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Projects at the Department of Social Work, Faculty of Education, CU

ERASMUS+ PROJECTS

Project name: **Upgrade with Learner – centred Approach**

Grant agency: National Agency for Erasmus+ Programme for Strategic Partnerships
SAAIC - Slovak Academic Association for International Cooperation

Project no.: 2020-1-SK01-KA203-078306

Project duration: 2020 - 2022

Project leader from FE CU: doc. PhDr. Markéta Rusnáková, PhD.

Partner organizations: Catholic University in Ružomberok – project coordinator (SK), Harmony Academy s.r.o. (SK), Primary School Bystrická cesta, Ružomberok (SK), Mykolas Romeiris University (LT), Centar za inovacii i digitalna edukacija – DIG – ED (NM), Bierdriba Eurofortis (LV), Osnovna sola Dobje (SI), Opshtinsko osnovno uchilishte STRASHO PINDJUR Negotino (NM), Vilniaus Prano Masioto pradine mokykla (LT),

Annotation (EN):

In line with the proposal of the latest accreditation standards in the Slovak Republic issued by the Slovak Accreditation Agency for University (higher) education we decided in this project to focus on professional development of educators and help them achieve their excellence through the structured competence-based career path. We base this project on the learner-centred approach that is the fundamental basis of these standards. Standard VS3: The university implements study programmes by encouraging the active role of students in education and learning, and this approach is also reflected in student evaluation. Student-centered learning and teaching plays an important role in motivating, self-reflecting and self-involving in learning process. This means that more attention needs to be paid to the creation, modification and implementation of study programmes as well as to the evaluation of outputs.

Implementation of student-centered learning and teaching means:

- to respect and pay attention to the diversity of students and their needs and to allow flexibility in trajectories in their study,



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- where appropriate, consider and use different ways of providing education
- flexibly use of the whole spectrum of pedagogical methods and forms
- regularly evaluate and improve the application of pedagogical methods, forms and ways of education providing
- foster students' sense of autonomy and self-support while providing them appropriate guidance and support from the teacher
- encourage the mutual respect between student and teacher relationships
- have formalized appropriate structures and processes to handle student complaints and suggestions. Given the current set-up of the accreditation system and the quality system of universities in Slovakia, we perceive the objectives of our project as topical. An innovative factor in this project is the fact that we have linked the system of higher education, private educational institutions, primary schools and the system of excellence. This system closes the circle of transferring high-quality learner-oriented education in the education of future teachers and their practical training in our model elementary schools.

Project name: **European Joint Master in Social Work with Children and Youth - ESWOCHY**

Grant agency: Education, Audiovisual & Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) – Erasmus Mundus JMD

Project no.: 619857-EPP-1-2020-1-LT-EPPKA1-JMD-MOB

Project duration: 2020 – 2026

Project coordinator: dr. Raminta Bardaskiene

Project leader from FE CU: Mgr. Daniel Markovič, PhD.

Partner organizations: Mykolo Romeiro Universitate (LT) – project coordinator, Catholic University in Ružomberok (SK), Riga Stradiņš University (LV), Lisabon University (PT)

Annotation (EN):

The Erasmus Mundus Joint Master's Degree Program (EMJMD) is a prestigious integrated international study program jointly provided by an international consortium of higher education institutions. Students admitted to study can study at partner universities, namely Mykolas Romeris University in Vilnius, Lithuania, Riga Stradins University in Latvia, the Catholic University in Ružomberok and the Lisbon University Institute in Portugal. They will be students of all partner schools, and if they successfully complete the program, they will receive diplomas from four universities. Thanks to the supported project, the accreditation process of the master's study program in English will begin at PF KU. The preparatory process and study will take



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place at the Department of Social Work. The aim of the joint master's program is to prepare highly qualified professionals for the position of leaders in the field of international, intercultural and comparative social work with children and youth. Students will gain an educational and experiential foundation combining theories of social work, social sciences, humanities and local knowledge, comparative international research, policy development and the latest knowledge on the use of ICT in the practice of social work with children and youth. Such specialists will be able to support the empowerment of children and young people on the basis of the principles of social justice, human rights, responsibility and respect for diversity. The study will last two years, the student will receive 120 ECTS credits.

KEGA

Project name: **Implementation of innovative tools into higher education in the field of study social work with a focus on the employment of graduates**

Grant agency and project no.: KEGA 014KU-4/2020

Project duration: 2020-2022

Project leader for FE CU: doc. PhDr. Irena Kamanová, PhD. MHA

Annotation:

The aim of the project is the creation and pilot verification of a specialized web portal enabling a qualitatively higher level of implementation of professional practices in the field of social work at universities, implementing undergraduate training of future social workers and a closer connection between theory and practice. The modern web platform aims to create a user-friendly environment for all members of the triad - the university, the practice workplace and the student.