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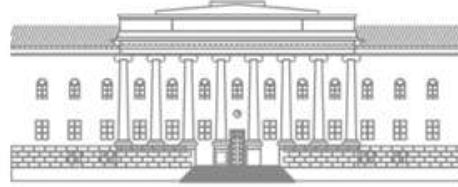
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Internationalisation in the context of Research-Based Education:

Case of the project

Digital University – Open Ukrainian Initiative (DigiUni)

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Higher Education in Wartime Ukraine

Challenges Faced:

➢ Physical infrastructure destruction and damage

➢ Displacement of students and staff across Ukraine

➢ Interrupted academic processes and change of traditional learning methods

➢ Maintaining international academic connections and standards

Digital University – Open Ukrainian Initiative

Duration: 4 years (2023-2027)

Funding: European Union - Erasmus+ Programme

Coordinator: Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv

Partnership: International consortium of EU and Ukrainian institutions

4
Years Duration

21
Partner Institutions

100+
New Digital Courses

6000+
Beneficiaries

Target groups:

Students: Displaced domestic and international students, regular students

Educators: Ukrainian HEI teachers and staff

Special Groups: Veterans, displaced persons, war-affected individuals

Broader Community: General secondary and vocational students, professionals seeking development

Innovations:

- Unified digital ecosystem

- Advanced technologies

- Open DigiUni Charter

- Micro-credentials set

- Virtual mobility

- Quality standards

Internationalization

Redefining International Academic Cooperation
Transforms internationalization from traditional physical mobility to innovative digital cooperation

International Integration
Strengthens ties with EU universities and maintains international academic best practices

Changes:

Geographic Boundaries
Enables Ukrainian students to access EU university courses without physical relocation

Institutional Agreements
Creates direct access to EU academic content without bilateral agreements, streamlining international cooperation

Ukrainian Language Worldwide
Promotes Ukrainian studies globally while facilitating multilingual education delivery across partner institutions

Global reach:

Ukrainian Diaspora Connection
Reconnects displaced Ukrainians worldwide with their homeland's educational system, maintaining cultural and academic ties.

International Student Attraction
Creates new pathways for foreign students to engage with Ukrainian education, promoting Ukrainian studies globally.

Reverse Brain Drain
Enables Ukrainian academics abroad to contribute to homeland education while maintaining international careers.

Long-term Vision

Global Digital University Network - for international higher education cooperation in the digital age

Model for Post-Conflict Recovery - demonstrating how digital internationalization can rebuild educational systems

European Integration - strengthening Ukraine's integration into the European Higher Education Area

Diaspora-Ukraine Bridge - creating permanent connections between Ukrainian communities worldwide

Innovation Sharing - using the example of Ukrainian digital education innovations globally

Thank you for your attention!

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