

#### ERASMUS+ INNHUB GDAŃSK, WELCOME POINT UG AND THE EUROSKILLS 2023 PROJECTS HAVE, BEEN LAUNCHED





Erasmus+

Erasmus+ InnHUB Gdańsk, the EuroSkills 2023 Poland competition and the Welcome Centre UG - as many as three projects were inaugurated at a single event. They will benefit regional as well as international ventures, poles as well as visitors from abroad, entrepreneurs and their employees. On September 5th, representatives of Pomeranian higher education institutions, the city of Gdańsk and the Foundation for the Development of the Education System met at the University of Gdańsk Library to launch cooperation on projects which will have a significant impact on the region of northern Poland.

#### Erasmus+ for UG staff - recruitment still ongoing

As part of the Erasmus+ programme, research and teaching staff and administrative staff at the University of Gdańsk have the opportunity to apply for funding for trips abroad to gain professional experience, to develop professionally and to exchange good practice and strengthen cooperation between higher education institutions.

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#### Open Call for the Programme for the exchange of students and researchers within the framework of bilateral cooperation

The aim of the Programme is to increase the internationalisation of Polish higher education, to establish academic cooperation and to implement it through personal exchanges of students and academics based on international agreements between Poland and the partner countries indicated in the Programme regulations, as well as bilateral cooperation at national or departmental level. The deadline for the submission of applications is 20th of December 2022.

#### More information —

# Recruitment for the UG Visiting Professors



The call for applications for the third edition of the UG Visiting Professors Programme has started. Funding is available under the programme for visits by outstanding researchers from abroad. The beneficiary of the programme receives reimbursement of travel and accommodation costs and remuneration for teaching and/or research work.

To enter the competition, the visit supervisor must submit an application. Details of the competition and the application procedure can be found at

https://en.ug.edu.pl/cooperation/ug-visiting-professors. The deadline for submission of the application: December 1, 2022.







### UNIVERSITY OF GDAŃSK AS PATRON OF SKILLSPOLAND 2022

Information and communication technology, transportation and logistics were two of the six areas in which young people from all over Poland competing in the SkillsPoland 2022 competition, which is a qualifier for the international EuroSkills competition. On November 23-25 this year, the national SkillsPoland 2022 competition, which is a preliminary to the international EuroSkills competition, took place at the AMBEREXPO Exhibition and Congress Centre (ul. Żaglowa 11, Gdańsk). This was a particularly important event for our city, as it is in Gdańsk that the final of this competition will take place in September 2023.

The University of Gdańsk, in addition to its patronage, takes an active part in its organisation as a member of the WorldSkills coalition.

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#### **UG delegation in Cádiz**

From November 9th until November 11th, 2022, the representatives of the University of Gdańsk visited the coordinator of the SEA-EU alliance – the University of Cadiz. The delegation attended the "Polish Days" staff week, being a part of the internationalization initiative set within the consortium. The Chancellor for Infrastructure and Administration, Leszek Fiertek along with delegates of the Human Resources Department, the Career Office, the Scientific Project Office, the SEA-EU Office and the Erasmus+ Exchange Office, spent three days getting to know their counterparts at the University of Cádiz.

The first day was focused on popularization of the University of Gdańsk as a destination for student and administrative staff exchange.





The matter of increasing mobility, the most commonly-encountered difficulties, and the implementation of effective solutions were discussed. The guest delegates encouraged the hosts to visit UG for a traineeship within the framework of the ERASMUS+ programme or job shadowing within the SEA-EU project. By presenting our vast resources and open internationalization strategy, the University of Gdańsk emphasized the need for improving mobility rates among all partner institutions. The second day was dedicated to workshops on exchanging good practices and analyzing recruitment procedures. On the last day, which was National Independence Day in Poland, the group was invited to a themed picnic on the UCA campus grounds in Puerto Real. The programme involved traditional polish cuisine tasting accompanied by all-time Polish music classics. The trip contributed to strengthening the relationship with our Spanish partners, but also resulted in the UG employees bonding on a personal level, which will undoubtedly translate to even higher quality of cooperation.



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### 35 YEARS OF ERASMUS AND ERASMUS PLUS: UNIVERSITY OF GDAŃSK NATIONAL

The Erasmus and Erasmus Plus programme has been running for 35 years! The anniversary was celebrated as part of the 5th Education Congress. The discussion panels and lectures organised as part of the congress focused on internationalisation in education in its broadest sense, mainly through the prism of values that unite Europe.

Above all, however, the event was an opportunity to celebrate the 35th anniversary of the Erasmus+ programme, which is widely recognised as one of the greatest successes of European integration. Thanks to the mobility of millions of students and teachers, the European community has been enriched by a generation of people who are creative, open-minded and courageous in embracing new educational and cultural experiences. The plenary panel on the implementation of the European Education Area (EEA) concept was attended by the Rector of the University of Gdańsk, prof. dr hab. Piotr Stepnowski. The debate concerned, among other things, the role of higher education in implementing the main postulates of the EEA, in terms of increasing the quality and accessibility of education, digitisation and environmental education, and finally lifelong learning programmes.



# Vice-Rector for International Cooperation at the Head of the KRUP University Internationalisation Commitee



dr hab. Anna Jurkowska-Zeidler, prof. UG

At the request of the Rector, prof. dr hab. Piotr Stepnowski, the Conference of Rectors of Academic Schools in Poland established the University Internationalisation Commission, which will be based at our university. The first Chair of the UKU for the period 2023-24 was appointed Vice-Rector for International Cooperation, dr hab. Anna Jurkowska-Zeidler, prof. UG. - 'This is one of the proofs that the University of Gdańsk is beginning to be perceived in the community as a place to implement a bold and multifaceted internationalisation strategy.' - said the UG Rector.

Thanks to European Union projects and digitisation, the boundaries between European and global universities are becoming increasingly blurred. The budget for the new edition of the Erasmus+ programme for 2021 - 2027 is €26.2 billion.

This is almost twice as much funding as in 2014 - 2020. At the same time, the pandemic and the war in Ukraine have posed new challenges for the internationalisation of universities. The demand for international cooperation is growing, which is why the Conference of Rectors of Academic Schools in Poland (CRASP) decided to set up a unit to help coordinate these activities between Polish universities. The University Commission for Internationalisation (UCI) was established so that Polish HEIs could. among other things, develop common positions and proposals on new challenges, exchange experiences and new practices and coordinate cooperation between institutions allowing for internationalisation.

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#### **Open call in the BioLAB programme**

The BioLAB programme is a one-year internship for students in the biological, chemical, biophysical and medical sciences (biology, biochemistry, biophysics, bioinformatics, biotechnology, chemistry, physics, etc.) at four US research institutions: University of Virginia, University of Chicago, Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation and UT Southwestern Medical Center. The application deadline for the 2023-24 academic year is 1st of February 2023. **FULBRIGHT** Poland

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### Fulbright Slavic Award

The Fulbright Slavic Award is a didactic scholarship intended for persons employed at Polish institutions of higher education whose academic interests are related to culture (literature, media, art) or the history, politics

and economics of Poland and Central and Eastern Europe. The scholarship is also addressed to persons with knowledge of the realities (literature, art, history) of the USA, who wish to disseminate knowledge about Poland among American students. The scholarship makes it possible to teach at one

of the two universities cooperating with the Polish-American Fulbright Commission: the University of Illinois in Chicago (UIC) and The Ohio State University in Columbus (OSU). The deadline for applications: December 12, 2022.



#### MEETING BETWEEN THE UG AUTHORITIES AND THE AMBASSADOR OF ROMANIA

The further development of cooperation between the units of the University of Gdańsk and Romanian universities and the international exchange of students and researchers were the main topics of the meeting between the authorities of our university and the Romanian Ambassador Cosmin Onisii.

Researchers from eight faculties (Faculty of Chemistry, Faculty of Economics, Faculty of Philology, Faculty of History, Faculty of Oceanography and Geography, Faculty of Law and Administration and Faculty of Management) are collaborating with researchers from 11 universities in Romania, including Bucharest, Timisoara, Oradea, Cluj-Napoca and Brasov, as part of the Erasmus+ programme.

- International cooperation at our university is developing dynamically. Also with universities in Romania.

Some of the projects carried out jointly by our scientists with researchers there are part of large international projects carried out with scientists from Finland and Italy, among others," emphasizes Vice-Rector for International Cooperation dr hab. Anna Jurkowska-Zeidler, prof. UG. Within the framework of the Erasmus programme, last year six UG students went to Romanian universities (from the Faculty of Management, Faculty of Oceanography and Geography, Faculty of Social Sciences, Faculty of Philology - Inst. of Cultural Studies, Faculty of Chemistry), and eleven students from there came to our university. We recorded a similar number of trips to Romania among academic teachers and administrative staff.

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#### BANGLADESH AMBASSADOR VISITS UG

Ambassador Sultana Laila Hossain of Bangladesh met with the Rector of the University of Gdańsk, prof. Piotr Stepnowski, and the Vice-Rector for International Cooperation, dr hab. Anna Maria Jurkowska-Zeidler, prof. UG. The topic of discussion was international academic cooperation in its broadest sense.

The main point of Tuesday's meeting was to discuss the prospects for student education and scientific cooperation between universities in Bangladesh and UG. Common goals include continuing the good relations between academic institutions through cooperation, support in the recruitment process, mobility and foreign exchange of students.

