» University. They also learned about cooperation opportunities, projects' main goals and objectives, expected results.

The event was attended by the representatives of partner Universities, who had the opportunity to learn more about organization of future cooperation and to put questions.



Welcome Day 2022 for freshmen!

On October 17, 2022, Welcome Day 2022 was held for first-year international students of English-taught programs. The event was organized by the Educational and Scientific Institute of International Education online in Microsoft Teams.

Freshmen had the opportunity to get acquainted with the history of "KROK" University, E-learning platforms used by HEI for conducting online classes, the opportunities for students offered by HEI, to have the virtual tour around the University, and also received information on academic and migration issues. The organizers of the event also presented to the first-year students the **Buddy-system**, which is being implemented at "KROK" University as part of the **INTERADIS** project and told how to get in touch with a Buddy who is ready to help newcomers to adapt to unfamiliar conditions.





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News from Odessa Polytechnic State University

During this period, the Odessa Polytechnic constantly worked on integrating and adapting international students into Ukrainian academic, scientific and social life. For this purpose, the following measures were implemented (carried out):

1. Thanks to the extensive experience of implementing distance learning technologies at the Institute for the Training of Foreign Citizens, the entire student education process was successfully transferred to the distance mode during martial law. Thanks to this, we managed to organize remote work efficiently and quickly for students who decided to leave Ukraine and those who, despite all the difficulties, continued the learning process and motivated all teachers with their work. Nevertheless, even though the organization of our work is not without shortcomings (there is room for improvement), the information and educational environment in the language training system for international students has been fully formed and worked out.
2. Permanent coverage of project events on electronic resources assigned to the Scientific Educational Institute of Foreign Citizens Training (SEIFCT) and dedicated to the project (links to project events can be added).
3. Coordination with the university units involved in the project regarding the preparation of information notices covering the project's activities.
4. Control over the timely placement of project materials on the official website of the university.
5. Organization and conduct of the planned visit of the participants of the Interadis project, which was supposed to take place in March-April at the base of Odessa Polytechnic National University. But due to Russia's war against Ukraine, it was not possible to hold this event, although representatives of Odessa Polytechnic will do everything possible to hold this event under the conditions of settlement of the situation.
6. Annually, permanently, the Odessa Polytechnic conducts career orientation work, which is aimed at:
 - Information and campaigning work among international students of the preparatory (language) stage of the SEIFCT study regarding the prestige and advantages of further study at the Odessa Polytechnic in the chosen field;
 - Preparation and presentation of the structure of the Odessa Polytechnic, institutes, specialties, and educational programs;
 - Meetings with representatives of deans, institutes of Odessa Polytechnic — an acquaintance of SEIFCT students with future specialties;
 - Preparation of informational materials about institutes and specialties of the university for international students of SEIFCT.

Due to the impossibility of conducting events in face-to-face mode, they were transformed and adapted to be held online.

7. Modernized administrative procedures: Dedicated premises with 60 square meters in the Palace of Culture of the university, and the developed Regulations on the co-working center. It is planned to start the center's work after international students return to study in the university classrooms. The



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English and French translator position has been added to the staff of the International Relations Department for quality preparation of translations of passports of foreign trainees and students, which are certified by a notary and submitted to the State Migration Service. In order to issue temporary residence permits in Ukraine and register the place of residence of foreign trainees and students on time, the passport desk and the department for organizational work with international students at the university have allocated two positions.

8. Modernized infrastructure of the university: Modernized procedures for foreign trainees and students to order permits for temporary stay in Ukraine from the migration service and registration of place of residence in the Central National Register of Citizens with elements of digital technologies with the participation of university employees and representatives of intermediary firms. A full-time employee of the university received permission to enter data into the electronic journal of registration of invitations of foreign citizens to study. Two university employees underwent online training on the new platform for inviting foreign citizens to study in Ukraine. The university's foreign partners have been informed about introducing a new system for receiving invitations from foreign citizens to study in Ukraine.

9. Educational programs adapted: Following the Directorate of Vocational Pre-Higher and Higher Education of the Ministry of Education and Culture of Ukraine, all bachelor's and master's educational programs are adapted for studying international students. Each program includes the study of the Ukrainian language as a foreign language in the proposed volumes, as well as the course "History of Ukraine and Ukrainian culture," modernized curricula of the course "Ukrainian language as a foreign language" for bachelors, masters, and doctors of philosophy.

News from NUWEE

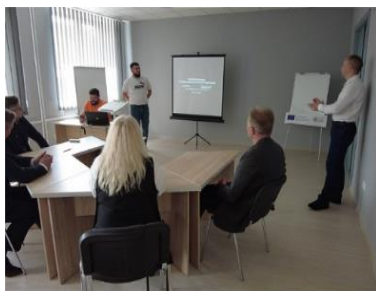
Presentation of INTERADIS project results

On June 1, 2022, the presentation of the results of the internal monitoring of the implementation of the Erasmus KA2 project on the development of potential in higher education "INTERADIS / Integration and adaptation of foreign students" took place.

The main goal of the project is to popularize Ukrainian higher education abroad by providing quality education and administrative services to foreign students, creating a tolerant multicultural international environment in Ukrainian universities and, as a result, integrating foreign students into the Ukrainian and European educational space.

During the implementation of the project:

- about 30 teachers at university and employees of the Center for International Cooperation and Education improved their professional skills by participating in trainings, workshops and online seminars organized by European partners.
- the project of the roadmap for foreign students was developed, the "Buddy program" was initiated for the first time at NUHP and its first ambassadors were involved.
- received professional equipment for the co-working center.
- an online application form for foreign students was developed to optimize administrative procedures, as well as strategic internal normative documents were developed and improved, which regulate the process of internationalization of the university and the coordination of the education of foreign students.





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In addition to the working group of the project and the university administration, foreign students who, despite the war, remained in Rivne and continue their studies at NUHP, shared their impressions of using the developments and improved administrative services.

Academic mobility programme for NUWEE students at the Newcastle University

Communication with people of different nations, cultures and environment leads to mutual enrichment, understanding and tolerance, and develop communication skills in multicultural environment. We internalize norms and rules that help us function in our own culture, but also to adapt to different cultural contexts by purposely changing our communication. Foreign languages expand one's view of the world, liberalize experiences, and make us more flexible and tolerant. Thus, increase of foreign language proficiency is one of the key tasks within the INTERADIS project.

Eight students of the National University of Water and Environmental Engineering have already started a semester-long exchange in the spring semester of 2022-2023 academic year at the Newcastle University, the UK, within the framework of the UK-Ukraine Twinning Initiative. Two of the students are from the Buddy Group that was initiated within the Erasmus+ KA2 INTERADIS project.

The partnership with Newcastle University includes also implementation of a successful online English language programme "Peer Assisted Learning (PAL) English Language Development Opportunities for NUWEE Students", students' semester-long exchange programmes and development of research cooperation in the fields of IT technologies and cyber security, water engineering and water technologies, construction and architecture, economics, agriculture, agronomy and environmental protection.

The first scholars of the exchange programme are: Viktoriia Mishchuk (major "Economics (Business Analytics)"), Oleksandra Levshuk (major "Management"), Anastasia Kudriavtseva (major "Computer Sciences"), Anastasiia Liashchuk (major "Computer Sciences"), Dariia Diachenko (major "Computer Sciences"), Danylo Lahodniuk (major "Computer Sciences"), Oleksandr Cherniuk (major "Automation and Computer-Integrated Technologies"), Yurii Novak (major "Transport Technologies").

In addition to studying students actively participate in various cultural and scientific events, in particular: they took part in the integration week, Ukrainian parties "Ukrainian language taster sessions", hubs, etc.

We are grateful to the Global Opportunities Office, Newcastle University's Language Resource Centre and academic community of the Newcastle University for the considerate attitude, diligence and support of our students and University! Below there are participants' feedback:

Oleksandr Cherniuk, major "Automation and Computer-Integrated Technologies":

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"To be honest, I can't even describe my emotions and impressions concerning studying at the Newcastle University.

The first thing I would like to mention is that studying at universities in Ukraine and Great Britain is different. In the UK you can choose the subjects you think you need from a wide range of choices. Lectures are in face-to-face mode, but if for some reason you could not attend any of them, the ReCap system allows you to review the entire material and the lecture recordings. In my opinion, such software app or services are of need in our university.

So, after some time, I have drawn up an image of the Newcastle University concept. This is a place where you, as a young and energetic student, can spend time focusing on a variety of research topics, from fixing arm muscles through sensors and Arduino, to designing electric cars for racing like Formula E. It's super cool to watch and participate in such projects and this impressed me the most.

In general, this is an incredible experience: new acquaintances, traditions and customs, culture, and foreign language – all this forces you to be more fluent and adapt to a new environment. The effect of learning something new increases several times and this is probably the strongest emotion that I've personally experienced. This is cool :)"



Yurii Novak, student of the specialty major "Transport Technologies":

"First of all, I would like to say that this exchange is an unforgettable experience for me. I am very grateful to have had the opportunity to study in the United Kingdom, at the Newcastle University, and to get acquainted with such a rich and diverse culture.



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One of the most impressive things during my studies at the Newcastle University is meeting students from all over the world. I have the opportunity to see different approaches to learning and life in general, and this has really broadened my horizons. I was also impressed by the great attention paid to Ukrainian students.

This also is a great chance to improve my English knowledge in a short time thanks to constant communication with teachers/lecturers and other students.

The academic exchange programme is also exciting, as the city of Newcastle upon Tyne boasts a large number of museums, galleries and other cultural institutions. I've already visited a lot of interesting exhibitions and performances.

I am very happy to have the opportunity to study at a leading UK university, the Newcastle University. So, if there are students who have doubts about this exchange programme, cast aside them and let's study and travel with NUWEE!"