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Organising the National HERE Team for Impact in Ukraine

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National HERE Team – Impact in Ukraine

- ✓ HERE team structure
- ✓ Interaction approaches
- ✓ Tips for new NEOs and HEREs on enhancing the impact of HERE activities
- Examples and organizational insights on effective team management

All details on Ukraine's education during martial law and opportunities to cooperate at <u>https://erasmusplus.org.ua/en/opportunities/erasmus-during-the-war-in-ukraine/</u>

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New reality for 8 years and 573 days (19.09.2023)

- <u>504 children are killed, more than 1115 are injured</u>, 19590 illegally deport *This data does not include information from areas where the active hostilities take place.*
- 9966 civilians are killed, plus over 100 000 in Mariupol (tbc)
- <u>17 535 civilians are injured</u>
- 3 mln. people: in the territories under invasion
- <u>11.98 million people displaced</u> due to the war
- over 18,8 mln. crossed the border, <u>11,7 to EU</u>; 5,3 mln. returned
- 3758 education institutions have suffered bombing and shelling
- <u>363 educational institutions have been destroyed completely</u>
- Educational process ongoing blended!
- International cooperation strengthened!
- Support and help from European Commissic EU and other Countries is valuable!



Thousands of Ukrainian children put through Russian so-called "re-education camps"

- Vale Humanitarian Research Lab report

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Bologna Process implementation

Legislation is in line with European Higher Education Area Recommendations

HigherEducationSystemofUkrainevideohttps://youtu.be/NGTzKkrkDHo

Vocational Education and Training System of Ukraine video https://youtu.be/xGabFI6AMKU

National Agency for Higher Education Quality Assurance: <u>https://en.naqa.gov.ua</u>

National Agency of Qualifications of Ukraine: <u>https://nqa.gov.ua/</u> Database of the universities and for International Students: <u>https://studyinukraine.gov.ua/en/</u>

In 2005, Ukraine joined the Bologna Process that is a positive step towards integrating Ukrainian higher education into the European Higher Education Area.

The Law of Higher Education (2014) is compatible with the Bologna Process (3-cycle HE, ECTS, DS, ESG, NQF implementation) and regulates the following:

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National Research Fund: https://nrfu.org.ua/

- 3-cycle Higher Education (Junior Bachelor (short cycle), Bachelor – Master – PhD)
- Development of National Quality Assurance System in line with The Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area (ESG) incl. National Agency on HE Quality Assurance – NQAA, accreditation, etc.
- Development of the national <u>higher education standards</u> in compliance with National Qualification Framework (NQF) and ESG
- Providing Diploma Supplement DS

DEVELOPMENTS IN EDUCATION SYSTEM

HIGHER EDUCATION LEVELS

Corresponding to the EHEA ECTS is implemented

Diploma Supplement produced according to European standards

QUALITY ASSURANCE

Quality Assurance is managed by the National Agency for Higher Education Quality Assurance

LEGAL FRAMEWORK

Law on Education, Law on Higher Education, Law on Vocational Education, Law on Secondary Education and other regulations are underpinned by a democratic and pro-European agenda

INSTITUTIONAL AUTONOMY AND ACADEMIC MOBILITY

HEIs define admission requirements, contents of education programs, fulfill foreign degrees recognition, issue documents on education

HEIs obtain gradually more financial autonomy and selfgovernance.

GENERAL SECONDARY EDUCATION AND ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION

General secondary education is under the reform to implement 12 year program (till 2030) to replace 11 year program. Access to HE is based on the Certificate of Complete General Secondary Education and according to the results of External Independent Evaluation (EIE)

UNIFIED STATE ELECTRONIC DATABASE ON EDUCATION

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USEDE provides the registers of Ukrainian HEIs, issued educational documents, EIE results, accreditation decisions and other related data on education

NATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK

National Qualifications Framework is in the process of being correlated with European Qualifications Framework and Qualifications Framework of the EHEA

- Implementation of the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System <u>ECTS – UA;</u> ECTS <u>– Eng</u>
- <u>Curricula</u> developed on competence-based and studentcentred approaches using Learning Outcomes
- Expansion of autonomy and academic freedom, student governance in HEIs
- Providing academic mobility for students and staff
- Recognition of foreign Universities degrees
- National Qualification Agency established and fully operational, responsible for NQF and Recognition.
- Strategy of Higher Education of Ukraine 2032

The Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine in close cooperation with the NEO – Ukraine recommends candidates in line with EACEA TOR.

- For HERE team updates, the Ministry/ NEO provides justification for the need for such an update based on the performance. The proposal is agreed between the Ministry and NEO through discussion by the NEO Coordinator and the Minister or Deputy Minister.
- HERE team Ministry members: Deputy Minister responsible for higher education and Head/Deputy of the Directorate of Higher Education.
- For the selection experts pool focus on educators, researchers and students.
- Active experts in higher education reforming in the context of European integration and Bologna process, active in national and international events, with publications on higher education reforms.
- Exchange of letters between NEO and Ministry and EU Delegation to Ukraine.





HERE team structure How is the HERE team formed and updated?

HERE selection criteria based on TOR:

- > relevant expert experience in the implementation of reforms in line with the Bologna process
- English language proficiency
- > experience in conducting events for the HEIs within relevant expert profiles and reforms areas
- The composition of the Ukrainian HERE team is formed with the provision of:
 - gender balance (6 female and 7 male experts)
 - representative balance (1 student; 4 academic staff, including 1 elected Member of the National Qualification Agency and 1 elected Member of NAQA; 2 administrative staff of Universities; 2 researchers from research institutions, 4 representatives of the Ministry and the Parliament' Committee on Education including 1 – BFUG member)
 - competence areas balance (representation of experts from various fields of knowledge)
 - balance to cover different regions of Ukraine
 - HERE Career growth 2009-2023:

Minister, Deputy Ministers, Directorate, Head and Members of NQAA, Rectors, Vice Rectors, ETF expert etc.





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13 experts, 4 from 2009

Team and activity plans:

<u>https://erasmusplus.org.ua/en/opportunities/higher-education-reform-experts-team-here-team/</u> Events: <u>https://erasmusplus.org.ua/news/tag/here/</u> Documents: https://erasmusplus.org.ua/library/materialy-here-team/





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Interaction approaches How does the HERE team communicate and interact with stakeholders?

- ✓ HERE meetings take place 3 times per year (beginning/middle/ end of year) for planning and reporting. Additionally there are ad hoc meetings on request of the Ministry or for discussion, consultation on urgent issue (draft law, amendments to the legislation)
- ✓ Draft HERE Activities Plan for year is prepared by the NEO, discussed with HERE team and the Ministry. Approved Plan is placed on the NEO website. During the year, the Plan is supplemented and refined in accordance with changes in planned events and new circumstances in the country
- ✓ The Plan includes two parts:
 - expert activities for higher education reform support via participation in working groups under the Ministry, consultations, expertise, etc.
 - schedule of planned events



Interaction approaches How does the HERE team communicate and interact with stakeholders?

✓ Local and international HERE activities organization

NEO consults on topics for TAM events with HERE Chairman, short list of the topics is presented to the topic term and discussed. TAM event project and agenda is developed in cooperation with HERE via e-mails and HERE chat in Viber as well as face-to-face meetings. HEREs initiate local joint events that are developed and organised in cooperation with HEIs or other stakeholders as usually.

Criteria and procedure for selecting HEREs to participate in SPHERE events

HERE team is informed about topic and date of SPHERE event, each expert confirms the possibility to participate, and NEO makes decision based on his/her competence area and participation in previous SPHERE events.

Cooperation with the Ministry and other bodies (Parliament's Committee on Education, Science and Innovation, National Quality Assurance Agency, National Qualification Agency), synergy with Programmes

HERE team is engaged by the Ministry into expertise of the draft higher education standards using for accreditation, involved by the Ministry and other bodies into legislation and strategic documents development. HEREs together with NEO provide expert editing of Ukrainian/English translation of international/national documents in higher education sphere (EHEA, EEA, Bologna Ministerial Conferences etc.).







Interaction approaches How does the HERE team communicate and interact with stakeholders?

- ✓ Regional Events with other NEO&HEREs
- ✓ Cooperation with HEIs and CBHE projects
 HEREs provide:
 - co-organisation of the joint thematic events with HEIs and presentations
 - consultations and presentations on higher education issues on HEI's requests in frame of the different events
 - expertise of modules syllabuses on CBHE projects requests
 - discussions and consultations on CBHE projects outcomes and impact at Cluster events

Capacity building of HEIs to implement reforms.





Examples and organizational insights on effective HERE team management

Webinar "European integration: ensuring sustainable development of higher education and society in Ukraine"

- Webinar "Governance, Management and Functioning of HEIs and Higher Education System in line with QA, Digitalisation and Inclusion"
- Roundtable "Leadership of Ukrainian Universities in the context of International Ranking Criteria"

<u>3rd National Seminar on Modern Educational Technologies EduTech Kyrgystan 2022 with the</u> <u>participation of HERE team</u>

Documents: QA system in Ukraine – higher education standards development

XI International Conference «European Integration of Ukraine' Higher Education in the context of Bologna Process. RECOVERY: Challenges, Approaches and Tools» - Annual Bologna process Conference on Trends in European Higher Education Area





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Tips for new NEOs and HEREs on enhancing the impact of HERE activities

- HERE team page on the NEO website, special library, tags to post presentations, reports, and other publications, including proposals to draft laws and other legislation
- Follow the websites, Facebook pages of the Ministry of Education and other key organizations in the field of higher education (NAQA, NQA) for information on the development and public discussion of draft laws, strategic documents, etc., in order to involve the HERE team in preparing proposals in a timely manner
- Contact the Ministry with proposals regarding the HERE team's participation in the preparation of draft laws, strategic documents and others, in frame of the working groups in particular
- Involve HEREs into Cluster events to discuss and consult on CBHE projects outcomes and impact
- Invite the Ministry's representatives responsible for the implementation of Erasmus+ projects for participation in Cluster events to monitor CBHE projects outcomes and promote impact on national level, where necessary
- Try to involve the Ministry in conducting TAM events as a co-organiser, providing speeches by representatives of the Ministry regarding reforms and novations in higher education







Examples and organizational insights on effective HERE team management

HERE team WhatsApp/Telegram/Viber chat promotes more operative communication in any time and in any place

On-line regular and ad hoc meetings with HERE team via ZOOM platform or blended

E-mail group communication with HERE team for annual planning and reporting, for exchange proposals on activities, events, documents

Special template of semi-annual report for HEREs (it is helpful for NEO annual report preparation)

Special template of HERE presentation with logo, etc.

PHERE team Chairman annually (more HEREs act as a leader with various ideas and approaches)







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