

1. **University:** Kryvyi Rih National University
2. **Your position/unit:** ex-Head of International Office
3. **Final Project Title:** Development of KNU international cooperation with German universities
4. **Project Goal(s) and SMART Objective(s):**
 - Increase university image internationally
 - Develop new contacts, conclude cooperation agreements
 - Joint participation in international projects and programs
 - Support academic mobility of students and staff
5. **Deliverables: Please enlist the deliverables of your project matching your goals:**
 - On 3rd of August the representatives of Kryvyi Rih National University took part in online intercultural seminar „Understanding the Germans”, held by Ms Kerstin Sommer, head of FAU (Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg) Welcome Centre.
 - Dr. L. Kruhlenko was the speaker at the BATEG Summer School “BaTEG Summer School 2022 Zwischen Kulturen, Konflikten, und Kommunikation” in the frame of cooperation with University of Bamberg
<https://www.uni-bamberg.de/zlb/k-r/bateg/zlb-k-r-bateg-zlb-k-r-bateg-summer-school/sommer-school-2022/>
 - Professor of Computer Science Department Natalia Morkun is developing cooperation with Bayreuth university and took part in workshop on Computer Sciences together with other researchers from KNU (<https://ceur-ws.org>) Determining Rock Varieties on The Basis of Fuzzy Clustering of Ultrasonic Measurement Results / V. Morkun, G. Fischerauer, N. Morkun, V. Tron, A. Haponenko // CEUR Workshop Proceedings, 2022, 3156, pp. 274–283.
 - Prof. N. Morkun became a scholarship holder of Alexander von Humboldt foundation in 2022.
 - The student representatives took part in “Digitales studium und Internationalisierung: Trend oder herausforderung der Zukunft?” Projekt Learnopolis+ (Universität Bayreuth) on 09.12.2022
 - The university representatives participated in online workshop «From Science to Business» organized with the support from the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) and university partners from Würzburg (15 -16.12.2022)
 - Workshop about European matters by KNU team representatives
<http://www.knu.edu.ua/novini/europe-matters-yevropeys-ki-cinnosti-danist-chy-neobhidnist>
 - BAYHOST (Bavarian Academic Centre of Central, Eastern and South-eastern Europe) L. Kruhlenko was the speaker and represented the project “MANAGEMENT OF INTERNATIONALISATION AND GERMAN-UKRAINIAN ACADEMIC COOPERATION 2022-2023” as well as other issues of cooperation with Bavarian universities.
https://www.uniregensburg.de/assets/bayhost/de/aktuelles/program_ubddp_2023_entwurf_Web1.pdf
 - On 09.06.2023 online meeting and negotiation on future collaborations in joint projects and agreement signing with Technische Hochschule Lübeck
 - On 15.06.2023 kick-off online meeting with University of Applied Sciences, Landshut, Germany
 - MoU with University of Bamberg is still in progress for signing.

6. Challenges and Support. What were the main challenges of your project and how did you manage to overcome them?

The main challenge was war in Ukraine. Due to the situation in the country, I was forced to leave the country. I saw it not as a challenge but an opportunity to develop new contacts and cooperation. The administration of university fired all the department heads who left the country. After long negotiations and almost sole realization of the project, we managed to assemble a university team and continue the implementation of the project tasks and goals. The manager of the project from LUH Nataliya Butych was the only supportive person in this situation. Thanks to support from LUH team I was able to continue my project and come to final stage.

7. Lessons Learnt: What are your lessons learnt and recommendations you would like to share?

If you want to establish contacts with new international partners you should work hard on finding your strong points and unique proposals which you need to present. Networking and communication is very important in every project realization.

8. Impact: Please describe how your project contributed to/ advanced the specific aspect of the internationalization at your university.

At the moment Kryvyi Rih National University managed to establish new contacts with German universities. After workshops about funding and partner finding possibilities the administrative and teaching staff started to work on new partnerships, mobility programs and concluding new agreements.

9. Outlook and Sustainability:

New strategy of internationalization is going to be put into operation. New contacts with German universities will help teaching, student and administrative staff develop new joint and academic mobility projects.