

PARTNER SEARCH FORM FOR COOPERATION IN ERASMUS+ PROJECT

Title of the University	Francisk Skorina Gomel State University
Information about the University, main fields of activities	<p>Francisk Skorina Gomel State University is one the leading universities of the Republic of Belarus. It is a comprehensive higher education institution of diversified character which turns out specialists for economic, scientific, research and educational enterprises and organizations.</p> <p>13 faculties: Faculty of Physics and Information Technologies (Physics. Production Activity; Computer Physics; Electronic Security Systems; Physics. Scientific Pedagogical Activity; Programmed Mobile Systems; Physical Electronics; Automated Systems of Data Processing), Faculty of Psychology and Pedagogics (Social Pedagogy; Psychology; Social Work. Social and Psychological Activities), Faculty of Economics (Global Economics; Finance and Credit; Economics and Business Management; Public Administration), Faculty of Biology (Biology. Scientific Pedagogical Activity; Forestry), Faculty of Mathematics and Programming Technologies (Mathematics. Scientific Pedagogical Activity; Applied Mathematics. Scientific Production Activity; Applied Mathematics. Scientific Pedagogical Activity; Economic Cybernetics. Mathematical Methods and Computer Modeling in Economics; Informatics and Programming Technologies; Information Technologies Software Support), Faculty of Foreign Languages (English. German. French), Faculty of Physical Training, Faculty of History (History. World and National; Museum Studies and Protection of Historical and Cultural Heritage. History and Museology; Museum Studies and Protection of Historical and Cultural Heritage. Cultural Heritage and Tourism), Faculty of Philology (Belarusian Philology. Literary and Editorial Work; Russian Philology. Literary and Editorial Work), Faculty of Law (Jurisprudence), Faculty of Geology and Geography (Geography. Scientific Pedagogical Activity; Geoecology; Geology and Exploration of Mineral Resources Deposits), Faculty of Pre-University Training and Study of Foreign Citizens, Faculty of Correspondent Studies.</p> <p>Scientific research, fundamental and applied activities are implemented in 14 main directions. 10 scientific and scientific-pedagogical schools and 18 research laboratories in spheres of Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, Ecology, Economics and Philology function at the university.</p> <p>The University has achieved great success in the sphere of international cooperation. Increase in quality of international cooperation and university recognition abroad has been observed for the last 5 years. Francisk Skorina Gomel State University established long-lasting and successful cooperation with a whole range of foreign universities and organizations from Germany, Russia, France, Poland, Finland, Sweden, China, Japan, India, Turkey. Outstanding specialists and lecturers of European universities visit GSU annually.</p> <p>The University has experience in organizing international summer schools. Two of such schools were organized in 2017 (in the spheres of law and ecology) with participation of German, Russian and Belarusian Bachelor's, Master's Degree students and lecturers. In 2018 two more summer schools will be organized at the Faculty of Psychology and Philology and Faculty of Philology.</p>
Information about the intended Erasmus+ project (objectives etc.)	<p>Within the framework of the intended Erasmus+ project Francisk Skorina Gomel State University is highly motivated to develop cooperation in such spheres as Ecology, Physics, Pedagogics, History, Economics, Law.</p> <p>Ecology: At Francisk Skorina Gomel State University considerable attention is attached to ecological upbringing of students and staff members aiming at development of environmentally friendly personality.</p> <p>As one of the leading higher education institutions of Belarus, Francisk Skorina Gomel State University aspires to meet the requirements of society and organize</p>

	<p>all-round thorough training of specialists in all areas. That's why the training process in all specialities is organized at all levels of higher education (undergraduate, Master's degree and PhD studies), which guarantees depth of knowledge and alumni's ability to participate in development of society and integration of Belarusian state in world community.</p> <p>Physics: Intensive activities related to IT development are carried out at the Faculty of Physics and Information Technologies. Cooperation with such world famous companies as «EPAM Systems», «IBA Group» was established. Considerable success was achieved in study and application of «Java Enterprise», «Administration OS Linux», «Lotos Domino Technology» technologies. Students and staff members participate in various IT-related national and international contests on a regular basis. English-language specialities «Informatics and Technologies of Programming» (undergraduate studies, awarded qualification – «Engineer-System programmer») and «Programme Software» (Master's degree studies, awarded qualification – «Master of Technical /Physical and Mathematical Sciences») were introduced.</p> <p>History: Faculty of History gained considerable success in academic and research activities. A scientific research institute operates at the faculty. Study is of a practice-oriented character. Students participate in archeological surveys.</p> <p>Pedagogics: Faculty is engaged in preparing modules and programmes in accordance with principles of Bologna process and its implementation in study process.</p> <p>Economics: Faculty of Economics established close cooperation with real economy sector, banks and state authorities, which provides foundation for practical training of students, enables future specialists to put their knowledge into practice and observe the case study, as well as to pattern a challenge-facing strategy. Foreign students successfully study in English-language speciality «Global Economics» (undergraduate studies, awarded qualification – «Economist»).</p> <p>The intended mobility project could be dedicated to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Development of curricula in the indicated spheres in accordance with principles of the Bologna process with its further implementation in study process. 2. Capacity building of teachers and Bachelor's, Master's Degree and PhD students in the indicated spheres and education in general. 3. Strengthening of research basis both of GSU and partner European universities.
<p>Project proposal/description (expected outcomes etc.)</p>	<p>Participation of Francisk Skorina Gomel State University in the intended international mobility project with European partners will provide an excellent opportunity for our specialists and students to get familiar with principles of organization of EU education. It will be possible to introduce models of European education at our University and improve the quality of Belarusian education in general. Mutual experience exchange in the sphere of science, education, culture and international activities will contribute to development of common European educational environment.</p> <p>Recent joining of Belarus the Bologna process set severe requirements to us, as well as the whole Belarusian system of education. It is a great opportunity to build partnerships in education. The project may accelerate process of adaptation to requirements, introduction of English-taught programmes in curricula. It will be useful for us to study principles of organization of study process in EU.</p>
<p>Previous international experience:</p>	<p>Erasmus+ projects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. «PHYSICS» (Improvement of master-level education in the field of physical sciences in Belorussian universities). Participation since 2015. Aims at

	<p>development of modern Master`s degree programmes in such areas as functional nanomaterials, photonics and applied physics in accordance with the Bologna process principles and to introduce these programmes in four Belarusian universities;</p> <p>2. ELA (Introducing modules on law and rights in programmes of teacher training and educational sciences: a contribution to building rights-based education systems in countries in transition). Participation since 2016. Aims at developing right-based education and composing modules on law with its further inclusion in university curricula.</p> <p>3. FOSTERC (Fostering Competencies Development in Belarusian Higher Education). Participation since 2016. Aims at fostering of implementation of innovative principles and approaches in the sphere of education in Belarusian higher education institutions aiming at improving of results of academic activities in accordance with principles of the Bologna process.</p> <p>TEMPUS projects:</p> <p>1. EcoBRU (Ecological Education for Belarus, Russia and Ukraine). Participation since 2013. Aims at development and modernization of study programmes in ecological education in system of continuing education for teachers and academicians, testing and application of distant study courses in ecological disciplines.</p> <p>2. CERES (Centers of Excellence for young REsearchers). Participation since 2014. Aims at improvement of conditions for scientific research activities of young researchers from EU, Belarusian and Ukrainian universities, as well as development of virtual portal and two centers of cooperation between young researchers, academicians and enterprises (target groups) in Belarus and Ukraine.</p> <p>3. TETVET (Teacher Education and Training in Tourism in Belarus). Terminated in 2014.</p> <p>4. INOVEST (Eastern Partnership in Pedagogical Innovations in Inclusive Education). Terminated in 2015.</p>
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