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June 11-13, 2019, Lutsk/Shatsky district Ukraine

ERASMUS+ MILETUS - Event report

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Event description

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- Place: Lutsk/Shatsky district, Ukraine
- Date: June 11-13, 2019
- Number of participants: 21 (13 females and 8 males).

As part of the MILETUS blended mobility run for PhD students, the *project conference* took place in the run-up to the First round table discussion (**Day 1**, **June 11**, **2019**, **Shatsky district**) at which PhD students could exchange their experiences and impressions of blended mobility. Each PhD student presented the topic on which they are working (in a group or individually), the experiences and practices they have gained in the mobility run and the individual work program at the host universities, including the activities of the virtual and real phases of the mobility run. The PhD students who were not able to personally attend the project conference, have presented their materials during the *online session* of the project conference.

The following topics were presented:

- Electromobility battery charging management issues in last mile delivery systematic literature review (Vladimir Todorović, Tanja Todorović, Marko Orošnjak; supervisor: Prof. Thorsten Blecker, TUHH);
- Gender issues in crowdfunding a literature review (Selka Sadiković, Ivan Zatvarskyi; supervisor: Prof. Cristina Rossi Lamastra, POLIMI);
- Providing food security in modern globalisation conditions (*Burkovska Anna; supervisor: Dr. Federica Ciccullo, POLIMI*);
- Microfluidic devices for monitoring and detection of false drugs and other biological substances (Korzhyk Olha; supervisor Prof. Goran Stojanovic, UNS);





- Social, psychological and linguistic factors leading to misunderstandings in working environments of IDPs (Olesia Dalebiha, Olga Popova, Yuliia Donets; supervisor: Prof. Vesna Lopićić, UNI);
- The relationship between fare integration and smart mobility: opportunities and challenges (Kolomechiuk Vladyslav; supervisor Prof. Marika Arena, POLIMI);
- Offshore outsourcing (Milica Peric; supervisor: Prof. Stig B. Taps, Maria Støttrup Schiønning Larsen, AAU);
- The impact of product-related service on manufacturing firm performance: the role of digital solutions (Slavko Rakic; supervisor: Prof. Margherita Pero, POLIMI).

The experiences of research work at the host universities and the difference in the research approach, varying from university to university and sometimes depending on the practice and culture of the university, were discussed with all participants.

The *First round table discussion* on mobility perspectives for researchers (DEV 4.2.5.1) following the project conference was aimed at PhD students involved in the MILETUS blended mobility and at PhD students from other Ukrainian universities interested in academic mobility. For discussing the organisational structure of blended mobility, the representatives of the administration and faculties of Ukrainian universities were invited to a round table discussion in the online session, the invitation was announced on the project website and disseminated via social media and the own cooperation channels of Ukrainian project partners.

As a consequence, two Ukrainian universities, represented by the representative of the Faculty of International Relations of the *Ivan Franko National University of Lviv (IFNUL)* and three representatives of the International Office, the Department of Foreign Language and the Faculty of Mechanics and Energy of the *Ukrainian State University of Railway Transport (UkrSURT)*, *Kharkiv*, with a group of PhD students of UkrSURT interested in the academic mobility took part in the online session of the round table discussion.

The administrative and academic representatives, involved on the organisation of blended mobility at the home universities and the supervision of PhD students at the host universities, took part on site in order to exchange their experiences and practices among the project partners and with third parties.; the representatives of TOPCL and POLIMI have virtually participated in the online session. The round table discussion was moderated by the representatives of NaUKMA, who presented the format of the blended mobility run and addressed aspects such as organisational issues, experiences gained, supervision practices and experiences, suggestions for future mobility runs. The PhD students, administrative and academic representatives as well as representatives of third parties were involved in the discussion in the form of mini-interviews and live communication. The *outcomes of the first round table discussion* will be taken into account when preparing the final version of the methodological recommendations for the MILETUS virtual and blended mobility programs.

The subsequent *Concluding administrative staff meeting* (DEV 4.2.4) for the administrative representatives of the partner universities, summarized the organisational aspects of the MILETUS virtual/blended mobility program and finalized the administrative activities within the framework of the upgrading of International Relation Offices/Students' Mobility Offices at the partner universities.

The first day of the project meeting concluded with the *Steering Committee meeting* (DEV 7.6.) where the project partners discussed current issues of the project implementation.





The second day of the project meeting **(Day 2, June 12, 2019, Shatsky district)** began with the Workshop on *Improvement of the Blended Mobility Model*. All participants were divided into small groups in which PhD students worked together with the university staff. Four topics related to the blended mobility such as: Organisational and communication components, Content component, Administration and Networking components of the Blended Mobility Model were proposed to the groups to discuss all relevant issues and to develop recommendations for future blended mobility runs. The results of the group work were presented by each group; the *outcomes of the workshop* will be taken into account when preparing the final version of the methodological recommendations for the MILETUS blended mobility program.

The second day of the project meeting **(Day 3, June 13, 2019, Lutsk)** took place on the main EENU site in Lutsk. The main objective of the third day of the project meeting was to participate in the *monitoring visit of the National Erasmus+ Office of Ukraine.* Some PhD students as well as representatives of Serbian and EU universities were invited to participate in the first part of this meeting, where the partners could discuss the main issues of the project realization, such as project publications, participation of students in the mobility runs, etc. The second part of the monitoring visit was primarily aimed at the administrative staff of the Ukrainian partner universities, where the partners could discuss all financial and administrative issues of the project realization.

We would like to thank all participants for investing their time and conceptual discussions.



Photographs from the event













Image 1-7. Project conference: PhD students presentations (first day of the project meeting)







Image 8. First round table discussion on mobility perspectives for researchers: online session (first day of the project meeting)





Image 9-10. Closing the first day session for PhD students and supervisors (first day of the project meeting)



Image 11-15. Workshop on Improvement of the Blended Mobility Model: working in groups (second day of the project meeting)







Image 16. Participants of the MILETUS project meeting in Lutsk/Shatsky district (11-13 June 2019).

List of Obligatory Annexes:

- Agenda of the Event
- Attendance List of participants
- Presentations from the event

