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## NEWSLETTER 6

### October 2023 - February 2024

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## Forum for International Students “International Vechornytsi” at KROK University, Kyiv, Ukraine

Dear Partners,

we are happy to invite the teams of your HEIs to participate at Forum for International Students "International Vechornytsi", that will take place on 17-18 May at KROK University in Kyiv, Ukraine.

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LET'S CELEBRATE  
DIVERSITY OF  
CULTURES TOGETHER!

**INTERNATIONAL  
VECHORNYTSI**

“KROK” UNIVERSITY,  
30-32 TABIRNA ST, KYIV,  
ASSEMBLY HALL-ROOM 322

MAY 17, 2024  
2:00-4:00 PM

REGISTER HERE!

INTERNATIONAL@KROK.EDU.UA

PROJECT  
WEBSITE

**Forum of International Students International Vechornytsi** will be the most remarkable event of the calendar plan. It will take place on *17-18 May, 2024* at KROK University in Kyiv, Ukraine.

The International Students from all partner HEIs will prepare the socio-cultural activity and present their performance. It can be national dances, songs, playing the music, etc. Networking trainings and workshops will also be organized for IS. The event will be highly presented in mass media, social networks.

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**International Highlight Event, organized by  
Ivan Franko National University of Lviv, Ukraine**

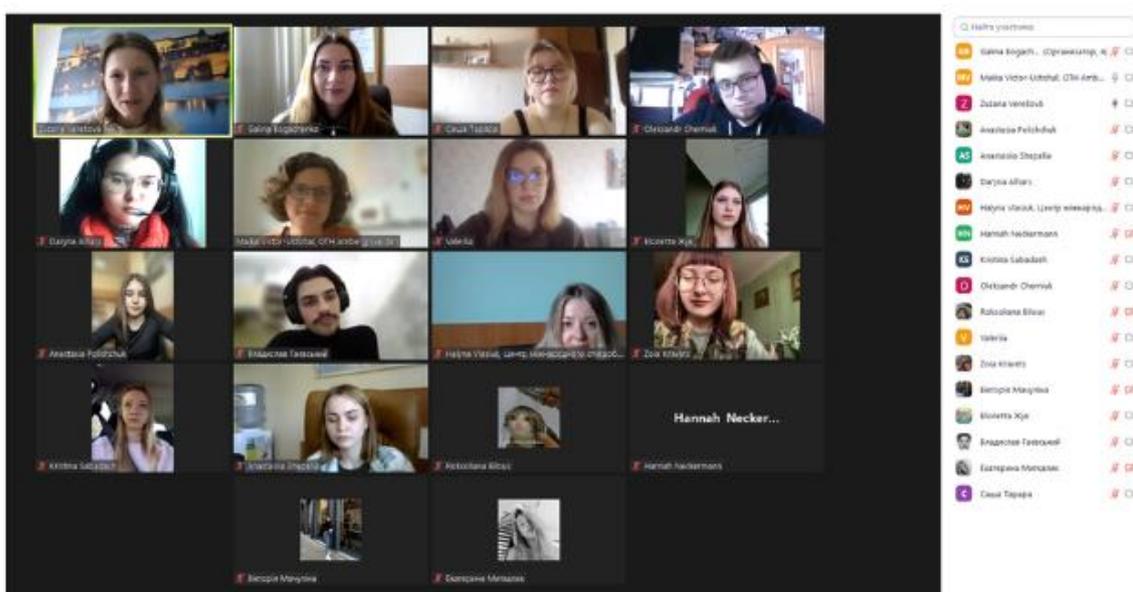
On *December 11-13, 2023*, **International Highlight Event** was hosted by *Ivan Franko National University in Lviv, Ukraine*.

The event was arranged for Ukrainian universities, where participants had the opportunity to exchange their experiences on the following topics:

- Project dissemination activities;
- International students' adaptation;
- Activities for international students during wartime;
- Implementation of double-degree programs with involvement of international students.

Furthermore, all universities within the project consortium discussed the results obtained during the project's duration and outlined future plans for ensuring the sustainability of the INTERADIS project.

## Online Meeting for discussion of students` internships at OTH-Amberg Weiden

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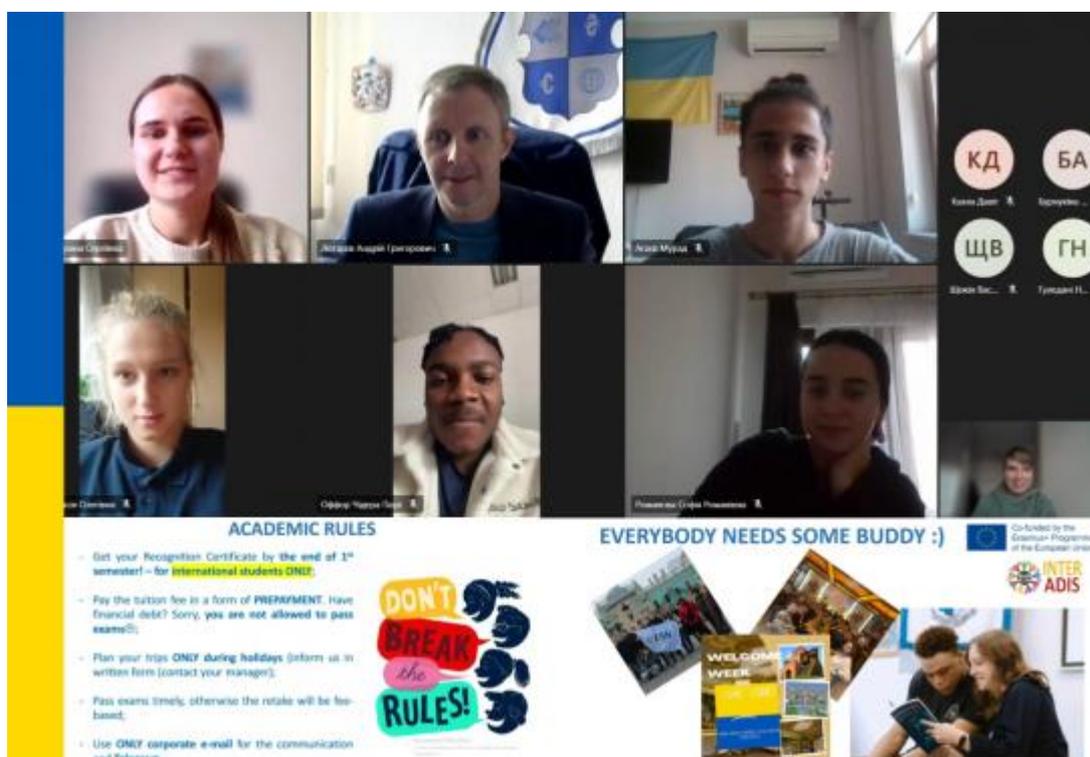
On February 29, 2024, in the frameworks of the EU Erasmus+ project INTERADIS/ "International Students Adaptation and Integration" (619451-EPP-1-2020-1-NL-EPPKA2-CBHE-JP) OTH Amberg-Weiden organized an Online Meeting for students in preparation for the upcoming mobility that will take place in April.

The representatives of OTH Amberg Weiden presented the planned activities, talked about accommodation options and other organizational points. Students had the opportunity to introduce themselves, talk about their expectations for future mobility, ask questions and discuss the event.

*Many thanks to the organizers for such an important meeting and to all students for their active participation!*

## News from KROK University

### Welcome Day 2023



On *October 9, 2023*, **Welcome Day 2023** was held for first-year students of English-taught program "Management". 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, received information on academic and migration issues, had the virtual tour around the University, as well as got to know each other during the interactive speed dating.

Andrii Lotariiev, Director of Institute of International Education, Anna Drobyna, Head of International Office, Maryna Skalatska, Project Manager, as well as graduates of the University's English-taught programs addressed the freshmen with welcome words.

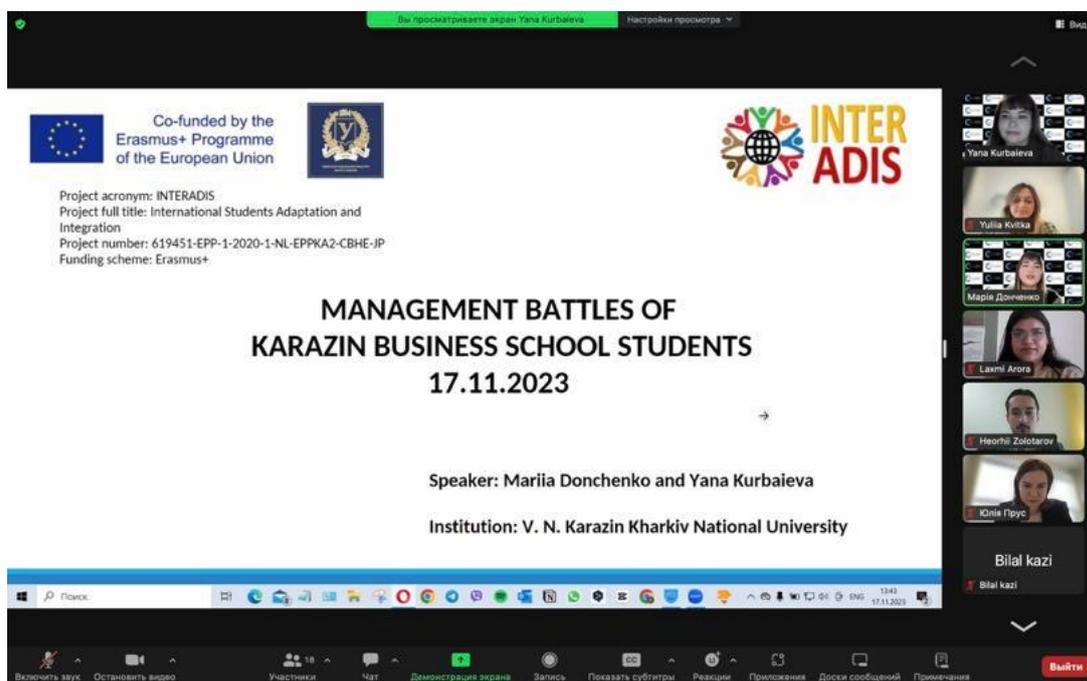
The organizers of the event familiarized the freshmen with the capabilities of the Telegram bot "KROK-Pomichnyk (Krokhelper)", which is available in Ukrainian and English. Students will be able to receive the information about the schedule, academic performance, financial issues, etc. through the bot.

The organizers also informed the first-year students about 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.

*Dear freshmen, welcome to KROK family!*

## News from V.N. Karazin Kharkiv National University

### Management Battles of Karazin Business School students



The screenshot shows a Zoom meeting interface. The main content is a slide with the following text:

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- Project full title: International Students Adaptation and Integration
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- Funding scheme: Erasmus+

**MANAGEMENT BATTLES OF  
KARAZIN BUSINESS SCHOOL STUDENTS  
17.11.2023**

Speaker: Mariia Donchenko and Yana Kurbaeva  
Institution: V. N. Karazin Kharkiv National University

The slide also features the INTERADIS logo and the European Union flag. The Zoom interface shows a list of participants on the right side, including Yana Kurbaeva, Yulia Kvitka, Mariia Donchenko, Laxmi Arora, Heorhi Zolotarov, Yulia Prus, and Bilal kazi.

On *November 17, 2023*, the Erasmus + INTERADIS project once again united students from different countries during a joint intercultural event!

Foreign and Ukrainian students of Karazin University (Ukraine) together with students of Mendel University in Brno (Czech Republic) took part in the **Management Battles!** The event was moderated by Karazin Business School students Yana Kurbaeva and Maria Donchenko, who recently completed their internship at the Mykolas Romeris University under the program of integration and adaptation of international students within the Erasmus + INTERADIS project.

The organizers of the event were associate professors of the Department of Management and Administration Yuliia Prus and Yuliia Kvitka, associate professors of the Department of Management and Administration Denys Davydov and Anton Kvitka also participated in the event.

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The purpose of the event was to acquaint students with the culture of management and negotiations of different countries. Students cooperated interestingly and productively, devoting time to developing negotiation skills, defending their own interests and the interests of companies, as well as trying their own strength in the role of a competent jury of the negotiation process.

A truly multicultural group of students - representatives from Bangladesh, Greece, Estonia, Zimbabwe, India, Latvia, Ukraine, and the Czech Republic - participated in the Management Battles. The participants noted its importance for the integration of international students in the educational process and for adaptation to the cultural peculiarities of their study partners.

*Thank you all for your participation and we are starting to work on more cool events in the future.*

## News from Mariupol State University

### Christmas traditions in Ukraine: new experience of international students



International students of Mariupol State University learned about Christmas celebrations in Ukraine. The adaptation and integration of foreigners into the Ukrainian environment are essential aspects of the university's activities.

Mariupol State University is a participant in the Erasmus + project "Integration and adaptation of international students/INTERADIS"

On *December 6, 2023* the Center for International Education organized an event called "**Christmas in Ukraine,**" fostering an informal atmosphere with both international and Ukrainian

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students participating. The event provided insights into Ukrainian culture, exploring customs and traditions associated with Christmas, such as caroling, kutya, nativity scenes, generous songs, and didukh – significant symbols of the holiday reflecting the uniqueness of the Ukrainian people.

The event also enlightened foreign students about the shift in holiday celebrations due to the transition to the New Julian Calendar. The chosen date coincided with the day Ukrainians traditionally welcomed Saint Nicholas for the first time. Attendees received Christmas gingerbread cookies as gifts, which they were encouraged to decorate.

A student from Cameroon, Nissak Buteka Mutifen Eric, expressed curiosity about Ukrainian celebration traditions, discovering unique practices like consuming boiled grain with honey and poppy seeds on Holy Evening before Christmas. These ingredients in festive dishes hold symbolic significance, and the experience included a novel activity for Eric – painting gingerbread, a cultural aspects absent in his home country.

## News from National University of Water and Environmental Engineering

### International Students Have Successfully Completed their Studies





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Despite the danger and difficult situation related to the war in Ukraine, international students continue their studies at the National University of Water and Environmental Engineering.

This year, **10 students from different countries and different specialties have successfully completed their studies**, showing their motivation, strong will to be highly-qualified experts and resilience:

- Mba Nzang Blas Mardoqueo Ondja (Equatorial Guinea )
- Abadan Atagarryeva (Turkmenistan)
- Javakhishvili Alexander (Georgia)
- Klychev Serdar (Turkmenistan)
- Lumambo Kaponge Gloria (Democratic Republic of the Congo)
- Ovezova Bibidjan (Turkmenistan)
- Samadli Nurlan Aydin oglu (Azerbaijan)
- Tagayev Tagay (Turkmenistan)
- Trujillo Robalino Matías Nicolás (Ecuador)
- Khudaiberdiev Sohbet (Turkmenistan)

We sincerely congratulate our graduates on their successful completion of studies! We wish them further success in their future careers and personal development. Let their achievements be an inspiration for other students who face challenges and obstacles, and prove that nothing can stop the desire to get a quality education.

*The National University of Water and Environmental Engineering sincerely invites all international applicants to join our university community. We are open to students from different countries and contribute to their academic and personal development.*

## NUWEE Launches "Integration and Adaptation in Ukraine: First Steps" Online Adaptation Course for International Students

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 Adaptation course (feedback)

▼ Навчально-методичне забезпечення

▼ Лекції

- BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT UKRAINE
- HISTORY, CULTURE AND TRADITIONS OF UKRAINE

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▼ Практичні заняття

- History of Ukraine
- Education system of Ukraine
- Rights and obligations of foreign students
- PASSPORT AND VISA REGIME REQUIREMENTS
- CROSS-CULTURAL COMMUNICATIONS
- EUROPEAN VALUES

**National University of Water and Environmental Engineering (NUWEE) has implemented the first round of the comprehensive adaptation online course** tailored for international students: "Integration and Adaptation in Ukraine: First Steps" within the framework of International Students Adaptation and Integration / INTERADIS project (619451-EPP-1-2020-1-NL-EPPKA2-CBHE-JP).

This comprehensive course spans 20 hours of lectures and 10 hours of practical sessions, providing a deep dive into various aspects crucial for the smooth integration of international students into Ukrainian society. The course covers an array of topics designed to equip students with essential knowledge and skills for a seamless transition. Here is an overview of the key themes:

1. **Basic Information About Ukraine:** An introduction to the country, its geography, and essential facts that form the backdrop for international students.

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2. **History, Culture, and Traditions of Ukraine:** Delving into the rich tapestry of Ukrainian history, culture, and traditions, this segment aims to provide students with a nuanced understanding of their new cultural milieu.
3. **Main Monuments and Tourist Attractions of Ukraine:** Exploring the architectural wonders and cultural landmarks that make Ukraine a unique and fascinating destination.
4. **Rights and Obligations of International Students in Ukraine:** A comprehensive guide to the legal aspects of studying in Ukraine, ensuring that students are well-informed and secure in their new academic environment.
5. **Passport and Visa Regime Requirements:** Detailed information on the necessary documentation and procedural requirements, simplifying the bureaucratic process for international students.
6. **Cross-Cultural Communications:** Equipping students with the skills needed to navigate and thrive in a multicultural environment, fostering a sense of unity and understanding.
7. **European Values:** A discussion on the values integral to European societies, facilitating a smoother integration for international students.
8. **System of Higher Education in Ukraine and Legalization of Educational Documents:** A detailed overview of the higher education system in Ukraine, along with guidance on the legalization of educational documents. NUWEE is committed to providing international students with the necessary tools to thrive in their academic journey and beyond. During the course informal trainings, networking sessions, visiting public places for celebration of institutional and national holidays, etc. were held. Students from Equatorial Guinea, Republic of Moldova, Turkey, Republic of Belarus, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Azerbaijan and Germany have successfully passed the course. The course has received overwhelmingly positive feedback from participating students, who laud its effectiveness in providing practical insights and facilitating a seamless integration process. This success is NUWEE's commitment to creating a supportive and inclusive academic environment.