

Central European University Alliance (CEUA)

Central European Higher Education Alliance

International research project

Current trends in European higher education

Basic document

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Name of Project

Current trends in European higher education.

Initial thesis of the project

Higher education is one of the important factors in the socio-economic development of regions, individual countries and the whole of Europe. Contemporary universities move in an environment where they try to preserve a certain historical continuity and autonomy on the one hand and, on the other hand, respond to ongoing changes in the economy and society. In the field of education, we are registering changes in the traditional concept of teaching, which in higher education is represented by the methods of lectures, seminars, exercises and consultations. Especially during the Covid19 pandemic, there was also a significant innovation of methods and teaching aids towards the use of various electronic, digital means of communication. Another distinctive feature is scientific and research activity. The results of various researches show that changes are currently taking place in this field as well. Schools are increasingly connected to national and European scientific research programs and to applied research in the business sphere.

Main objectives of the project

1. To analyze some changes in the offer of study programs of selected universities in the context of economic and social changes at present.
2. Summarize innovations in the didactic aspect of teaching in connection with the development of digitization of methods and means during the Covid19 pandemic after 2020.
3. Conduct a probe into the focus of scientific research activities of universities in connection with their professional profile and national and European development programs.

Research project methodology

The aim of the research investigation is to identify and assess some current trends in higher education in the European area. The Focus Group method will be implemented in the first phase of scientific activities. Relevant experts will formulate their opinions on ongoing changes in the content, didactic and research areas of the work of the selected universities. In the second phase of this project, the so-called triangulation will be carried out, i.e. the assessment of collected opinions from other sources of knowledge. Empirical verification of some data and research of the so-called focal problems of the development of higher education in selected European countries will be carried out.

Expected outputs of the project

The project outputs will have an internal and a public part. The final report and final study will serve the Central European Higher Education Alliance (CEUA) to direct its further activities. The mentioned documents will also be available to the universities participating in the project. As part of the public

part of the presentation of the project results, an international symposium will take place, its organizational aspects will be further specified.

Project managers and schedule

The client of the project is the Central Europe University Alliance (CEUA), an informal association of universities and colleges in the region. A total of 17 entities from the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland, Austria, Hungary, Lithuania, Estonia, Latvia, Serbia, Montenegro, Croatia, Bulgaria and Romania will participate in the project. The main research institute is the Jan Amos Comenius University in Prague. Scientific research activities will be carried out by a team composed of Prof. Ing. Vladimír Gozora, CSc., dr.n.C., Doc. PhDr. Jaroslav Mužík, CSc., DrSc. and M.Sc. Milan Chmura, PhD. Academic staff from the researcher's main workplace, i.e. the Jan Amos Comenius University in Prague, will also participate in the research.

Term plan

First phase of research (Focus Group) 1/1/2023 – 30/6/2023

Second phase of research (empirical investigation, research study) 1/10/2023 – 30/03/2024

Processing of the final report and final study by 30.06.2024

Symposium on the output of the project until 30.12.2024