



THE UNIVERSITIES' REACTION TO BIG OBSTRUCTIONS:

Building resilient higher education to respond and manage societal crises

FUNDING: 800.000 EURO by the European Union (Erasmus+)
PROJECT PERIOD: 2024 – 2026



VISION: Fostering crises-resilient universities.

MISSION: In cooperation with NGOs and other stakeholders, to build Ukrainian universities' capacities to address the emerging needs of Ukrainian society and facilitate EU integration.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES:

1. Improve and build Ukrainian HEIs' capacity to provide more flexible educational offers relevant to the labor market and practice-oriented in the business and management field for faster integration into the EU educational space.
2. Contribute to re-placing internally displaced persons (IDPs) into new local communities through retraining and social adaptation.
3. Share experience on the retraining and social adaptation of IDPs within Ukraine and internationally.
4. Improve the Ukrainian system's regulatory framework for HE through the recognition of micro-credentials as part of lifelong learning practices at universities.
5. Facilitate cooperation between multiple actors to ensure social inclusiveness, increased employability of students, and quality of HE during times of social crisis.



EU RELEVANCE

- Regional priorities for Ukraine: Integration of migrants, which is relevant for inclusion and diversity priority in the Erasmus+ program
- The new micro-credential program is specifically designed to increase the chances of employment of IDPs in different regions
- Co-production through an active engagement of academic and non-academic partners
- Digitalization across and within

The project is relevant to ensuring Ukraine's sustainable economic recovery. With its activities, the project will be relevant to addressing the following sustainable development goals (SDGs):

- SDG 4: quality education and lifelong learning opportunities.
- SDG 8: decent work and economic growth.
- SDG 10: reduce inequality within and among countries.

WORKING PACKAGES:

WP1: Project management and coordination

- Establishing the formal framework for project execution
- Semi-annual project planning, accounting, and reporting (financial and social audit)
- Maintaining continuous communication in the project team

WP6: External evaluation of the project's performance

WP2: Capacity improving for partner HEIs (with a focus on Ukrainian needs)

- Training for UA HEIs
- Experience sharing among all partners

WP3: Developing and refining new educational program (each Ukrainian HEI)

- Reviewing and refining the previous experience and its adjustment to IDPs' needs
- Development and adaptation of innovative curricula
- Procurement of equipment

WP4: Program delivery to IDPs and own evaluation (by 7 Ukrainian HEIs and NGOs)

- Program delivery to IDPs
- Program adjustment
- Evaluation of the learning outcomes at the individual and program levels

WP5: Dissemination to and interaction with stakeholders, exploitation of results

- Dissemination and exploration strategy (including channels of communication, e.g., webpage, etc.)
- Dissemination within the consortium and outside the consortium to other Ukrainian HEIs
- Interaction with Ukrainian ministries, industry, and trade



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