



“Dignity of every person, human rights, freedom, and democracy are the basis of our European society. We do not have the right to have it only for ourselves.”

Mr. Hans-Gert Pöttering
President of the European Parliament

“We are proud of the fact that this university is continuing its activity in Vilnius ... We believe, the student will receive humanities education based on European values, come back to Belarus and remain friends of Lithuania.”

Mr. Česlovas Juršėnas
Former Speaker
of the Lithuanian Parliament

FACTSHEET:

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Since its establishment in Minsk in 1992, EHU has developed an extensive range of international cooperation with institutions located around the world. It was on the strength of its international reputation that EHU found tremendous support for the re-establishment of activities in exile in Lithuania. The University successfully renewed its international ties and initiated new forms of cooperation with European and North American institutions in the following areas:

- Bilateral cooperation agreements with 12 universities in 7 countries for student and teacher mobility and exchange, with others under development;
- Reciprocal recognition of degrees and credit transfer arrangements under development with 16 European institutions participating in Campus Europae;
- Expanded course offerings in English, German and French.
- Joint degree programs under development;
- Student internship programs in Europe and North America;
- Collaborative international research programs;
- Membership in international university organizations and networks;
- Participation in prestigious international competitions;
- Administrative and organizational management development; and
- Inter-faculty exchange.

With more than 17 years of experience in the development of international higher education for Belarusian youth, EHU has retained distinctly competent features in its temporary relocation to a European Union country.

INITIATIVES

The scholar-in-residence program advances the university's international presence, assist in faculty and curriculum development and diversify the educational experiences of its students and faculty. The program is designed to exchange of up to four academics per year active in Public Law, Political Studies, Humanities, Management training for a four week period. Scholars conduct mini seminars with EHU researchers, give a public presentation, provide staff development lectures within existing EHU syllabus and share their overall academic experiences.

The Center for German Studies provides education and training for building competencies, pooling extracurricular academic activities, hosting lectures and cultural activities, networking with the European partners, and maintaining a collection of the German language and literature at the EHU library. A Working Group on Francophone Studies is working similarly in the promoting of studies from the perspective of French-speaking populations in Lithuania and Belarus.

EHU, in cooperation with American Councils for International Education, established the International Education and Career Advising Center helps to orient students toward academic and professional development by providing a variety of tools and resources.



NETWORKS

EHU is member of the Scholars at Risk Network and a hosting institution, which means it can receive and act as a change agent for about 100 Belarusian scholars whose academic freedom is at risk around the world.

The University is seeking membership in the European University Association. It is a member of the Agence universitaire de la francophonie (AUF) to re-establish connections once strong and vibrant in Minsk.

In the field of philosophy, EHU participates in the BalPHiN network within the NORDPLUS program. The network is coordinated by the University of Helsinki.

STUDENTS

A typical EHU graduate is fluent in Belarusian, Russian, English, and one other language. The Lithuanian government supports the delivery of courses in Lithuanian language, which is important for the students to fully experience their stay in the host country.

In 2008 EHU received the **Erasmus University Charter**, which allows students and teachers to participate in exchange programs launched by the European Commission, European Universities and institutions. EHU also takes part in the **Erasmus Mundus External Cooperation Window - Lot 7 Mobility Program**, which is intended for BA, MA and PhD students, as well as post-doctoral researchers and staff.

EHU is an active member of the Luxembourg-based university network **Campus Europae**, a consortium which works to strengthen and accelerate the development of the European education sphere by establishing examples of concrete cooperation. Through the NORDPLUS framework program, EHU students access lifelong learning opportunities within Baltic and Nordic countries.

19 students were selected for one-year studies at universities in Spain (Deusto University), Italy (Bologna University), Greece (Thessaloniki Aristotle University), Germany (Humboldt University) and Poland (Adam Mickiewicz University) over the past three academic years.

EHU students have secured internships in Europe and North America and went on to compete in prestigious international competitions in their fields.

FACULTY MOBILITY

The Erasmus and NORDPLUS programs open doors to the development of faculty mobility as well. Prominent lecturers from European and North American programs deliver courses and seminars in a variety of languages. The Bosch Foundation supports the participation of a German lecturer, who teaches the German language and introduced students to the German legal and political system. EHU cooperates with the French Cultural Centre and the French government on the introduction of French language teaching and terminology in political science and law. EHU faculty also participate in international professional associations and fora organized in their fields of interest.

JOINT INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

Since 2007, the University has cooperated with Södertörn College in Sweden on the delivery of an innovative Comparative History of North Eastern Europe program with the aid of Sida. The support of the Dutch government made possible the development of a joint program in Public Policy with the University of Leiden and the Dutch Institute for Public Administration for introduction in 2009. An MBA program and undergraduate business education is being launched with the cooperation of University of Limerick, thanks to Irish aid.