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**Higher Education Reform Experts, HERE – ERASMUS+**

## Roundtable

# INTERNATIONALISATION AS A DRIVER OF RESEARCH-BASED EDUCATION

*23 September 2025, hybrid format*

*(venue – Institute of Higher Education, NAES of Ukraine and NEO – Ukraine)*

## 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, HERE team, National Academy of Educational Sciences of Ukraine (NAESU), academic staff, students.

**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 higher education

**Materials:** [Ukraine Higher Education Development Strategy 2032 \(draft amendments 2024\)](#); [Erasmus+ projects database](#); [EHEA documents](#).

**Moderator:** Zhanna TALANOVA, NEO – Ukraine

<b>9:30</b>	<b>Participants registration</b>
<b>9:45</b>	<b>Welcome speech</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Adrien OLSZAK-OLSZEWSKI</b>, Policy Officer for Ukraine, DG EAC – The Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture, European Commission</li> <li>○ <b>Kateryna DUKHNYCH</b>, Education Officer, Delegation of the European Union to Ukraine</li> <li>○ <b>Svitlana SHYTIKOVA</b>, Coordinator, National Erasmus+ Office – Ukraine</li> <li>○ <b>Serhii SHKABKO</b>, Head of the Expert Group on European Integration, Directorate of European and Euro-Atlantic Integration, Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine</li> </ul>
<b>10:05</b>	<b>Ukraine’s full association to Erasmus+ Programme: steps to be taken.</b> Opening remarks on higher education internationalisation in the context of the EU accession negotiation process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Serhii SHKABKO</b>, Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine</li> </ul>
<b>10:20</b>	<b>Questions and Answers</b>
<b>10:30</b>	<b>Research-Based Education and Research as a priority for modern University</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Volodymyr LUGOVYY</b>, First Vice-President, National Academy of Educational Sciences of Ukraine, HERE</li> </ul>
<b>11:00</b>	<b>Questions and Answers</b>
<b>11:15</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>11:30</b>	<b>Internationalisation of Higher Education as a Driver for growth: Opportunities to strengthen research-based education. Best practices to integrate research and education</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Jan HUPKENS</b>, Senior Policy Advisor Internationalisation for the Maastricht University Executive Board – TAM expert</li> </ul>
<b>12:30</b>	<b>Questions and Answers</b>
<b>12:45</b>	<b>Lunch / Coffee break</b>
<b>13:20</b>	<b>Important current European &amp; Global Initiatives that offer opportunities for Ukrainian Universities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Jan HUPKENS</b>, Senior Policy Advisor Internationalisation for the Maastricht University Executive Board – TAM expert</li> </ul>
<b>14:00</b>	<b>Questions and Answers</b>

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**14:15 Internationalisation in the context of Research-Based Education: Cases. ERASMUS+ projects**

- **Maria MYSHLOVSKA**, Joint Master Programme Graduate, Ukrainian Catholic University, HERE
- ERASMUS MUNDUS JOINT MASTER PROGRAMMES Projects – EMJM

**14:30** National Technical University of Ukraine "Igor Sikorsky Kyiv Polytechnic Institute"  
(*Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters – Full Partner; EM*)

**Danylo TAVROV**, Head of Joint Programme, Head of the Applied Mathematics Department

**Olga DEMYDENKO**, Head of Joint Programme, Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Linguistics, Head of the Academic Mobility Department

- CAPACITY BUILDING IN HIGHER EDUCATION – CBHE

**15:00** DIGIUNI – Digital University – Open Ukrainian Initiative (2023-2027)

**Lyudmyla ZAGORUIKO**, Project Manager, Leading Specialist of the International Relations Office, Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv Ukraine

**15:15** SIN-NEC – Sustainability and Internationalization Capacities to Promote Modernisation of Newcomers Higher Education in Neighbourhood East Countries (2024-2026)

**Svitlana LYTVYNOVA**, Deputy Director for Science, Institute for Digitalisation of Education, National Academy of Educational Sciences of Ukraine

**15:30 Outcomes**

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

**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.