

Ukrainian-Bavarian Higher Education Day

October 1st and 2nd, 2018 at Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg

Place:

Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg

Zentrales Hörsaal- und Seminargebäude / Gebäude Z 6 (Central lecture hall building / Building Z 6),

Am Hubland, 97074 Würzburg

Concept

At present, Ukrainian and Bavarian institutes of higher education maintain 48 partnerships. All 10 Bavarian research universities and 5 (out of 19) Bavarian universities of applied sciences have partner universities in Ukraine. On the Ukrainian side, 34 universities and research institutes in all parts of the country have partner institutions in Bavaria. However, universities in Lviv in Western Ukraine and in the capital Kiev maintain about half of the partnerships with Bavarian institutes of higher education.

Ukrainian and Bavarian institutes of higher education and research cooperate in all academic fields, both in natural and engineering sciences and humanities and social sciences. Cooperation includes exchange of students, joint seminars, education of young researchers and joint research projects.

University enrolment in Ukraine is very high (80% of 19-25 year-olds). Germany is among the most popular destinations of Ukrainian students who want to study abroad, with German being the second foreign language after English.

Ukraine has a rich scientific heritage from the Soviet Union, especially in physics, material sciences, chemistry, mathematics and earth and planetary sciences, while recently specialization increased also in energy and economics, econometrics and finance. The annual output of Ukrainian scientific co-publications with EU-countries and associated countries is growing particularly strong in Economics & Business and in Information & Communication Technologies.

In 2014 a new law on higher education has been adopted in Ukraine. It increased the autonomy of universities and allowed them to administer their budget on their own and develop syllabi independently. Furthermore, it enhances internationalization by expanding the offer of courses in English language, simplifying the recognition of foreign degrees and fostering compliance with the Bologna agreement.

In 2017 a peer review of the Ukrainian Research and Innovation System has been written by an independent panel of experts and national peers. The new National Council of Ukraine for the Development of Science and Technology has been given the task of implementing the recommendations of the peer review which include competitive research funding, enhancing R&D at universities, international collaboration (e.g. participation in European research and using the

expertise of the Ukrainian diaspora) and supporting innovation (e.g. by science-industry mobility schemes).

The Ukrainian-Bavarian Higher Education Day aims at initiating further academic cooperation in research, teaching, and strengthening already existing partnerships in order to use the opportunities held by the new framework conditions in Ukraine. It will be dedicated to students' exchange, joint research and cooperation of academia and business. The program includes good practice examples of Ukrainian-Bavarian university partnerships, presentations of leading Ukrainian universities, an introduction to the Ukrainian and German system of higher education and research as well as information on funding possibilities.

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