

Virtual Mobility as a Crucial Step in Ukrainian Higher Education Improvement

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Virtual Mobility in a nutshell

What is Virtual Mobility?



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What is Virtual Mobility?

Ability to get an international academic experience without moving abroad.



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How Virtual Mobility may be useful for Ukraine?

Advantages for students, tutors, institutions and country



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Ukrainian higher education issues

- Out-of-date academic plan
- Tutors without international experience and motivation
- Corruption in Educational System
- Lazy students who support corruption (according to the media report, 31% paid a bribe at least once)¹
- Students leave Ukraine in search of better education (more than 60 000 Ukrainian students are studying in Poland, moreover, is approximately 39% of them was enrolled at universities in 2017)²

2017 Rank	Country	2017 Score	2016 Score	2015 Score	2014 Score	2013 Score	2012 Score	Region
122	Nepal	31	29	27	29	31	27	Asia Pacific
130	Gambia	30	26	28	29	28	34	Sub Saharan Africa
130	Iran	30	29	27	27	25	28	Middle East and North Africa
130	Myanmar	30	28	22	21	21	15	Asia Pacific
130	Sierra Leone	30	30	29	31	30	31	Sub Saharan Africa
130	Ukraine	30	29	27	26	25	26	Europe and Central Asia
135	Dominican Republic	29	31	33	32	29	32	Americas
135	Honduras	29	30	31	29	26	28	Americas
135	Kyrgyzstan	29	28	28	27	24	24	Europe and Central Asia
135	Lao PDR	29	30	25	25	26	21	Asia Pacific
135	Mexico	29	30	31	35	34	34	Americas
135	Papua New Guinea	29	28	25	25	25	25	Asia Pacific

Transparency international (https://www.transparency.org/news/feature/corruption_perceptions_index_2017) as at 20 May 2018



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68	Belarus	44	40	32	31	29	31	Europe and Central Asia
68	Jamaica	44	39	41	38	38	38	Americas
68	Oman	44	45	45	45	47	47	Middle East and North Africa
71	Bulgaria	43	41	41	43	41	41	Europe and Central Asia
71	South Africa	43	45	44	44	42	43	Sub Saharan Africa
71	Vanuatu	43	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Asia Pacific
74	Burkina Faso	42	42	38	38	38	38	Sub Saharan Africa
74	Lesotho	42	39	44	49	49	45	Sub Saharan Africa
74	Tunisia	42	41	38	40	41	41	Middle East and North Africa
77	China	41	40	37	36	40	39	Asia Pacific
77	Serbia	41	42	40	41	42	39	Europe and Central Asia

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Advantages for students

- Ability to easier get international experience
- Future competitiveness on the international labor market
- Interest and motivation
- Learning the best up-to-date academic practices



Advantages for tutors

- Networking and collaboration with their foreign colleagues
- Better motivation for themselves and students
- Ability to publish scientific researches in foreign economic journals
- Up-to-date knowledge to implement in academic plan



Advantages for institutions

- Saving budget for travelling, exchange programs
- Increasing the university ranking
- Better academic performance due to the higher motivation



Advantages for the country

- Integration of Ukraine into the global process
- Control under the quality and fairness of Ukrainian education
- Decrease in number of students leaving the country
- Increase in number of qualified specialists



Organization of the process

Requirements for tutors, subjects, possible forms



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Requirements for tutors

- English knowledge
- Ability and desire to learn
- Joint projects with students
- Joint scientific researches with students



Subjects

- Social Sciences
- Business & Management Studies
- Computer Science & Information Systems



Possible organizational forms

- On-line platform like Coursera, Udemy, Prometheus, Sonic Academy
- Social Media platforms: Facebook, YouTube etc.
- ‘Virtual meetings’ e.g. in Business Skype



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