

Goal 17. Partnerships for the goals. «Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development».

### Karazin University Participated offline in the International Conference on Nanomaterials

From September 10th to 15th, the 13th International Conference "Nanomaterials: Applications&Properties" (NAP) took place in Bratislava, Slovakia. Senior Researcher at the Institute of Materials for Reactor Building and Physical Technologies of the Education and Scientific Institute "School of Physics" at Karazin University, Olga Maksakova, participated in the conference. She presented a report titled "Comparative Study of the Microstructure and Properties of Nanolaminated Coatings TiZrN/NbN and TiSiN/NbN" (co-authors: Professors Vyacheslav Beresnev and Sergii Lytovchenko). This presentation was recognized as one of the top three presentations in the "Multifunctional Thin Films and Coatings" category. The conference primarily focused on showcasing new fundamental and applied results in the field of applications and properties of various groups of nanomaterials and coatings. The conference is multidisciplinary, covering 13 thematic areas, ranging from methods of nanomaterial synthesis and transport properties of nanoscale systems to the application of nanomaterials in biomedicine and green energy.





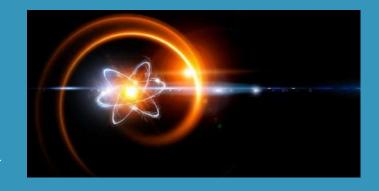


Participation in a global conference with various thematic areas promotes international cooperation and the exchange of scientific experience in the field of nanotechnology.

## Karazin University joined the work of the Scientific Committee of the European Contest of Scientific Projection the Field of Controlled Fusion



On 18-19 September 2023, professors of the Education and Research Institute of the School of Physics and Technology took part in the work of the Scientific Committee (Jury) of the European Call for Scientific Projects in the field of Controlled Fusion. In particular, the Head of the Department of Applied Physics and Plasma Physics, Academician Ihor Harkusha worked in the Materials Science section, while Professor of the same department, Corresponding Member Ihor Hirka worked in the Technologies and Systems section. The jury reviewed the results of their pre-evaluation of the funding requests and made recommendations for funding the best requests and improving the selection procedure in the future to the EUROfusion General Assembly. Out of fourteen requests, three projects were recommended for funding in each section.



Collaboration with international organizations allows for the joint development of important scientific fields and technologies that contribute to achieving sustainable development on a global scale.

### The Meeting of the Supervisory Board within the LIA/IRP IDEATE Project





On September 19th, a meeting of the Supervisory Board was held as part of the LIA/IRP IDEATE project, which brings together the work of French and Ukrainian scientists, including representatives of the academic community from both countries. At the meeting of the project's steering committee, Karazin University was represented by a working group led by the Acting Director of the Research Institute of Physics and Technology, Pylyp Kuznetsov. During the meeting, discussions were held on joint developments by French and Ukrainian partners and the possibility of continuing the work of the Associated International Laboratory (LIA) within the International Research Project (IRP) "Instrumental Developments for Experiments on Particle Accelerators and Accelerator Technologies" (IDEATE).



□ > 120 participants, > 30 FTE

Collaboration between Ukrainian and French scientists, as well as with the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN), promotes international partnerships for the advancement of science and technology.

## The Delegation from Karazin University Visited Leading Universities in the Republic of Uzbekistan





As a part of a working trip to the Republic of Uzbekistan, the Rector of the university, Tetiana Kaganovska, and the Vice-Rector for Research and Teaching, Zarif Nazirov, visited several leading universities in the country. These included the Mirzo Ulugbek National University of Uzbekistan, the International University of Tourism and Cultural Heritage "Silk Road," and the Central Asian Green University. During the meetings, they discussed new areas of cooperation, including those that were planned prior to the full-scale invasion in the autumn of 2021. They also explored opportunities for academic mobility and double degrees. The educational institutions plan to collaborate in the fields of environmental, chemical, and physical education, as well as in the areas of international relations, tourism, and cultural heritage. The administration of Karazin University shared its experience and learned about the extensive activities of Uzbek higher educational institutions across various academic disciplines.



Participation in international educational initiatives, the establishment of partnership networks, and interstate projects ensure the strengthening of international cooperation and the exchange of experience.

# International Scientific and Practical Conference on 'Transformations of Personality, Society, and the Labor Market: Challenges of the Future and Their Impact on Education





From September 20th to 22nd, Karazin University hosted the International Scientific and Practical Conference "Transformations of Personality, Society, and the Labor Market: Challenges of the Future and Their Impact on Education" in a hybrid format. The conference took place within the framework of the Erasmus+ DEFEP project "Distance Education of the Future: Best Practices of the EU in Response to the Needs of Modern Higher Education and Labor Market Representatives." The goal o the conference was to bring together educators, researchers, business representatives, government officials, and civil society members from Ukraine, Moldova, and EU countries to share experiences and define perspectives for the further development of the education system in the context of contemporary and future challenges. Participants from Karazin University were welcomed by Anton Panteliimonov, Vice-Rector for Research and Teaching, who wished them productive work and engaging discussions. Representatives from 11 higher education institutions participated in plenary sessions, sectional meetings, and roundtable discussions, including the following universities: V.N. Karazin Kharkiv National University (Ukraine), Petro Mohyla Black Sea National University (Ukraine), Vadym Hetman Kyiv National Economic University (Ukraine), Uman National University of Horticulture (Ukraine), Lviv National University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences (Ukraine), Chernihiv Polytechnic National University (Ukraine), Moldova State University (Moldova), Technical University of Moldova (Moldova), Saarland University (Germany), King Juan Carlos University (Spain), University of Palermo (Italy).

The event brought together 11 higher education institutions from Ukraine and Europe, demonstrating active international cooperation.

This format of partnership facilitates the exchange of knowledge, the dissemination of best practices, and the implementation of international projects aimed at sustainable development.

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On September 20, the administration of Karazin University, led by Rector Tetyana Kaganovska visited the Ministry of Higher Education, Science, and Innovation of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

During the meeting, discussions centered on strengthening the integration of education, science, and industry, the commercialization of new developments, and the advancement of rationalization activities. Further cooperation in several areas was also planned, including the establishment of a representation of Karazin University in the Republic of Uzbekistan and joint scientific research projects

**Education + Innovation + Production — the** "knowledge triangle" model that meets the modern requirements of sustainable development.

development.

A visit to the Ministry of Higher Education, Science, and Innovation of the Republic of Uzbekistan is aimed at establishing sustainable international partnerships in the educational and scientific spheres. Such contacts promote transnational cooperation, the exchange of experience, and joint projects in the field of sustainable

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# Strengthening international connections and cooperation. Karazin University in the QS World University Rankings: Europe 2024



The QS World University Rankings have been published: Europe 2024 is the first ranking of the international agency QS, which focuses exclusively on European universities. The ranking includes 31 higher education institutions of Ukraine. Karazin University was ranked 316th among European universities and 3rd among Ukrainian ones. The first place in Ukraine is taken by Taras Shevchenko Kyiv National University, the second - by Igor Sikorsky Kyiv Polytechnic Institute.



Karazin University was included in the QS Europe 2024 ranking, achieving a high position among Ukrainian higher education institutions, which reflects the high quality of its educational services, research, and academic reputation. Ranking promotes transparency, the improvement of higher education standards, and a focus on the continuous development of universities.

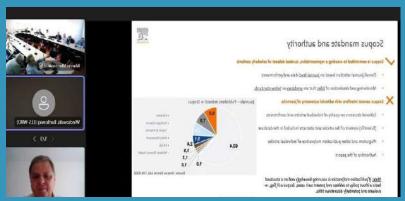
# Karazin University Representatives Participated in the International Scientific Congress in Lithuania. Discussion of new challenges for historians in times of change

From September 15 to 17, the International Congress titled "Reimagining Ukraine and Europe: New Challenges for Historians" was held at Vilnius University in Lithuania. The event was organized by 17 European institutions, including the Research Council of Lithuania, the Government of Lithuania, the German Historical Institute in Warsaw, and others. The forum brought together more than 100 researchers representing Ukraine, Lithuania, Germany, Poland, the United Kingdom, France, and other countries. The congress discussions covered the development of a new narrative for the history of Ukraine and the entire Central and Eastern European region. The work was organized into 18 sections, and there were also presentations on international grant programs and several panel discussions.



International collaboration between various European countries and Ukrainian scientists creates a platform for scientific partnerships and promotes more sustainable development in research, science, and culture.

The university maintains its international scientific activity despite the war. On September 2nd, Professor Igor Hirka from the Educational and Scientific Institute of the School of Physics and Technology participated in the Polish Physical Society Congress.





Professor Hirka also informed about the destruction of university buildings and the wartime losses among students, staff, and graduates of Karazin University. Igor Horka expressed his gratitude to the Polish society. He highlighted that today, over two million Ukrainians reside in Poland, and he thanked the entire democratic community for their support of Ukraine. He also reminded everyone about the possibility of helping the university through the Kharkiv Karazin University Foundation.

Collaboration with Polish scientific institutions for a sustainable future is an example of international partnership supporting the scientific and educational community in times of war.

#### Official Conferment of Honorary Doctorate Attributes to American Historian and Writer Timothy Snyder at Karazin University

In Kyiv, a meeting took place between the administration of Karazin University, led by Rector Tetiana Kaganovska and Vice-Rector Anatoliy Babichev, with American historian and writer Timothy Snyder, and Ukraine's Minister of Education and Science, Oksen Liashko. During the meeting, an honorary doctorate (doctor honoris causa) diploma, a gown, and the sculpture "Per aspera ad astra!" were ceremoniously awarded to Timothy Snyder. The Minister addressed Timothy Snyder with the following words: 'We are delighted to welcome you here and congratulate you on receiving this gown today from one of the country's leading universities. This is a prestigious university with significant historical importance. It is a great honor for me that this conferment is taking place right here within the ministry.'





Karazin University develops international cooperation between the university, the government, and scientists.

International collaboration for the development of educational practices and solutions. Karazin University Joins Activities Within the Erasmus+ Project "Integration and Adaptation of Foreign Students/INTERADIS" at the University of Foggia, Italy



On September 2-3, 2023, a coordination meeting took place as part of the implementation of the Erasmus+ project "Integration and Adaptation of Foreign Students/INTERADIS" at the University of Foggia, Italy. All Ukrainian partner universities prepared presentations on the achieved results within the project, discussed the activities they plan to implement before its conclusion, and outlined the next steps for preparing the final report and upcoming events. From September 4-6, 2023, a study visit of Ukrainian project teams to the University of Foggia took place. Education and Research Institute "Karazin Business School" is the headquarter of the Karazin University project. Participants discussed the necessity of developing and supporting various communication channels for engaging foreign students, changes that have occurred due to the war in Ukraine regarding the involvement of foreign students, challenges, and alternative ways to overcome them. We would like to express our gratitude to our partners at the University of Foggia for the high level of event organization!



The implementation of the Erasmus+ international project is an example of effective partnership between EU and Ukrainian universities.

### The International Seminar "Plasma Electronics and New Acceleration Methods"





In September 5-6, the XVI International Seminar on Plasma Electronics and New Acceleration Methods took place at the National Scientific Center "Kharkiv Physics and Technology Institute." The seminar featured seven sections with a total of 57 presentations, including 24 research studies conducted with the participation of Karazin University staff. Participants of the seminar represented 18 local and 14 international universities and scientific centers, including institutions from the United Kingdom, Italy, Germany, Poland, the United States, and France. The peer-reviewed scientific articles have been published in the journal "Issues of Atomic Science and Technology," which is indexed in the Scopus scientific database.



The participation of representatives from 14 foreign institutions demonstrates deep international scientific collaboration

- \* Expansion of academic partnerships with universities in the United Kingdom, Germany, Italy, the USA, and others.
- \* Joint research and the exchange of scientific ideas between countries.
- \* Strengthening international trust and collaborative efforts to address global scientific challenges.

### The Launch of the Project "Center for Postgraduate Medical Education at Karazin University"





Karazin University Launches the Center for Postgraduate Medical Education. One of the largest educational initiatives has been developed in the country in the field of postgraduate medical education for experienced specialists, beginners, medical interns, and students in all medical specialties. The Center for Postgraduate Medical Education offers 16 specialties of internships, 43 secondary medical specializations, over 300 continuous professional development events for medical professionals, and the best simulation center in the country with training equipment from renowned global brands. Within the Karazin Center, there is the most powerful dental school in the country with its simulation and clinical-practical educational centers, international certification programs, three international medical startup projects, and more than 20 top clinical bases in the region. Karazin University's educational initiatives for non-medical specialists provide professional knowledge that every Ukrainian needs. The center teaches essential skills such as providing emergency assistance, controlling bleeding, performing cardio-pulmonary resuscitation, maintaining health and beauty, promoting a healthy lifestyle, and conducting medical manipulations, among others. The Center has combined 200 years of classical university education traditions with innovative teaching technologies, involving the country's top simulation center and 30 leading healthcare institutions in the region. It collaborates with 12 institutes of the Medical School, runs 21 schools for postgraduate medical education, and partners with 17 schools of the university to train medical professionals.

This project is a vivid example of the synergy between education, science, medicine, and social responsibility, reflecting the spirit of the SDGs. Its implementation is the result of extensive inter-institutional collaboration involving the university, medical institutions, and international partners.



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## Collaboration with the University of York Karazin Students have Completed their Internships in Greece for the Third Time

From September 3 to 8, 2023, 22 students and faculty members from various departments of Karazin University successfully participated in a Summer School held in Thessaloniki, the second-largest city in Greece, at CITY College – the European campus of the University of York.

The Summer School is a large-scale initiative made possible through the close cooperation between Karazin University and the University of York within the framework of the Twinning program, launched by the Cormack Consultancy Group. Participants of the school, which focused on two main areas — Human Rights and PhD Research Skills — had the opportunity to work with CITY College experts and enhance their knowledge and skills through a variety of engaging formats. They gained new experience in areas such as human rights protection, conducting research, and writing a PhD dissertation. The program also covered academic writing, research ethics, and academic integrity, as well as strategies for securing funding for research projects. In addition to the intensive academic program, participants from Karazin were offered an engaging and diverse cultural and historical program, which allowed them to explore the history and traditions of Thessaloniki and experience its unique atmosphere. Students and faculty took part in an informative city tour and visited significant historical landmarks, including the Basilica of Saint Demetrius, the Church of Hagia Sophia, the Archaeological Museum, and the Chalkidiki Peninsula.





The project was implemented through international cooperation between universities with the support of European initiatives. The successful implementation of the Twinning program is an example of a sustainable educational partnership.



#### The Cooperation between Karazin





### University and the Kharkiv Regional Center

#### for Social Services has been Extended

rom October 2023, the cooperation between Karazin University and the Kharkiv Regional Center for Social Services in the field of professional development for social workers from relevant units of local territorial communities in the Kharkiv region will continue. In recent years, including the wartime period, thanks to the Department of Sociology of Management and Social Work of the School of Sociology and the organizational work of the Center for Postgraduate Education, an effective mechanism has been established for conducting lectures and practical classes for the relevant category of potential informal education applicants. During a working meeting with representatives of the Kharkiv Regional Center for Social Services, the director of the Center for Postgraduate Education, Mykhailo Tatarinov, discussed the specifics of the educational process for the 2023/2024 academic year, the content, and the directions of classes for potential interested participants.



The joint activities of the university and social services demonstrate the importance of partnership between educational institutions, the government, and non-governmental organizations in achieving long-term sustainable development goals.

### The course "Humanistic Entrepreneurship" in English for German and Ukrainian students.



As part of the collaboration between Karazin Kharkiv National University and partner German universities, South Westphalia University of Applied Sciences and Karlsruhe University of Education, a joint course titled "Humanistic Entrepreneurship" in English is planned for German and Ukrainian students. Course Instructors: Professor Ewald Mittelstadt, Professor Claudia Wipke, Associate Professor Olena Mykolenko. Within the course, the method of studying real situations through Massive Open Online Courses (MOOC) will be applied. This course will be beneficial for those interested in entrepreneurship, personnel management, employee well-being, sustainable management practices, leadership, intercultural communications, teamwork in multicultural groups, and those engaged in academic research.



Strengthening global partnership for sustainable development. The course is the result of international collaboration between Karazin University and two German partner universities. Working in intercultural groups and practicing intercultural communication are essential skills for global partnership and mutual understanding.

Internationalization, raising standards, and exchange of experience. Karazin University is among the participants of the European Association for International Education (EAIE) conference and exhibition

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From September 26 to 29, 2023, the 33rd annual conference and exhibition of the European Association for International Education (EAIE) took place in Rotterdam, Netherlands. This is the largest event in the field of internationalization of education in Europe. Every year, the EAIE conference and exhibition attract over 6,400 professionals from more than 90 countries worldwide.

Karazin University participated in the EAIE events for the second consecutive year and proudly represented the university community on the international stage. The Vice-Rector for Scientific and Pedagogical Work, Zarif Nazirov, and the Head of the International Relations Department, Natalia Oliynyk, took part in the conference and exhibition.

This year, Ukrainian higher education institutions, together with the National Erasmus+ Office in Ukraine, the Ukrainian State Center for International Education of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine, and the Professional Network of Education and Science Managers of Ukraine (PNRM UKRAINE), were represented at #EAIE2023 at the Ukrainian booth (C02), which attracted significant interest among other participants.

The EAIE conference and exhibition provide a unique platform for learning, sharing knowledge, and exchanging experiences in the field of internationalization of higher education in Europe and beyond. It is a place for fruitful establishment of new inter-institutional connections, discussing plans for joint participation in educational and research programs, as well as an excellent format for exchanging practical experience regarding already implemented initiatives and innovations.





Establishment of international connections and inter-university collaboration.

#### The administration of Karazin University met with representatives of Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, the Aurora Alliance, and the EURODICE project

On September 25, the Rector of Karazin University, Tetiana Kahanovska, attended a seminar at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. The University Social Responsibility Network (USRN) was established in 2015 to unite universities in collaborative efforts to address global economic, social, cultural, and environmental challenges and to find solutions for a more just, inclusive, peaceful, and sustainable world. University Social Responsibility (USR) expands the traditional mission of educational institutions by focusing on developing solutions for the economic, social, and environmental problems faced by society. Karazin University supports this mission, which is why it was invited to join the seminar as an observer and to continue future cooperation. The Aurora Universities Alliance supports Karazin University, having been one of the first donors for the university's recovery. It has also initiated a number of educational and scientific activities in support of Karazin's academic community. As of November 2023, the Alliance's work has been extended for another three years. As part of the EURIDICE project, a new joint EU master's degree will be developed and implemented, featuring an interdisciplinary and research-oriented program. The project will also include the development of teaching capacity through dedicated modules for the EURIDICE Academic Teacher program and a corresponding lifelong learning professional program aimed at professionals and managers in the workplace. EURIDICE will also enable further expansion by opening modules of international master's courses to be accessible within other master's programs.





Strengthening implementation mechanisms and enhancing global partnership for sustainable development.



# Karazin University signed a Cooperation Agreement with the International European University. Academic partnership and integration with European experience.

On September 27th, the Rector of Karazin University, Tetyana Kaganovska, and the vice-rector for Research and Teaching, Zarit Nazirov, met with the President of the International European University, Alla Navolokina. During the meeting, representatives of the universities signed a cooperation agreement aimed at enhancing the level of scientific, methodological, educational, an professional interaction. The mutual plans include the exchange o experience in the use of modern teaching technologies, cooperation in the field of educational quality, organization of scientific and methodological and scientific research work, and the enhancement of the qualifications of the academic and pedagogical staff at the universities. The International European University is a multi-profile educational institution of the new generation, designed to prepare professionals in various fields of knowledge and practice, relying on the standards, regulations, experience, achievements, and traditions in education and scientific research in Europe.



Preparing citizens for responsible risk management and conflict prevention. The Course "Society of Risk: Living Studying, Managing"

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This course has been developed as part of the Ukrainian-Swedish project "Risk and Crisis Management Education for a Safer Ukraine" (SAFE Ukraine), which is implemented by the School of Sociology at V.N. Karazin Kharkiv National University and the School The course is practice-oriented and aims to develop students' analytical skills in managing social risks in various life situations, including communication, labor relations, project management, organizational development, and daily life of Sociology at the University of Central Sweden (Östersund). The course includes the following activities: Lectures and practical sessions (including joint sessions with Swedish students). Top-performing students who participate in the "Society of Risk: Living, Studying, Managing" course will have the opportunity to attend a winter school at the University of Central Sweden in January 2024. Participation in the development of a handbook for schoolchildren on risk recognition and prevention. Receipt of certificates of completion for this course. The course is taught in Ukrainian, but knowledge of English is required for participation in seminars with Swedish students. Proficiency in English at a high level is an important criterion for the competitive selection process for the winter school in Sweden.



Strengthening global partnership in education, science, and sustainable development. The collaboration between Karazin University and the University of Central Sweden supports educational diplomacy and serves as an example of effective international academic partnership.

### Working Meeting within the Project 'Gender Education for Foreign Students' (Supported by UNESCO)





A working meeting within the project "Gender Education for Foreign Students" under the auspices of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine took place at V.N. Karazin Kharkiv National University. The project is implemented by the NGO "La Strada - Ukraine" in collaboration with V.N. Karazin Kharkiv National University and the Government Commissioner for Gender Policy, Katerina Levchenko, with financial support from UNESCO. Its goal is to introduce gender approaches to the education of foreign students in Ukraine. The meeting was attended by the administration of Karazin University, led by Rector Tetiana Kaganovska, who welcomed the participants at the beginning of the event. During the meeting, Dean of the School of Sociology, Olena Muradian, presented the results of a sociological study on the presence of gender competencies conducted in the summer of 2023 among students from African countries and teachers at Karazin University who work with them. Participants discussed the research findings and planned further work within the project, which aims to spread knowledge about the importance of gender equality, especially in education, among all participants in the educational process. This includes the preparation of African students studying in Ukraine, using Karazin University as an example.



Strengthening global partnership for sustainable development.

Broad partnership (government – civil society – university – UNESCO).

## Karazin University, in partnership with Max Planck Institute for Microstructure Physics won a Grant Competition to Establish a Scientific Laboratory in Kharkiv

Karazin University, in partnership with the Max Planck Institute for Microstructure Physics of the Max Planck Society in Halle, Germany, secured victory in the competition held by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) to obtain a grant for establishing a Core of Excellence "(CoE) in Kharkiv. This CoE will serve as a scientific laboratory adhering to the highest global standards, and the project has been named PLASMA-SPIN-ENERGY. Within the framework of CoE, advanced plasma technologies developed by experts from Karazin University will be implemented in state-of-the-art nanoscale spintronic devices, a development led by German partners. The preparation of this project took over two years, with graduates of Karazin University, Andrii Stervoyedov and Oleksiy Biletsky (Education and Research Institute "School of Physics and Technology"), along with Kyrylo Dronov (School of Computer Science), being the initiators of the project at the Max Planck Institute for Microstructure Physics. The project also involved active participation of the leading research fellow of the Education and Research Institute "School of Physics and Technology," Stanislav Dudin, Professor Igor Hirka of the Education and Research Institute "School of Physics and Technology," and Professor Oleksiy Chechkin from the University of Potsdam in Germany. This project received support from the Kharkiv Regional Military Administration, the Kharkiv City Council, the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, the National Science Center "Kharkiv Institute of Physics and Technology," Joint-Stock Company "FED," and the Technological University of Queensland in Australia. The selection of projects for funding was highly competitive, with the collaboration between Halle and Kharkiv being among the 12 teams chosen after rigorous screening at the first stage, granting them the right to prepare a detailed plan for the establishment of the CoE. On October 16, 2023, four winners were announced, including two centers to be established in Lviv, one in Kyiv, and one in Kharkiv, based at Karazin University.



International collaboration (Ukraine, Germany, Australia).

The Final Stage of the Project "Foreign Language Teacher Training Capacity Development as a Way to Multilingual Education and European Integration/MultiEd" An Educational Visit to Aston University

Collaboration with international colleagues in the field of language education strengthens academic connections and facilitates the exchange of best practices.

From October 2 to 6, 2023, representatives of Karazin University, including the project manager and the Dean of the School of Foreign Languages, Svitlana Virotchenko, and a member of the working group, Acting Head of the School of English Philology and Foreign Language Teaching Methodology, Irina Morozova, participated in lectures and roundtable discussions related to modern methods of teacher training, multilingualism in higher education and beyond, and the challenges of artificial intelligence as a teaching tool. British colleagues also shared their experience in other projects, including "English Teachers for the Future of Europe."





### Students from Karazin University Participated in a Summer School in Romania





From September 14 to 19, 2023, representatives of the Department of Physical Geography and Cartography at the Faculty of Geology, Geography, Recreation, and Tourism — Professor Vilina Peresadko, Associate Professors Nataliya Popovich and Kateryna Borisenko, and PhD student Yulia Serzhantova participated in an in-person Summer School dedicated to the creation and use of virtual excursions in Earth sciences. The school took place in the town of Vatra Dornei, located in northeastern Romania, surrounded by the Carpathian Mountains. The organization of this Summer School, aimed at supporting Ukrainian geographical education, was made possible thanks to a grant from the Central European Initiative and the active involvement of the University of Suceava (Romania), particularly Dr. Marcel Mindrescu, who served as the project leader. A practical outcome of the participants' work was the collection of field materials to create virtual excursions around Vatra Dornei, for which they conducted a field trip toward Oaşu Peak. Along the route, the instructors stopped to take regular and 360-degree photographs, filmed videos of the most interesting objects and locations, and conducted soil field studies using the Munsell color system. Overall, all participants of the Summer School gained new theoretical knowledge and practical skills, and exchanged experiences related to conducting field practices and distance learning in geography.



International collaboration with Romania, grant support for Ukrainian education.

# Karazinites taking part in the German-Ukrainian Project: "Investigating the Possibility of Using Crystals to Extract Electrons with 6 GeV Energy at DESY"

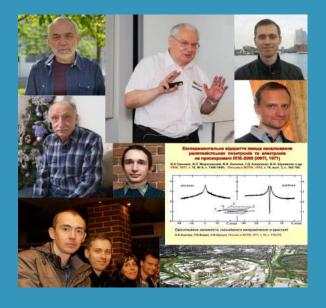




The German Research Foundation (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft - DFG) has provided financial support for the joint German-Ukrainian project "Investigating the Possibility of Using Crystals to Extract Electrons with 6 GeV Energy at DESY" (2024–2025).

The project is based on the Grinenko-Shulga mechanism — a stochastic mechanism of deflecting charged particles with a bent crystal. German reviewers of the project particularly emphasize the originality of the proposed method.

Congratulations to the staff of the Education and Scientific Institute "School of Physics and Technology," project co-executors: Professors of the Institute of Nuclear and High-Energy Physics named after O. I. Akhiezer, Mykola Shulga, Ihor Kyryllin, Serhii Trofymenko, and Mykola Bondarenko, as well as Associate Professor of the Institute of Nuclear and High-Energy Physics named after O. I. Akhiezer, Maxim Malovitsa.



Receiving international financial support for a joint scientific project at Karazin University is a vivid example of effective partnership between countries that strengthens scientific and technological development and contributes to achieving sustainable development. This event demonstrates how international cooperation helps unite efforts, knowledge, and resources to address the complex challenges of the modern world.

## Karazin University signed a Memorandum with the Public Organization "Association of Veterans of the Anti-Terrorist Operation"

A meeting between the administration of Karazin University and the head of the public organization "Association of Veterans of the Anti-Terrorist Operation," Serhii Babaiev, took place.

During the meeting, the participants signed a Memorandum of Partnership and Cooperation, aimed at jointly implementing projects in the fields of scientific, educational, research, cultural, and other activities.

Last year, the Center for Veteran Development was established at Karazin University, organizing events related to career guidance and individual professional development for veterans and their family members, as well as providing educational services.

The signing of the memorandum with the public organization "Association of Veterans of the Anti-Terrorist Operation" is our joint step towards combining efforts to assist participants and veterans of the ATO.

The signing of the Memorandum is the formalization of cooperation between the education and public sectors, which is key to building sustainable partnerships. Such collaboration makes it possible to combine resources, knowledge, and experience to jointly address important social and educational challenges.

The signing of the Memorandum between Karazin University and the "Union of ATO Veterans" is an example of effective partnership between different sectors of society, which promotes social support for veterans, their reintegration, and the development of scientific and educational programs.





## Martin Jaeger, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Federal Republic of Germany to Ukraine, visited Karazin University







**Development of international cooperation:** The visit of the Ambassador and meetings with the university administration and regional authorities contribute to establishing dialogue and partnerships between Ukraine and Germany in the educational, scientific, economic, and social spheres.

Strengthening ties between the government, academic institutions, and international partners: Such cooperation expands opportunities for joint projects, knowledge and resource exchange, which is an essential component of the successful implementation of sustainable development.



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During the visit, Martin Jaeger, accompanied by the Honorary Consul of the Federal Republic of Germany in Kharkiv Tetiana Havrysh, met with the university administration and representatives of the Kharkiv Regional Military Administration: Deputy Head of the Kharkiv Regional Military Administration Yevhen Ivanov, Director of the Department of Economics and International Relations Ivan Dudka, and Director of the Department of Civil Defense Ivan Sokol.

Meeting of the Karazin University Representatives with German Partners

On January 13, 2024, a meeting took place between the university's Vice-rector Boris Samorodov and Associate professor of the Institute of International Electronic Commerce and Hotel and Restaurant Business at the School of International Economic Relations and Tourism, Olena Mykolenko, and European partners - Professor Ewald Mittelstadt from the University of Applied Sciences South Westphalia (Germany) and Professor Claudia Wipke from the Pedagogical University Karlsruhe (Germany).

The participants discussed the outcomes of implemented projects over the past few years, including the international project "Ukraine digital: ensuring academic success in times of crisis," the joint English-language seminar "Humane Entrepreneurship" for students from three partner universities, and other initiatives.

During the meeting, they outlined prospects for further collaboration, specifically focusing on the implementation of a new project supported by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and the development of a joint undergraduate education program.

The partners were thanked and honored as invited professors at Karazin University.



Strengthening global partnership in education: The invitation of foreign professors to Karazin University promotes intercultural exchange and integration into the international academic community. This event illustrates how international academic partnerships and joint projects can effectively contribute to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals by building strong networks of cooperation, sharing knowledge, and advancing education on a global scale.

## Vice-Rector Zarif Nazirov Participated in a Working Meeting with the Leaders of the "Horizon Europe Office in Ukraine" of the National Foundation for Research in Ukraine





Partnership between scientific institutions and international programs: The meeting of the Vice-Rector with the heads of the "Horizon Europe Office in Ukraine" promotes the active participation of the university in the European framework program for research and innovation \*Horizon Europe\*. This opens new opportunities for Ukrainian researchers to take part in international projects.



On January 18, Vice-Rector Zarif Nazyrov held a working meeting with the heads of the Horizon Europe Office in Ukraine of the National Research Foundation of Ukraine.

At the meeting, they discussed problematic issues related to the EU Framework Program for Research and Innovation "Horizon Europe".

The Horizon Europe program offers promising opportunities for scientists and researchers, their innovative developments, and participation in international projects.r

Vice-rector Zarif Nazyrov invited representatives of the NRFU, including the Horizon Europe Office in Ukraine, to visit the university and hold an information and communication event for interested parties to participate in the Horizon Europe program. The Head of the Horizon Europe Office in Ukraine, Ihor Taranov, spoke in detail about the Horizon Europe program and offered to join future information events held by the office for representatives of Ukrainian higher education institutions.

#### The Delegation of Karazin University Met with the Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey to Ukraine, Mustafa Levent Bilgen





Last week, a delegation from V. N. Karazin Kharkiv National University headed by Rector Tetyana Kaganovska met with the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Turkey to Ukraine Mustafa Levent Bilgen.

The meeting focused on the education of Turkish students at Karazin University, participation in the Mevlana academic exchange program for students and researchers, as well as cooperation with Turkish universities in the fields of medicine, physics, chemistry, and computer science.

They discussed promising opportunities for joint research and project activities. They also focused on the cultural exchange between the Central Scientific Library of Karazin University and libraries in Turkey.



<u>International academic partnership:</u> The meeting with the Ambassador of Turkey contributes to establishing partnerships between universities in Ukraine and Turkey, strengthening the exchange of knowledge, experience, and culture.

<u>Academic exchange programs:</u> Participation in the \*\*Mevlana Program\*\* creates opportunities for students and researchers to study and conduct research abroad, enhancing the quality of education and science.

<u>Joint scientific research:</u> Discussions on project activities and research in various scientific fields promote the development of innovations and technologies at the international level.

<u>Cultural exchange:</u> Cooperation between libraries supports the preservation and dissemination of cultural heritage, which is vital for intercultural dialogue and mutual understanding.

### **Karazin University Expands Cooperation with NIX**







The university's partnership with NIX strengthens collaboration between educational institutions and the private sector, enhancing the quality of education, particularly in the fields of cybersecurity and computer science.

Joint educational projects and career guidance initiatives help develop students' professional competencies, which are essential for human capital development.

Financial support from NIX, provided through a charitable foundation, creates opportunities for implementing important educational and social initiatives.

This collaboration serves as an example of effective multisectoral partnership (university – business – community), which is key to the successful implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

On January 30th, Victor Shalnev, the Director of NIX, visited Karazin University.

The university was represented at the meeting by Vice-Rector Anton Panteleimonov, Acting Dean of the School of Computer Science Dmitry Uzlov, and the Chair of the Student Council, Mykyta Kucherov.

During the meeting, they discussed cooperation with NIX regarding joint educational projects, career guidance initiatives, and the development of education in the fields of cybersecurity and computer science. According to the memorandum signed between Karazin and NIX, specific goals were set to strengthen this collaboration.

The NIX team has been friends and partners of the university for several years. NIX provided financial assistance in the amount of 865,000 hryvnias for charitable projects of the Kharkiv Karazin University Foundation.

# Karazinites joined the organizational meeting within the DEFEP project 'Future Distance Education: Best EU Practices in Response to the Demands of Modern Higher Education Seekers and Labor Market Representatives'





**International cooperation:** Participation in the DEFEP project together with European partners demonstrates active engagement in transnational collaboration aimed at sharing knowledge and best practices in the field of distance education.

Coordination and management: The organization of a coordination meeting and the work of various committees (coordination council, executive committee, quality and transparency committees) emphasize the importance of structured cooperation and transparency in the implementation of joint projects.



On 28–30 January 2024, representatives of V. N. Karazin Kharkiv National University took part in the organisational meeting of the DEFEP project 'Distance Education for Future: best EU practices in response to the requests of modern higher education seekers and labour market', which took place at Lviv National Environmental University.

The meeting included the Second Coordination Meeting, meetings of the Coordinating Board, the Executive Committee, the Quality Committee and the Transparency and Communication Committee. The purpose of the meeting was to summarise the best practices and requests of distance education stakeholders in the EU and partner countries, and to substantiate the prospects for the development and implementation of its methodology.

## Karazin University Participated in Meetings within Erasmus+ KA2 project "Reforming Educational Program to Promote Education for Peace in Ukraine, Georgia, and Moldova / PeaceEdu"



**International and inter-institutional partnership:** The Erasmus+ KA2 "PeaceEdu" project is being implemented in cooperation between universities in Ukraine, Georgia, and Moldova, as well as with the participation of non-governmental organizations, demonstrating effective multilateral partnership at the regional level.

**Joint work on education reform:** Karazin University, together with its partners, is working on reforming curricula aimed at education for peace — an example of sharing knowledge, resources, and experience to achieve a common goal.

**Stakeholder engagement:** The analysis of the needs and expectations of students, educators, and the public during national meetings highlights the importance of an inclusive approach to project implementation, which aligns with the principles of Sustainable Development Goal 17.

**Promotion of peace and sustainable development:** Education for peace contributes to strengthening social stability and development, which is an important component of the global sustainable development agenda.



On January 29, February 2, and February 9, 2024, as part of the implementation of the Erasmus+ KA2 project "Reforming Educational Programs to Promote Education for Peace in Ukraine, Georgia, and Moldova / PeaceEdu," national meetings were held to discuss and analyze national and institutional needs and expectations regarding the project.

Ukrainian partners participating in the events included Karazin University, Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, and the NGO "Public Diplomacy Platform." During the meetings, project teams prepared a series of questions for surveys of students and school teachers regarding their awareness and needs in promoting peace education.

Representing Karazin University were Associate Professor of the Department of Management and Administration, Project Manager Yulia Kvitka, project team members, Associate Professors of the Department of Management and Administration Yulia Prus and Olena Parkhomenko, as well as Associate Professor of the Department of Civil Law Viktor Savchenko.

The project at Karazin University is being implemented based on the School of Business at the Institute of Economics.

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### Results of Collaboration Within the First Season of the "4EU+ for Ukraine" Project

**International partnership:** Karazin University collaborates with the University of Warsaw and other institutions from member countries of the 4EU+ Alliance, serving as an example of inter-university international cooperation.

**Knowledge and resource exchange:** Within the framework of the project, experience is shared through joint trainings, workshops, forums, and educational events, contributing to the improvement of education quality and scientific competencies.

**Supporting education and science in challenging conditions:** The project fosters the development of modern competencies among faculty and students even under difficult circumstances (e.g., during wartime), helping to maintain stability and advance the educational sector.

Development of open science: The presentation of the "Open Science" guide promotes the principles of transparency, accessibility, and collaboration in scientific activities. Material support: Providing modern gadgets to top-performing students encourages the development of talented youth and increases motivation for learning.







Throughout 2023, Karazin University, as one of the Ukrainian partners of the University of Warsaw, participated in the project "Solidarity with Ukraine — 4EU+ for Ukraine," funded by the Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange (NAWA).

Within the project, teachers, students, and staff from Karazin University took part in various remote events throughout the year. They also attended events organized by the University of Warsaw and educational institutions of the 4EU+ Alliance member countries. These included training sessions, workshops, forums, summer schools, and online courses aimed at developing modern competencies for participants in the educational process. The final stage of the first season of the project culminated in a meeting at the University of Warsaw on December 18–19, 2023. During this meeting, the presentation of the e-publication "Open Science — Introductory Handbook" took place for library staff and academic personnel. Additionally, Polish partners presented modern gadgets as awards for the best students at Karazin University.

### Delegation from Karazin University Visited the Republic of Moldova.

**Development of international partnership:** Karazin University is actively establishing cooperation with higher education institutions and government bodies in Moldova, strengthening academic and scientific ties between the two countries.

**Exchange of experience and knowledge:** Meetings with representatives of the Ministry of Education, researchers, and university leaders enable the sharing of best practices in higher education and science.

**Joint projects and initiatives:** Planning educational projects aimed at achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals highlights the commitment of both sides to address common challenges — from improving education quality to promoting social responsibility.





Karazin University continues to find like-minded partners and expand international cooperation. From February 7 to 9, a delegation from the University, led by Rector Tetyana Kaganovska, visited the Republic of Moldova.

During the visit, a series of important meetings took place for exchanging experiences, identifying relevant areas of cooperation, and developing higher education. The University delegation visited the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Moldova, where they met with the State Secretary of the Republic of Moldova for Higher Education and Science, Adriana Kazaku, and the Deputy State Secretary for Eurointegration, Liudmila Pavlova. The meeting was also attended by heads and leading experts from the departments of higher education and Eurointegration, as well as vice-rectors of leading Moldovan universities. They discussed plans for implementing joint educational projects and initiatives aimed at achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals and enhancing the social responsibility of universities.

For the exchange of experiences and deepening collaboration within joint projects, a meeting was held with the Rector of the State University of Moldova, Ihor Sharov. They discussed prospective directions for joint academic and scientific work, the establishment of programs for dual diplomas, as well as opportunities for enhancing the qualifications of Moldovan teachers of the Ukrainian language and literature.

Karazin University Participated in the Symposium "Sustainable Development - Current State and Prospects" and the Training Program "European Experience in Strategic Planning for Territorial Development Considering Ecosystem Services for Post-War Reconstruction of Ukraine"

Maryna Hryhorieva, Head of the Global Development Department at Karazin University, participated in the IV International Scientific Symposium "Sustainable Development - Current State and Prospects" and underwent training as part of the international winter school program "European Experience in Strategic Planning for Territorial Development Considering Ecosystem Services for Post-War Reconstruction of Ukraine."

The events took place from February 13 to 16, 2024, in Slavske village (Lviv region). The organizers of the symposium and winter school were the National University "Lviv Polytechnic," the V. Chernovol Institute of Sustainable Development, and the NGO "Mission of Sustainable Development."

The topics covered in the events included ecological balance and sustainable land use, environmental safety, tourism, and hospitality management, environmental expertise of goods, civil security, and current issues of land use. Overall, around 250 researchers from Ukraine and Estonia participated in the symposium.







International cooperation and knowledge exchange: Through international partnerships, knowledge sharing, and coordinated actions, it is possible to work effectively toward achieving global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

### Karazinites meeting the representatives of the University of Regensburg



**International partnership:** The meeting of Karazin University with the President of the University of Regensburg and his representatives demonstrates active international collaboration in education and science.

Thanks to this support, Karazin University can maintain the quality of academic education despite challenges, enhancing institutional resilience. Educational-level cooperation promotes the strengthening of democratic values and stability, aligning with global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).







Karazin University faculty and students met with the President of the University of Regensburg Udo Goebel with the participation of the Dean of the School of Biology and Preclinical Medicine Ralf Witzgal, members of the Secretariat of Molecular and Cellular Anatomy Eva Chir and Olga Mayer, Professor of the Department of Human Anatomy and Embryology Rudolf Fuschhofer, and a representative of the Department of Microbiology Robert Reichelt.

On behalf of Karazin University representatives, including Rector Tetyana Kaganovska, Vice-Rector Anatolii Babichev, Dean of the School of Medicine Tetiana Liadova, teachers and students of the School of Medicine, Zhanna Sotnikova-Meleshkina, the students' curator, delivered a speech. She expressed her sincere gratitude and great respect to the organizers from the University of Regensburg for their exceptional contribution in this difficult period for Ukraine.

The incredible social and psychological assistance, the willingness to provide educational, material, and time resources inspires and allows all Karazin students to cope with the difficult challenges of the war. This project allowed us to demonstrate Germany's great support for independent Ukraine in the field of academic education.

Coordination Meeting within the Erasmus+ Project "Art of Negotiation and Conflict Resolution (Mediation) / ArtNoConflict"



The project brings together universities and organizations from different countries, including Karazin University and the Netherlands Business Academy, to collaborate on an important topic — the art of negotiation and conflict resolution.

Developing mediation and conflict resolution skills among young people contributes to strengthening peace and social cohesion, which is an essential component of sustainable development.







On February 15-16, 2024, the first coordination meeting was held within the framework of the Erasmus+ virtual exchange project "The Art of Negotiation and Conflict Resolution (Mediation) / ArtNoConflict". The meeting was held at the Netherlands Business Academy. The event was opened by the rector of the institution, Jan van Zwieten. He welcomed all participants, spoke about his practical experience in mediation and the activities of the Academy.

During the meeting, all the partners made presentations of their universities and organizations, and shared their experience of working with young people in the field of mediation, facilitation, and negotiation. Yuliia Kvitka, Project Manager at Karazin University, spoke about the purpose, main tasks, and expected results of the project, as well as the main roles of each partner. During the meeting, they discussed all communication channels, rules of dissemination, reporting, financial management, requirements for the quality of results, and the main tasks for the next six months.

## Online meeting with representatives of the State University of Moldova

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- The exchange of curricula between partners enhances the openness of educational systems and promotes the harmonization of academic standards, which forms the foundation for effective international cooperation.
- Agreements on conducting joint research and project activities contribute to expanding the international scientific space and fostering innovation through collaboration.
- Karazin University demonstrates effective international partnership in education, science, and institutional cooperation, supporting sustainable development in both Ukraine and Moldova.



On February 21, Karazin University hosted an online meeting with representatives of the State University of Moldova, in particular, the Vice-Rector for Research and Teaching Otilia Dandara and the Vice-Rector for Finance and Economics Vladimir Dolghi.

Karazin University was represented by the Vice-Rectors of the University: Zarif Nazirov, Borys Samorodov and Anton Panteleimonov.

During the meeting, they discussed a joint project on the implementation of double degree programs of Karazin University and the State University of Moldova. The partners were also interested in programs in biology, ecology, mathematics, computer science, international economic relations, law, physics, and chemistry.

The meeting resulted in agreements on the exchange of curricula and agreed areas and promising opportunities for joint research and project activities.

## The Visit of the Karazin University Delegation to the Free University Amsterdam







Discussion of joint directions in education and scientific research opens opportunities for implementing projects, academic exchange, and innovation development, contributing to sustainable development.

Visiting the library and learning about approaches to collaboration with Ukraine, including the creation of a dedicated area for Ukrainian literature, highlights the importance of cultural exchange and mutual understanding.

On February 19-23, the delegation of the Karazin School of Business visited the Free University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands. During the week, a number of meetings and discussions on various areas of cooperation took place.

The visit began with a meeting at the Embassy of Ukraine in the Kingdom of the Netherlands with the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Ukraine to the Netherlands Olexander Karasevych and the Second Secretary of the Embassy for Cultural and Educational Affairs Yulia Malynovska. During the meeting, Mr. Ambassador spoke about the strategic directions of cooperation between the Netherlands and Ukraine for post-war recovery, the assistance of the Netherlands for more than 100 thousand Ukrainians temporarily staying in the country due to the war, and the possibility of involving the university in recovery programs.

Meetings were also held with the Dean of the School of Business and Economics, Professor Aryen van Witteloostuyn and other professors of the School, where each side presented its university and the School, outlined current areas of education and research, which made it possible to identify common areas for cooperation.

The delegation members visited the library of the Free University of Amsterdam and got acquainted with different approaches to the library's work during a tour of its halls. Library director Hilde van Weyngaarden and her colleagues spoke about cooperation with Ukraine and the special area created for Ukrainian literature.

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## The German Government Will Take Part in the Reconstruction of Karazin University





The signing of a memorandum between **Karazin University** and the German organization **GIZ**, with the support of the **German Embassy**, serves as an example of effective international cooperation for recovery and development in a post-conflict environment.

Collaboration within the project includes risk management, the development of sustainable development concepts, and the use of digital technologies for damage assessment — promoting the exchange of knowledge and best practices.



As part of the Strengthening Urban Resilience in Ukraine (SUR) project, which is part of the Resilient Society cluster, Karazin University has signed a memorandum of understanding with GIZ Ukraine. The document was signed with the participation of the Head of the Economic Section of the German Embassy, Mr. Christopher Fuchs. The memorandum provides for the restoration of 550 windows at Karazin University that were damaged as a result of a missile attack on Kharkiv on January 2, 2024. "We know that Karazin University has ambitious plans and they must be realized, so we are happy to help," said Eric Schweickhardt, Director of the Strengthening Urban Resilience in Ukraine project. "We were able to make a positive decision to assist in the restoration of the Kharkiv university in the shortest possible time," said Christopher Fuchs, Head of the Economic Section of the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Ukraine, "and we look forward to working closely with the university in the future.

Rector of Karazin University, Professor Tetiana Kahanovska, on behalf of the entire Karazin community, expressed her gratitude for the assistance and emphasized that the replacement of the windows would help to resume a number of Karazin University social projects in an offline format, including the Karazin Weekends project for schoolchildren.

The Strengthening Urban Resilience Project is part of the German government's transitional development assistance. The project, commissioned by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, aims to strengthen the resilience of cities in the areas of municipal infrastructure and housing, with a special focus on women and vulnerable groups.

In addition to disaster risk management activities, development of sustainable urban development concepts, and digital loss analysis, the project also focuses on restoring utility, housing, and social infrastructure in the areas most affected by the war.

### Karazin University on the International Stag





Participation in the conference, which brought together 15
Ukrainian universities and
European partners, demonstrates active establishment and strengthening of inter-university connections at the European level.



On March 13, 2024, Karazin University participated in a joint event on European and Ukrainian university cooperation titled "Cooperation of European and Ukrainian Universities: Status and Perspectives".

The event was held under the patronage and with the participation of the Vice President of the European Parliament, Ms. Eva Kopač, at the University of Strasbourg (France).

The meeting of representatives from 15 Ukrainian universities with foreign partners was organized with the support of our Polish colleagues from the Adam Mickiewicz University (Poznań, Poland).

During the conference, the main directions of European and Ukrainian interuniversity cooperation were highlighted to address the urgent needs arising from the aggression of the Russian Federation, planned long-term quality cooperation in the field of education and research, current results and commitments, issues and needs, as well as future prospects.

We thank our colleagues for their comprehensive support and cooperation!

# The Karazin Team Presented the Project "Art of Negotiation and Conflict Resolution (Mediation) / ArtNoConflict."





Participation in the meeting of Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange project winners demonstrates the university's active integration into international partnership networks, facilitating experience sharing and collaborative work on educational projects.

The implementation of joint international educational initiatives helps develop youth competencies and foster peacebuilding skills, which, in the long term, contributes to sustainable development.



On March 14, 2024, a meeting of the winners of the Erasmus+ Virtual Exchanges-2023 projects with representatives of the European Executive Agency for Education and Culture (EACEA) took place.

During the meeting, each team presented their project, including its goals, objectives, consortium, and expected outcomes.

Representatives of the EACEA provided more detailed information on how to use the grant agreement, communication rules with the Agency, financial management, reporting, and amendments. A Q&A session also took place.

The "Art of Negotiation and Conflict Resolution (Mediation) / ArtNoConflict" project was presented by the financial coordinator of the project, Ivett Livius (Dutch Business Academy), and the project's co-coordinator, Yulia Kvitka (Karazin Business School).

Visit of WHO Representatives to the University,

Collaboration with the WHO on the development of educational programs and mental health support strengthens the university's institutional capacity, promoting the implementation of advanced international practices.

Integration of international resources: With WHO's assistance in developing and implementing programs, the university gains access to global knowledge and resources, serving as an example of successful global partnership.



On March 15, the representatives of the Ukrainian and international offices of the World Health Organization (WHO) visited Karazin University during a working visit.

The meeting was attended by Dr. Fami Hanna, an expert from the Department of Mental Health and Substance Use at the WHO headquarters and co-chair of the Reference Group on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee.

WHO representatives met with the University's Rector, Tetyana Kaganovska, and an associate professor from the School of Psychology, Coordinator of the All-Ukrainian Mental Health Program in Kharkiv region, Liliya Zotova.

During the visit, they discussed cooperation issues, the importance of providing mental support to university staff and students, existing projects and centers for mental health rehabilitation, therapy, and support at Karazin University, as well as the need to incorporate a mental health component into educational programs. WHO representatives offered expert support in developing educational programs and mental health support programs.

During the meeting, there was a marketplace involving NGOs, international partners, and volunteers, as well as discussions on support programs: psychosocial assistance, stress relief, retraining, and adaptation for veterans.

The issue of mental health protection is extremely important, especially during times of war. Thank you for supporting initiatives aimed at meeting the urgent needs of society!

## **Karazin University Deepens Cooperation with Taras Shevchenko National University**





On March 18, at Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Tetyana Kaganovska, the Rector of Karazin University, met with Volodymyr Bugrov, the Rector of Taras Shevchenko National University.

During the meeting, the heads of both higher education institutions discussed the development and deepening of cooperation in educational activities, conducting joint scientific research, internationalization, and the popularization of research. They also considered issues related to expanding access to cultural assets, meeting the needs for sustainable development of civil society, and supporting community initiatives.

The parties signed a cooperation agreement, which, according to Volodymyr Bugrov, officially formalizes the long-standing partnership between the universities and encourages the implementation of new joint projects for the benefit of the development of education and science in Ukraine.

Tetyana Kaganovska noted: 'The war has shown how close our universities are. We have discovered each other anew. Support in these difficult times incredibly motivates and helps overcome all the challenges facing the educational sector.'



Supporting sustainable development: The discussion of initiatives for civil society and sustainable development highlights social responsibility and the universities' commitment to positively impacting society.

Promoting cohesion in times of crisis: Emphasizing mutual support during wartime demonstrates how partnerships help overcome challenges, which is key to strengthening communities and achieving sustainable development.

## Svitlana Shytykova, the Coordinator of the National Erasmus+ Office in Ukraine, Visited Karazin University







Development of international partnership: Participation in the EU Erasmus+ grant program ensures active collaboration between Karazin University and European educational institutions, contributing to the strengthening of global educational networks.

Karazin University implements UN Sustainable Development Goal 17 by building and reinforcing effective partnerships at national and international levels to support sustainable development in education and science. Kharkiv University is an active participant in the EU Erasmus+ grant program, collaborating with European universities to develop and improve the quality of education, facilitate student, graduate, teacher, and staff exchanges.

To enhance awareness, visual accessibility, efficiency, and impact of the international components of the Erasmus+ program in higher education, Kharkiv University held a meeting with the coordinator of the National Erasmus+ Office in Ukraine, Svitlana Shytykova, in a blended format. This meeting provided an opportunity for the Kharkiv University community to learn more about the specifics of international mobility and cooperation projects, potential development, international alliances for innovation, current resources, and competitions within the Erasmus+ program.

Ms. Svitlana also explained the rules and principles of operation and funding under the European Union program, academic mobility for HEI teachers, and for higher education seekers. During the event, participants received answers to all current questions and expressed gratitude for the individual approach and opportunity to communicate in person.

# Erasmus+ Project "Integration of Dual Higher Education in Moldova and Ukraine / COOPERA": visit to the University of Lleida







From March 11th to 15th, 2024, a study visit took place as part of the implementation of the Erasmus+ project "Integration of Dual Higher Education in Moldova and Ukraine / COOPERA" at the University of Lleida, Spain.

During the visit, the participants familiarized themselves with the implementation peculiarities of dual education programs at the University of Lleida in collaboration with leading business structures of the region, including one of the largest corporations in Spain - the Agro-Food Corporation HISSONA (participants of the visit were organized a tour of the company).

Participants also communicated and exchanged experiences with representatives of the academic community, business structures involved in educational activities in a dual form, and education stakeholders.

The visit program also included communication with representatives of the company Ros & Roca, a visit to the scientific-technological cooperation platform between the university and companies Parc Agrobiotech Lleida, where the advantages and challenges of establishing cooperation between various stakeholders in the implementation of educational initiatives were discussed.

Development and strengthening of partnerships between universities (Karazin University and the University of Lleida), business entities (Gisona, Ros & Roca), and science and technology platforms for implementing dual education programs.

Engaging diverse stakeholders in joint projects is a key element of SDG 17 — mobilizing resources and fostering interaction between the public, private, and academic sectors.

Additionally, a meeting was held with the management and academic staff of the University of Lleida. They discussed during existing research projects, tools for engaging the corporate sector in university projects, and experiences in implementing the Industrial PhD program.

We sincerely thank the organizers for the interesting and eventful program and other partners for constructive dialogue regarding the finalization of the project implementation and discussion of further cooperation directions!

# Karazinites Organized a Ukrainian literary evening "Five Minutes Before Spring" in Munich.







Promotion of Ukrainian culture and support for the Ukrainian community abroad: This helps strengthen connections between countries, communities, and educational institutions, which is an important aspect of SDG 17, calling for the reinforcement of global partnerships.

Engaging youth and developing leadership skills: Organizing the event by students serves as an example of active partnership, collaboration, and the implementation of joint cultural initiatives.

Students of the Karazin Business School (group BA-11) organized a Ukrainian literary evening "Five Minutes Before Spring."

This touching event took place in Munich, where students study at the educational hub in partnership with Kulterzentrum GOROD.

In the first part of the event, Ukrainian writers Yevhen Polozhyi and Olesia Mamchyk recited their poems.

The second part, titled "The Voice of War," featured military poetry by contemporary Ukrainian authors and poems by poets who perished in the war, performed by students and professors.

Towards the end of the evening, young authors were invited to the microphone. For most of them, it was their first opportunity to perform in front of an audience.

# Kharkiv University, with the Support of the Ministry of Digital Transformation and the Ministry of Health of Ukraine, Received 5 Energy Storage Systems from the American Charitable Organization Direct Relief and the Charitable Foundation of Yevhen Pivovarov







Strengthening resilience and social infrastructure: The donated energy storage systems help the university maintain critical functions during power outages, which is essential for the stable operation of educational and social infrastructure. This serves as an example of effective partnership between the government, non-governmental organizations, and international donors.

The value of mutual assistance and support is especially tangible in these extremely challenging times for the country and the city. Despite the difficulties, we are united, holding on, and working, thanks in part to the assistance of friends and partners of the university.

With the support of the Ministry of Digital Transformation of Ukraine and the Ministry of Health of Ukraine, from the American charitable organization Direct Relief, and with the support of the charitable foundation of Yevhen Pivovarov, through the Kharkiv Karazin University Foundation, Karazin University has received 5 energy storage systems.

These systems provide power to critical and social infrastructure objects during power outages.

Anatoliy Babichev, Vice-Rector on behalf of the university administration, expressed gratitude for the assistance and noted that the donated energy storage systems will enable the Karazin community to stay, work, and develop during blackouts.

We express sincere gratitude to the American charitable organization Direct Relief, the Ministry of Digital Transformation, the Ministry of Health of Ukraine, and the charitable foundation of Yevhen Pivovarov for providing energy storage systems!

## Meeting with Representatives of the International Organization "Peace and Sport"





At Karazin University, significant attention is always paid to sports and health work with students, promoting a healthy lifestyle. Physical education and sports are an important part of the educational process.

The university's Vice-Rector, Zarif Nazirov, met with representatives of the international organization "Peace and Sport". Based in the Principality of Monaco, the organization works to promote sport as a tool for peace among populations worldwide.

During the meeting, they discussed the university's participation in the annual #WhiteCard campaign on April 6, including organizing sports events during the campaign, as well as student participation in the UNESCO conference on peace and sport on April 4.

Zarif Nazirov talked about how Karazin University continues its sports activities despite the challenges of war and damage to university buildings. Participants in the meeting exchanged ideas on possible funding for the reconstruction of damaged sports complexes.

Grateful for the productive meeting and support! We believe that together we will be able to restore the university's sports infrastructure.



Supporting sustainable development through sports and health: The partnership focuses on restoring sports infrastructure and promoting a healthy lifestyle for students even under challenging conditions of war, thereby reinforcing social resilience and development.

### Karazinites are among the Representatives of Ukraine at the International Student Physics Tournament





**Supporting education in challenging conditions:** Despite the difficulties of war, the Ukrainian team preserves traditions, continues to develop, and maintains international connections, contributing to the resilience and sustainable development of education.

**Community engagement:** Expressing gratitude to fans and supporting the tournament highlight the importance of partnerships not only between institutions but also among society, students, and the international community.



From April 2 to 6, the International Physics Tournament, one of the most prestigious competitions for physics students worldwide, is taking place in Zurich, Switzerland.

The Ukrainian team has been participating in these tournaments annually since its inception. The first tournament was held in Ukraine in 2009. Over the past 15 years, the Ukrainian team has been among the top three winners 10 times, a success matched only by the French team. The war significantly worsened the conditions for preparing Ukrainian teams: they had to train online, almost without access to experimental laboratories, with a focus on the female composition of the team and leaders. However, the tournament, as always, is supported by its fans.

Two students from Karazin University played in the Ukrainian team: Vlada Fandieieva from the School of Physics and Stanislava Litvinova from the Research Institute of Physics and Technology, with two graduates of the Research Institute of Physics and Technology, Kseniia Minakova (currently an Associate Professor at NTU "KhPI") and Anastasiia Haieva (volunteer), serving as team leaders.

The Ukrainian team showed a better result than nine other national teams, including those from the UK, Spain, and Denmark. Based on the results of the qualifying matches, the Ukrainian team ranked 12th out of 21 participating teams and did not advance to the semifinals.

We express our gratitude to the team leaders and everyone who helped in preparation. It is extremely important that the tradition continues, that invaluable tournament experience is passed on to the next generations to carry the torch forward! Many thanks to the fans for their unwavering support!

## Meeting with the National Scouting Organization of Ukraine "Plast"







**Development of social capital and interaction:** The meeting fosters trust and partnership between students, civil society organizations, and the university, forming the foundation for successfully achieving shared goals.

Support for cultural and educational initiatives: By integrating youth organizations into student life, the university promotes inclusivity and diversity, reflecting the spirit of global cooperation.

On April 2, a meeting with the national scouting organization of Ukraine "Plast" took place at Karazin University with the support of the Student Union of Karazin University.

Participants engaged in an ice-breaking game, where each person shared their expectations for the event and interesting facts about themselves. Interestingly, a significant portion of the scouts turned out to be students of Karazin University. We take pride in having conscious and active youth at our university!

Tetyana Kaganovska addressed the students and guests with welcoming remarks. As the rector noted, it is very pleasing to have youth at the university because they bring life to it. No building can exist without people - it is people who bring light and warmth to the building. After all, the light is within each of us.

The scouts introduced their organization and conducted a workshop for the participants on making candles from wax. At the end of the meeting, everyone gathered to sing Ukrainian songs accompanied by a guitar.

The university is confident that this is the beginning of a new chapter in the history of student youth! We are glad that such warm and cozy evenings take place within the walls of Karazin University.

### Karazin University Participated in a Meeting of the International Consortium of Universities (CUMAI)





International partnership and collaboration: As part of the CUMAI consortium, Karazin University actively engages in international academic cooperation with universities in the USA and other countries, promoting the exchange of knowledge, experience, and resources.

**Promoting sustainable development through education and social support:** Collaboration in education, workforce training, and assistance to veterans with PTSD represents concrete steps toward enhancing social inclusion, improving the quality of education and health, aligning with global UN Sustainable Development Goals.



International cooperation is one of the main directions of Karazin University's activities. Participation in the international consortium of universities CUMAI will allow us to adopt experience and attract funding from the United States for the development of higher education institutions, the creation of a virtual entrepreneurship development center, the development of risk management standards, and assistance in the reintegration of war veterans.

On April 8, 2024, a meeting took place at the U.S. Embassy in Ukraine with Mark Sigel, a staff member of the University of California, San Diego, and representatives of 8 Ukrainian HEIs participating in the consortium between Ukrainian and Moldovan universities with the University of California, San Diego (CUMAI).

The U.S. Embassy in Ukraine was represented at the meeting by Assistant Press, Education, and Culture Attaché Erin Cowzens and Education Specialist Vera Ternovska. From Karazin University, the meeting was attended by Volodymyr Rodchenko, Director of the School of Business, and Yulia Kvitka, Associate Professor of the School of Business responsible for international cooperation.

During the meeting, issues related to supporting the activities of the newly created consortium of universities (CUMAI) were discussed, including the transformation of higher education following the example of the United States, assistance to the population and veterans with PTSD, the development of business education, and cultural and technological cooperation.

Agreements were reached on the widest possible involvement of the American academic, grant, and business communities in project initiatives (CUMAI). We continue our joint work!

## Karazin University is Expanding Cooperation with Higher Education Institutions in Ivano-Frankivsk

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT G. ALS

Building and strengthening partnerships.

Collaborative work to overcome challenges.

**Knowledge and experience exchange:** Deepening cooperation in education and research promotes innovation, enhances the quality of education and scientific studies, which is essential for sustainable development.

**Engaging diverse stakeholders:** Discussing collaboration with stakeholders (students, faculty, businesses, and civil society organizations) helps create an inclusive and effective educational environment.



Collaboration and mutual support help develop and improve the higher education system in Ukraine.

On April 9, a delegation from Karazin University, led by Rector Tetyana Kaganovska, visited Ivano-Frankivsk National Technical University of Oil and Gas. A working meeting was held with the heads of leading higher education institutions in Prykarpattia region: Rector of Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University, Igor Tsependa; Rector of Ivano-Frankivsk National Technical University of Oil and Gas, Igor Chudyk; and Rector of Ivano-Frankivsk National Medical University, Roman Yatsyshyn.

Urgent issues of educational development, cooperation with stakeholders, and prospects for further collaboration were discussed. The leaders of educational institutions expressed their support for Karazin University and offered assistance in addressing specific challenges arising from increased aggression.

During the visit, a partnership agreement was signed with Ivano-Frankivsk National Technical University of Oil and Gas, with plans to deepen cooperation across various areas of educational and scientific activities.

## A Training on "First Psychological Support" took Place at Karazin University.





The Medair training at Karazin University is an example of successful international partnership aimed at strengthening societal resilience during wartime. It demonstrates how UN Sustainable Development Goal 17 is implemented through practical collaboration for the well-being, knowledge, and psychological support of youth. This event highlights the interaction of education, humanitarian work, and healthcare — three key areas in the sustainable development framework.



Karazin University pays significant attention to deepening knowledge about mental health. The ability to provide first psychological support is extremely important, as it can be useful not only in times of crisis but also in our everyday lives.

For students of the School of Psychology, representatives of the International Swiss humanitarian organization "Medair" conducted a training on providing Psychological First Aid (PFA). Participants gathered in a safe space within the university and were able to experience the warmth of personal communication.

Students deepened their knowledge of the basic principles of supporting individuals affected by crisis situations, learned about the application of PFA principles and role-playing games, and the specifics of working with vulnerable population groups that may require special attention.

We are grateful to the representatives of the International organization "Medair" for conducting the training, providing valuable knowledge and skills for supporting mental health, which are essential and relevant for everyone!

# Representatives of Karazin University Participated in the International Teaching Days as part of the Erasmus Y Program





The International Teaching Days event, organized by the University of Applied Sciences IMC Krems (Austria) within the framework of the EU Erasmus+ program, took place.

From April 9th to 13th, over 30 international professors and experts shared their experience with Austrian students. This event is an important step towards internationalization and a great opportunity to combine knowledge and experience from different countries and academic disciplines.

International Teaching Days serve not only as a platform for academic exchange among students and staff but also as cultural enrichment, making the network of partner universities valuable and unique.

Representatives of the Karazin Banking Institute of V.N. Karazin Kharkiv National University presented:

Deputy Director of the Institute, Associate Professor Valeriia Kochorba with a guest lecture on "Organization of risk management systems in banks";

Professor of the Department of Banking Business and Financial Technologies,

Associate Professor Valeriia Baranova with a guest lecture on "Digital transformation."

Participation in academic mobility programs provides an opportunity to create an international educational environment and prepare our students for the challenges of the globalized world. These were unique days, filled with engaging discussions, innovative teaching approaches, and the opportunity to expand communication and friendly relations!

We thank our colleagues for their understanding and unwavering support of our country in such challenging times. This motivates and inspires us to develop, share experiences, and confidently move towards our Victory!

The participation of Karazin University in International Teaching Days is an example of high-quality academic partnership at the global level, fully reflecting the spirit and objectives of UN Sustainable Development Goal 17, aimed at strengthening international cooperation, knowledge exchange, and collective achievement of sustainable development through education. Creating an international learning environment helps students and faculty better navigate a globalized world, fosters tolerance, intercultural dialogue, and professional skills, which is especially important for the sustainable development of society as a whole.

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## Cooperation Agreement with the State University of Moldova has been Signed





On April 12, 2024, a strategic cooperation agreement was signed between Karazin University and the State University of Moldova.

The agreement envisages the development and implementation of a series of dual degree programs in various fields of knowledge. This initiative will allow students to obtain two diplomas under the guidance of leading professors from both universities.

"This agreement is an important step in the development of international education and scientific cooperation," noted Zarif Nazyrov, Vice-Rector of Karazin University. "We are confident that our students will acquire not only academic knowledge but also intercultural experience, which will be valuable in the modern world."

This partnership will also provide opportunities for student exchanges, faculty exchanges, joint research projects, and academic mobility programs.

"We look forward to the beginning of this important stage of our cooperation," emphasized Igor Sharov, Rector of the State University of Moldova. "It opens up new horizons for our students and academic communities, contributing to their personal and professional development."

The signed cooperation agreement is an important step in strengthening ties between educational institutions of Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova, offering students new opportunities for learning and career growth.

- 1. Development of international educational partnerships
- 2. Double degree programs combining educational resources
- 3. Mobility and knowledge exchange
- 4. Support for scientific collaboration

The signing of a strategic agreement between Karazin University and the State University of Moldova is a concrete example of implementing UN Sustainable Development Goal 17. It demonstrates how inter-university cooperation contributes to strengthening education, science, culture, and mutual understanding between nations — the foundation of sustainable development.

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## Karazin University Strengthens Cooperation with Educational and Scientific Institutions in Georgia







The number of friends and partners of Karazin University worldwide is steadily growing. On April 15, 2024, Zarif Nazyrov, the Vice-Rector of V.N. Karazin Kharkiv National University, made a series of visits to educational and scientific institutions in Georgia.

During the meeting with the Rector of Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, Jaba Samushia, a wide range of issues related to joint scientific projects in the fields of physics and mathematics were discussed. Representatives from both universities agreed to enhance cooperation in the field of scientific research and exchange of experience. Additionally, they plan to jointly implement academic mobility programs for students and faculty aimed at knowledge and innovation exchange.

Zarif Nazyrov also made a working visit to the Institute of High Energy at Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University. During the meeting with scientists, perspectives of collaborative work within programs dedicated to the development of high-energy physics were discussed.

Mr. Nazyrov and the representatives of the institute exchanged ideas regarding joint research and projects aimed at improving technologies in the field of high-energy physics. Special attention was given to innovative approaches and opportunities for scientific and technical cooperation.

During the visit to the library of Tbilisi State University, the Karazin University Vice-Rector discussed possibilities for cooperation in the field of information resources and exchange of literary publications. As a result of the meeting, an agreement was reached to deepen cooperation between the libraries of both universities. This step will contribute to the development of scientific exchange and provide students and researchers with access to a wider range of scientific literature.

During the meeting with the academician, Corresponding Member of the Georgian National Academy of Sciences, Georgi Dzhaparidze, perspectives of cooperation in the field of high technologies were discussed. After a productive discussion, both sides expressed their intention to strengthen cooperation and implement specific initiatives aimed at promoting scientific knowledge and technological progress.

This visit to Georgia was an important step in supporting international scientific exchange and cooperation. It opens up new opportunities for the development of scientific relationships and joint achievements.

Visits by the Vice-Rector of Karazin University to educational and scientific institutions in Georgia demonstrate how international partnerships contribute to the development of science, education, innovation, and mutual support in challenging global conditions. This involves not only the exchange of knowledge but also joint efforts toward achieving long-term sustainable development goals.

## Karazin University Participated in a Meeting of Academic Communities of Austria and Ukraine





- The meeting provides a platform for political, cultural, and educational dialogue between countries, fostering long-term connections that form the foundation for sustainable development on a global scale. The event is aimed at:
- Strengthening international cooperation,
- Joint development of the education system,
- Training personnel for the sustainable recovery of the state,
- Integrating Ukrainian science and education into the European space.



On April 16, at Uzhhorod National University, rectors of higher education institutions discussed the prospects for cooperation in education between Ukraine and Austria. Rector Tetyana Kaganovska represented Karazin University on the international stage.

The event was attended by representatives of the Embassy of the Republic of Austria in Ukraine, Austria's Agency for Education and Internationalisation, the Federal Ministry of Education, Science, and Research of the Republic of Austria, the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine, the National Erasmus+ Office in Ukraine, as well as rectors of higher education institutions from Austria and Ukraine.

Universities should continue to prepare competent specialists needed for the country's reconstruction, and Austrian colleagues are ready to contribute to this! Therefore, the meeting addressed several questions, which were discussed by working groups. These included the development of education in Ukrainian higher education institutions, improving the teaching process, and the importance of universities in the reconstruction of Ukraine.

The next meeting will take place in Vienna. We thank our Ukrainian and Austrian colleagues for fruitful cooperation and in-depth discussions.

# Karazinites Participated in events within the Erasmus+ project "Reforming Educational Programs to Promote Education for Peace in Ukraine, Georgia, and Moldova/PeaceEdu







From April 17 to 19, 2024, events were held in Finland as part of the Erasmus+ project "Reforming Educational Programs to Promote Education for Peace in Ukraine, Georgia, and Moldova/PeaceEdu."

In particular, participants took part in the first consortium meeting and study visit to the Tampere Peace Research Institute and the Institute for the Education of Peace (RKI) in Helsinki.

Karazin University was represented by the project manager, Associate Professor of the Karazin Business School, Yulia Kvitka, and a member of the project team, Associate Professor of the Karazin Business School, Yulia Prus.

During the meeting, the coordinator made a general presentation of the project, discussed the University of Tampere and its achievements in the field of peacebuilding, education, and research.

The director of the National Erasmus+ Office of Ukraine, Svitlana Shutykova, also delivered a welcoming speech, emphasizing the importance of this project for Ukraine.

Over the course of three days, participants presented their organizations, teams, and achievements. Issues related to financial management, reporting, quality assurance of developed materials and activities were discussed, and a project dissemination strategy was presented.

The event serves as an example of international cooperation, aimed at exchanging experience and resources. It promotes the professional development of faculty, strengthens institutional capacity, and seeks to create a resilient educational infrastructure for a peaceful future.

A series of thematic workshops were also conducted. National coordinators from three countries (Ukraine, Georgia, and Moldova) presented a national report on assessing needs in the specified field. The project team of Karazin University, Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, and the Public Diplomacy Platform NGO have been actively working since February and have developed special questionnaires for school teachers regarding conflict situations in schools, as well as for university students, and conducted focus groups. Through joint efforts, responses were obtained from over 3,000 respondents and a detailed analysis was conducted.

# Meeting with the Vice-Rector for International Cooperation and Communications of the University of Salamanca







The meeting took place in an atmosphere of friendly exchange of thoughts and ideas.

Both vice-rectors expressed interest in further expanding cooperation between the universities. They discussed the development of joint educational programs, organization of student and faculty exchanges, as well as joint research projects.

These initiatives open up new horizons for students and faculty of both universities, allowing them not only to exchange knowledge and experience but also to jointly develop innovative solutions and address contemporary challenges.

The vice-rectors confirmed their intentions to actively cooperate and develop mutually beneficial relations between the universities, which open up new opportunities for the international educational space.

We look forward to the implementation of these ideas and the involvement of new partners in our shared mission of education, research, and development!

This is not just a diplomatic event — it is a practical embodiment of partnership as a tool for the sustainable development of education and science.

## Students of the School of Medicine Participated in an Internship in Medical Microbiology in Germany





#### **Enhancing the Quality of Education and Skills**

Practical training at a leading European institution helps Ukrainian students master modern methods and technologies in medical microbiology, which is crucial for the development of healthcare and science in Ukraine.

#### This contributes to:

- \* Strengthening institutional capacity,
- \* Integrating advanced expertise into the national education system.



As part of the academic mobility program under the memorandum of cooperation with the University of Regensburg, second-year students of the School of Medicine of Karazin University participated in an internship in medical microbiology.

Students enhanced their knowledge of bacterial differentiation methods, independently performed Gram staining and microscopy of specimens, learned the technique of Ziehl-Neelsen staining, conducted microscopic observation of bacteria in real-time, and improved their knowledge of spore and capsule microscopy.

Within the program, the students studied the biochemical properties of bacteria, conducted bacterial testing for antibiotic resistance, and PCR analysis of nasal swabs for MRSA.

During the practical training, they improved their skills in using light and fluorescent microscopy and acquired many other practical skills.

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With the support of the Dean of the School of Biology and Preclinical Medicine, Professor Ralph Witzgall, and with the direct involvement of Dr. Robert Reichheld and the Coordinator of the Department of Medical Microbiology, Dr. Benedict Asbach, Karazin students not only deepened their theoretical knowledge of medical microbiology but also practically improved their skills and mastered methods of preparing microbiological preparations and their microscopy.

# Series of In-person Physiology Classes for Medical Students in Accordance with the Cooperation Memorandum with the University of Regensburg







As part of the student exchange program, second-year students from the School of Medicine of Karazin University participated in a series of in-person physiology classes based on the cooperation memorandum with the University of Regensburg.

With the support of the Dean of the School of Biology and Preclinical Medicine, Professor Ralph Wittig, and the participation of Professor Frank Schwed from the University of Regensburg, Karazin students were introduced to German standards in higher medical education. Associate Professor Vera Shekh from the Department of Human and Animal Physiology of the School of Biology of Karazin University, who is on scientific and pedagogical internship for teachers at the University of Regensburg, also joined the classes.

The future doctors independently performed laboratory work on ECG registration and analysis, blood flow in arterial and venous vessels, heart activity regulation, local and systemic blood circulation, cardiovascular and respiratory system physiology, sensory system studies, physiological basis of behavior, and blood system physiology.

The event demonstrates how international cooperation and knowledge exchange between universities support the implementation of UN SDG 17, promoting the strengthening of partnerships, the development of education, and the enhancement of professional standards. This creates conditions for sustainable development through education and science.

Practical skills training was conducted using modern equipment, including an electrocardiograph, an adjustable table with tilt, Goldman's perimeter projector, a soundproof booth for hearing tests, express blood group test, spirometer, tonometer, electromyograph, and more.

We are delighted to create opportunities for our students and implement practical classes even under such challenging circumstances!

### **Karazin Representatives Attended the European Universities Summit**

On April 23–24, 2024, in Bremen, Germany, representatives from Karazin University participated in THE Europe Universities Summit 2024 organized by the British ranking agency Times Higher Education.

The university was represented by Rector Tetyana Kaganovska, Vice-Rector Zarif Nazirov, and Head of the Global Development Department Maryna Hryhorieva.

Participants of this year's summit focused on examining the role of universities and other higher education institutions in societal development in Europe and beyond through partnerships. They explored how leading academic institutions can strategically align efforts, resources, and expertise to achieve tangible and sustainable societal outcomes.

Leaders from higher education, industry, and civil society also discussed future partnerships between universities and industry, as well as between universities and civil society within the higher education sector.







### Strengthening international and cross-sectoral partnerships

The summit focuses on creating and reinforcing partnerships among universities, industry, and civil society, which lies at the core of SDG 17, emphasizing global cooperation to achieve sustainable development.

## Karazin University has Signed a Memorandum of Cooperation with Kreston Ukraine

Such partnerships support the sustainable development of the education sector by preparing qualified specialists capable of working effectively across various economic sectors.

The university's collaboration with a leading auditing company expands networks of valuable contacts and knowledge, which is an important component of SDG 17—strengthening global and local partnerships.

Thus, this event serves as a concrete example of implementing SDG 17 through the development of strategic collaborations for sustainable economic development.



The Department of Statistics, Accounting, and Auditing of the School of Economics has signed a strategic Memorandum of Cooperation with Kreston Ukraine, one of the leading auditing companies in the country.

The partnership involves collaboration between the department's experts and specialists from Kreston Ukraine to prepare students for successful employment. Students will have the opportunity to gain valuable practical experience and advice from industry professionals, which will enhance their competitiveness in the job market.

Karazin University always pays significant attention to labor market needs and the career development of its students. The cooperation with Kreston Ukraine is yet another confirmation of this approach.

## Karazin University Signed an Agreement with the Silesian Academy in Katowice



- \* Knowledge and experience are exchanged between universities from different countries,
- \* Joint educational and research programs are developed,
- \* Academic mobility of students and faculty is strengthened,
- \* Opportunities for implementing innovations in educational processes are created.

All of this contributes to achieving sustainable development through the combined efforts of different countries and institutions — exactly what SDG 17 emphasizes, highlighting the importance of strengthening global partnerships and collaboration.



As part of a working visit to Poland by Karazin University Rector Tetyana Kaganovska and Vice-Rector for Research and Teaching Zarif Nazirov held a meeting with Founder-Chancellor Arkadiusz Holda and Rector Aleksander Ostenda of the Silesian Academy.

The representatives of the university administrations discussed a wide range of cooperation issues. The meeting resulted in the signing of an important cooperation agreement between Karazin University and the Silesian Academy. Under the agreement, cooperation is planned in several areas, including medicine, management, and computer science.

Karazin University continues to actively develop international connections with leading educational institutions worldwide to achieve significant results together with our partners!

# Karazin University has Entered into a Cooperation Agreement with the Company "M.E.DOC"





### Thanks to such cooperation:

- The quality of the educational process is improved through the integration of modern technologies and practical tools used in the market;
- Conditions are created for the professional development of faculty, students, and graduates;
- The level of training of specialists is increased, ensuring they meet the current requirements of the economy and the information society.



The Department of Accounting and Taxation at the Kharkiv Banking Institute of the Karazin University has entered into a cooperation agreement with the company LLC "M.E.DOC," one of the leaders in the market of information services related to electronic reporting and document management.

This collaboration will elevate the level of scientific and methodological support for the educational process, improve the system of training, retraining, and professional development of personnel in line with modern market requirements, and also incorporate the software products of LLC "M.E.DOC" into the educational process.

As part of this collaboration, a theoretical and practical course on working with the computer program "M.E.DOC" has already been conducted for faculty, students, and graduates, with over 70 participants.

We continue our work, making the educational process engaging and effective!

## Panel Discussion: Development of Student Self-Government During Wartime



The exchange of ideas, joint discussion of challenges, and search for solutions strengthen mutual understanding and coordinated action to achieve sustainable development in youth policy and student support, even under wartime conditions.

Moreover, the event promotes the development of civil society, leadership, and active youth participation, which are essential components for building resilient social structures.



Life is buzzing within the walls of Karazin University: the most active representatives of student self-government from educational institutions in Kharkiv gathered to discuss the specifics of developing student councils and youth organizations during wartime.

On May 3rd, at the initiative of the Kharkiv Regional Youth Center, a panel discussion titled "Development of Student Self-Government During Wartime" took place. At the beginning of the event, a minute of silence was observed to honor the memory of the fallen defenders who gave their lives in the harsh war against the enemy.

Rector Tetyana Kaganovska addressed the attendees: "When students gather at the university, it truly becomes alive because the university cannot exist without its incredible students. Despite all the challenges, you continue to study and be true citizens of our country here in Kharkiv. The university always provides many opportunities for development, self-realization, and professional growth. And today, our main task is to unite our efforts to overcome, support each other, be useful, and help you realize yourselves and move confidently forward."

Georgiy Pazi, the Director of the Kharkiv Regional Youth Center, thanked those present for their participation and noted that the main goal of this discussion is the development of the student movement in Kharkiv.

Representatives of institutions signed a Memorandum of Cooperation to jointly create new opportunities for the development of Ukrainian youth.

Within the panel discussion, there were passionate discussions, exchange of ideas and thoughts, speeches, presentations, and interactive sessions. Students discussed student self-government, its functions, rights, and duties, implementation of student projects and events, challenges, and problems of student organizations during wartime.

They are confident that student youth leaders not only received tools to help implement events for students but also gained motivation to continue their work. Grateful for the opportunity to feel sincere emotions and joy from communication, to meet and talk live!

# Representatives of Karazin University Among the Winners of the EURIZON Fellowship Programm for Ukraine Competition



The selection and support of research teams at Karazin University stimulate innovation development, which is critically important for sustainable development and the country's recovery.



On May 3rd, the website of the European project EURIZON announced the completion of the third (final) round of proposal evaluation for the EURIZON Fellowship Programme for Ukraine. As a result, an additional 34 teams of researchers in Ukraine were selected to receive individual funding for a period of up to 12 months.

Among the winners of the competition there are six teams from Karazin University, which is the best result among universities in Ukraine: Heat transport and Interfacial energy dissipation in nanostructures (School of Computer Sciences and Energy Sciences);

- Enhanced chiral sensing with plasmonic hyperbolic metasurfaces (School of Radiophysics, Biomedical Electronics, and Computer Systems);
- Creation of ceramic coatings for surface modification of structural materials by the cathode-type vacuum-arc discharge, which generates highly ionized plasma flows (School of Physics and Technology);
- Reptile and amphibian genomics to unravel evolution and biodiversity (School of Biology);
- Between two poles: Phylogeny and phylogeography of selected species of marine and freshwater leeches (Hirudinea) (School of Biology);
- Biomolecular interactions of amyloids: modulating effects of polyphenols (School of Physics and Technology).

Two representatives of Karazin University were invited to serve on the Scientific Review Panel: Olha Polotska, Executive Director of the National Research Foundation of Ukraine, and Professor Ihor Hirka from the School of Physics and Technology.

Overall, 730 proposals were accepted for the competition in six categories:

- Infrastructure of databases and numerical calculations;
- Energy;
- Environment;
- Health and nutrition;
- Physics and engineering;
- Socio-cultural studies.

The organizers received over fifteen hundred reviews. Taking into account the previous two selection rounds, the competition jury selected 65 proposals for funding, involving 324 researchers and engineers working in Ukraine. The funding for these 65 projects amounts to four and a half million euros. Projects with durations ranging from six to twelve months will be implemented by the end of April 2025, starting from February 2024. Congratulations to the competition winners!

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# Students from the School of Business at Karazin University Visited the Eastern Bavarian Technical University Amberg-Weiden (Germany)







From April 21 to May 5, 2024, as part of the Erasmus+ project "Integration and Adaptation of Foreign Students/INTERADIS," students from the School of Business at the Karazin University visited the Eastern Bavarian Technical University Amberg-Weiden in Germany.

Over the course of two weeks, the cultural and educational programs were quite intense. Among the main goals of the trip were gaining experience and integration into a new intercultural environment. The students participated in numerous lectures by top professors from the Eastern Bavarian Technical University and successfully passed the "Intensive German Course" exam. One of the advantages of the study visit was the opportunity to improve their foreign language skills, meet motivated students, and immerse themselves in a conducive environment for development.

International academic partnership: fosters the strengthening of international cooperation and partnerships, which serve as a foundation for achieving sustainable development.

The organizers arranged a series of cool and interesting events, including leisure activities organized by the International Student Association and representatives of the International Department, such as meeting foreign students, informal communication (shared lunches, trips, and excursions to Bavarian cities), Painting Workshop, World Café Workshop, Green Office Workshop, and more. In their free time, they had the opportunity to explore the city, visit festivals, and learn more about German culture and traditions. The colorful national costumes of the university representatives and the delicious traditional German cuisine also left pleasant impressions.

We thank the organizers for their warm welcome, valuable experience, pleasant memories, and emotions!

## **Kharkiv Karazin University is developing International Relations with Lithuania**



The exchange of scientific information, conducting joint research projects, and participating in conferences and seminars exemplify collaboration that enhances the quality of education and science, as well as the integration of knowledge and resources.

This partnership is based on shared values and principles, creating a foundation for long-term cooperation and the achievement of sustainable development.







On May 8th, Karazin University signed two memoranda of cooperation, one with Kaunas University of Technology and the other with the Lithuanian Riflemen's Union. The signing ceremony was attended by Karazin University Vice-Rectors Oleksandr Holovko, Anton Panteleimonov, Boris Samorodov, and the Dean of the School of Computer Science Dmytro Uzlov. The representative from the Lithuanian side was Paulius Klikunis.

The memorandum with Kaunas University of Technology aims to develop mutually beneficial cooperation for integrating science and fostering closer research and practical partnerships between Kaunas and Karazin universities. Specifically, the memorandum includes collaboration in research project preparation and implementation, exchange of scientific and technical information, participation in scientific conferences, seminars, and other academic events organized by the universities, and more.

The memorandum with the Lithuanian Riflemen's Union focuses on cooperation aimed at integrating experiences and partnerships for closer contact and exchange of best practices between the Union and Karazin University. This involves joint preparation and execution of research projects, participation in conferences, seminars, and other events organized by Karazin University and the Lithuanian Riflemen's Union.

Additionally, during the meeting, Paulius Klikunis, representing the Aid Raid Luxembourg Charity Organization, presented a backup power generator for the School of Computer Science. As noted by the university Vice-Rectors, Lithuania's assistance is valuable to us.

We appreciate their contribution to both Ukraine's defense capability and ensuring the educational process! We are delighted to find new friends with similar values and honesty! Karazin University expresses sincere gratitude for the assistance and cooperation from our foreign partners!

Faculty Members of the School of Foreign Languages Completed the "Phonetics for Teaching English Pronunciation" Course from the University of York (United Kingdom)





International Cooperation in Education
Knowledge Exchange and Capacity Building:
Development of Educational Programs
Support for Resilience and Adaptability
Kharkiv Karazin University strengthens international educational connections, promotes knowledge exchange, and fosters joint development.

Faculty members of the School of Foreign Languages completed an 11-week online course "Phonetics for Teaching English Pronunciation," specially designed by the Department of Language and Linguistic Science at the University of York for Karazin University.

The course aimed to enhance the qualifications of the faculty members in the field of English phonetics and to prepare a new English pronunciation course for first-year students of the School of Foreign Languages.

As part of the "Unity" project, implemented jointly with the University of York, representatives of the Department of Language and Linguistic Science — Sam Hellmuth, James Chantry, and Marina Kantarutti — specifically developed this course. It combined an introduction to English phonetics with an overview of key theories and research in the phonology of English as a second language, as well as practical ideas and principles for teaching English pronunciation in professional English classes. The course also featured a guest lecture by Professor Richard Ogden, author of the renowned monograph "An Introduction to English Phonetics" (2009).

The next step was to invite two faculty members from the Department of English Philology and Methods of Teaching Foreign Languages to the University of York for advanced training courses. Upon completion of the 5-week course, Karazin University faculty members will receive the Trinity Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (CertTESOL).

At the end of the online course, Professor Sam Hellmuth remarked: "It was a pleasure to get to know our colleagues from Ukraine during this practical training course. We were impressed by their thirst for knowledge and the resilience with which they engaged in the course while simultaneously teaching their own programs online. The course they have developed for their students is just the beginning of our future collaboration."

## The International School of Pedagogical Mastery "Education 4.0 and Pedagogical Excellence"

From December 16 to 20, the Ukrainian Engineering and Pedagogics Academy hosted the fifth International School of Pedagogical Mastery, "Education 4.0 and Pedagogical Excellence," organized by the Department of Information and Computer Technologies and Mathematics and the Center for Innovative Educational Technologies. Approximately 300 educators, trainers, researchers, and administrators registered for the event, with 90 to 130 participants attending online master classes.







Sharing knowledge and experience in the field of digital educational technologies and pedagogy strengthens inter-university partnerships, develops innovative approaches to education, and enhances teachers' qualifications. Such joint activities support global partnership and cooperation, which is key to achieving Goal 17 — mobilizing resources, sharing knowledge, and strengthening global partnerships for sustainable development.

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### Representatives of Karazin University Participated in the Final Meeting of the 4EU+ for Ukraine Project in Warsaw, Poland





On December 10–11, 2024, representatives of the International Relations Department, Daria Rashchupkina and Tetiana Psota, visited the University of Warsaw.

Together with participants from Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv and Ivan Franko National University of Lviv, they took part in training sessions on effective communication with stakeholders in both university and international environments.

Additionally, the representatives acquired new skills in ensuring equal opportunities for participants in the educational process through an informative training on developing and implementing equality policies in higher education institutions.



Such collaboration enhances the ability of educational institutions to interact effectively with various stakeholders at both national and international levels, which is an important element of global partnership for sustainable development. This exchange of experience and skills supports collaborative networks and contributes to achieving shared educational and scientific goals.