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Roundtable

INTERNATIONALISATION AS A DRIVER OF RESEARCH-BASED EDUCATION

23 September 2025

Hybrid, NEO – Ukraine, 9 Bastionna Str., Kyiv

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Objectives. Competencies obtained to modernise higher education activities in line with internationalisation and research-based education.

Target Audience: Representatives of the HEIs, Ministry of Education and Sciences of Ukraine, NAQA, HERE team, Parliament's Committee of Education, Science and Innovations, National Academy of Educational Sciences of Ukraine (NAESU), academic staff, students (*up to 30 offline and up to 100 online participants*).

Learning Outcomes (0,25 credits ECTS):

- Understand European policies and practices of internationalisation in higher education
- Realise approaches to modernisation of education activities in line with internationalisation and research-based education

Materials: Ukraine Higher Education Development Strategy 2032 (draft amendments 2024); EHEA documents.

Moderator: Zhanna TALANOVA, NEO Ukraine & Yuriy Rashkevych, HERE Chair

9:30	Participants registration
9:45	Welcome speech <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ EU Delegation to Ukraine (<i>tbc</i>) ○ Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine (<i>tbc</i>) ○ National Erasmus+ Office – Ukraine
10:00	Opening remarks on higher education internationalisation according to EHEA principles and national legislation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine (<i>tbc</i>)
10:30	Questions and Answers
10:45	Research-Based Education and Research as a priority for modern University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ National Academy of Educational Sciences of Ukraine (<i>tbc</i>)
11:15	Questions and Answers
11:30	Coffee break
11:45	Internationalisation as a Driver of Research-Based Education: best practices to integrate research and education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jan HUPKENS, Senior Policy Advisor Internationalisation for the Maastricht University Executive Board – TAM expert
12:45	Questions and Answers
13:00	Lunch / Coffee break
13:30	European policies and practices to develop higher education internationalization: opportunities for Ukrainian Universities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jan HUPKENS, Senior Policy Advisor Internationalisation for the Maastricht University Executive Board – TAM expert
14:05	Questions and Answers
14:15	Internationalisation in the context of Research-Based Education: cases <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Erasmus+ projects (<i>tbc</i>)
15:00	Outcomes, HERE Chair & NEO

**Interpretation (English/Ukrainian/English) would be provided*

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MEET THE TAM EXPERT

Jan HUPKENS, Senior Policy Advisor Internationalisation for the Maastricht University Executive Board. The Maastricht University (UM) is the most international university in the Netherlands and stands out for its innovative education model, international character and multidisciplinary approach to research and education. Today UM is considered one of the best young universities in the world.

He is results-driven senior policy advisor. Passionate about global higher education policy as a means to create better societies. Since 2017 he strategically advises the UM Executive Board and oversee the implementation of UM's internationalisation policy. Expert's areas of expertise include advisory functions regarding the internationalisation of higher education (for different management levels), with particular attention for developing and implementing university internationalisation strategies, quality assurance, international student mobility policy and research on EU affairs:

- Developing and overseeing the implementation of the internationalisation policy of the university
- Advising the Executive Board and the faculties with regards to strategic issues in internationalisation policy, such as the participation in strategic university networks, language policy, Erasmus+ (all project lines), scholarships and the European Universities Initiative (EUI)
- Representing Maastricht University nationally and internationally at conferences and during delegation visits
- Advising the UM President as the chair of the Strategic Board for Internationalisation (SBI), which sets the university-wide strategy for internationalisation
- Developing the UM's COVID-19 response, as the sole internationalisation representative in the UM Crisis Management Team (CMT) led by the Executive Board.

Jan HUPKENS works in Dutch, English, French, German, Spanish and Modern Standard Arabic.