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Dear readers and colleagues,

for the fourth time, we are presenting a higher education landscape in Slovakia in this genuine publication. The main aim of this activity is to inform the general public including students and their parents and our academic colleagues abroad about structure and developments in the Slovak higher education area in the last years and on current activities of Slovak universities and schools of higher education in the education, science, research and arts.

According to national legislation universities and schools of higher education institution are top educational, scientific and artistic institutions in the Slovak Republic. Their mission is to develop and cultivate knowledge, wisdom, goodness and creativity and contribute to the development of education, science, culture and health for the welfare of the whole society.

The academic tradition in Slovakia is dating back to medieval ages when studium generale was established in present Bratislava in 1465 – Universitatis Istropolitana (at present known as Academia Istropolitana). Unfortunately, the university did not survive its founders. However, Jesuits universities were established in the 17th century in the royal towns of Trnava and Košice, the only functional universities in Hungarian kingdom at that period. Later a real pearl within schools of higher education was established in the central part of the country - the Miners Academy in Banská Štiavnica, the most modern technological school in its period that was established by the Austrian monarch Maria Theresa in 1762. In next centuries, mentioned universities were moved to other parts of the kingdom outside Slovakia. Modern universities were founded after the establishment of Czechoslovak Republic, the first one was the Comenius University in Bratislava in 1919, in 1937 the Technical University of Dr. M. R. Štefánik in Košice was established and in the 1940 a University of Economics in Bratislava.

At present, there are 20 public, 3 state and 12 private universities and schools of higher education that offer comprehensive, technical and other specialized higher education to Slovak citizens and foreigners as well. Twelve of the public universities were listed in the 2017 SCImago institutions ranking. Slovak institutions are integrated in the European Higher Education Area and European Research Area. Since 1999, when the Bologna declaration was signed, higher education institutions started reforms that ensure they offer quality education, perform excellent science and research, provide third mission – services for the of society.

Dear readers, we are looking forward to meet you in Slovakia.

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President of the Slovak Rectors' Conference

The Higher Education System in the SR

The general prerequisite for admission to higher education study is secondary school-leaving certificate (vysvedčenie o maturitnej skúške) issued after passing the secondary school-leaving examination taken upon completing 13, exceptionally, 12 years of study. Higher education institutions organise as a rule the admission examination.

Study at higher education institutions

Higher education institutions provide the study programmes at three levels:

1. The Bachelor's study programme which takes in full-time form three years at least and four years at most and in part-time three years at least and five years at most.
2. The Magister's, Engineer's and Doctor's study programme. The study takes in full-time form one year at least and four years at most. The study takes in part-time form two years at least and four years at most. It may be also carried out as a continuous study connecting the first and second level of higher education.
3. The PhD. study programme. The standard length in full-time form is three years or four years at most, in part-time four or five years.

Higher education institutions award the following academic degrees:

1st level

- bakalár (Bc.);

2nd level

- magister (Mgr.), in the field of art magister umenia (Mgr. art.);
- inžinier (Ing.) in technical, agricultural and economic fields of Engineer's programmes, and in the field of architecture and town-planning the academic degree of inžinier architekt (Ing. arch.);
- doktor všeobecného lekárstva (MUDr.) in the field of general humane medicine;
- doktor zubného lekárstva (MDDr.) in the field of dentist humane medicine;
- doktor veterinárskeho lekárstva (MVDr.) in the field of veterinary medicine;

3rd level

- doctor: philosophiae doctor (PhD.);
- doktor umenia: artis doctor (ArtD.);
- licenciát teológie (ThLic.) after completing the first comprehensive part of the PhD. study in the field of catholic theology.

Examina rigorosa

The holders of the academic degree of magister may take examina rigorosa, which includes also the defence of a rigorosa thesis. After its successful completing the higher education institutions award the following academic degrees:

- doktor prírodných vied (RNDr.) in natural science study programmes;
- doktor farmácie (PharmDr.) in pharmacy study programmes;
- doktor filozofie (PhDr.) in social sciences and arts and health-care study programmes;
- doktor práv (JUDr.) in law study programmes;
- doktor pedagogiky (PaedDr.) in teacher training and sports study programmes;
- doktor teológie (ThDr.) in theological study programmes except for the study programmes in the field of Catholic Theology.

Credit system (since Academic year 2002/2003)

The standard load of the student for the entire academic year in full-time form is expressed by number of 60 credits, for semester 30 credits and for trimester 20 credits. The standard load of the student for the entire academic year in part-time form is expressed by number of 48 credits at most, depending on standard length of study relevant study programme and number of credits necessary for its due completion.

The grading is on a scale of A-FX:

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| A (excellent) | = 1 (outstanding achievements) |
| B (very good) | = 1,5 (above-average achievements) |
| C (good) | = 2 (average achievements) |
| D (satisfactory) | = 2,5 (acceptable achievements) |
| E (sufficient) | = 3 (achievements fulfil only the minimum criteria) |

FX (unsatisfactory) = 4 (achievements do not fulfil even the minimum criteria)

The higher education institution or faculty, if the study programme is carried out at the faculty, may at selected subjects decide not to assess students by grades but to set instead the other criteria for their successful completion as a condition for accumulation of credits.

For assessment of overall study achievements of the student in a determined period a weighted grade point average is used. It is calculated in such a way that in the assessment period the products of number of the credits and numerical assessment are summed up for all subjects ascribed to students and the result is divided by total number of credits achieved by the student during the given period. For the subjects which the student enlisted for and did not complete, mark 4 is added up to the weighed grade point average. The subjects which are not evaluated by grade, they are not included in calculation of the weighted grade point average.

The Academic year starts on September 1 of the current year and ends on August 31 of the following year. It is composed of two semesters (winter and summer) or from three trimesters. The organisation of academic year is set by the statute of the faculty or statute of the higher education institution, if the higher education institution is not divided into faculties.

About the Slovak Rectors' Conference

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Source: The Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sports of the SR (MŠVVŠ SR)

Slovak Rectors' Conference (SRC) is one of the three bodies representing higher education institutions in Slovakia according to law No. 131/2002 of the Law Code on Higher Education. The main aim of SRC is to coordinate and promote activities of rectors in order to create a common higher education policy. Among the main activities count discussions and formulations of opinions on substantive issues related to the higher education policy, proposals of generally binding legal norms that are directly affecting higher education institutions or applicable legal standards. SRC creates conditions for cooperation of rectors and universities and schools of higher education in Slovakia and mutual flow of information among them. Furthermore, SRC establishes and maintains contacts with foreign partners as rectors' associations in other countries. SRC is collective full member of the European University Association.

The Slovak Rectors' Conference is represented by its president Professor Rudolf Kropil. The presidium is an executive body that consists of a president and two vice-presidents, at present Professor Karol Mičieta and Professor Marek Šmid.

Over the past years, SRC has coordinated its activities around topics that are considered as of the highest importance of universities: quality assurance including evaluation processes, quality enhancement and internationalisation, further science and research at higher education institutions in connection with excellence. SRC is a genuine and continued partner of the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the SR in the higher education sector and wants to establish closer contact with the media.

Another interesting activity of SRC is the establishment of the Award for Excellence in Arts in 2012. The prize is awarded each year to student(s) or graduate(s) with the aim to increase visibility of artistic activities performed or created at Slovak higher education institutions within a supranational context.

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The Academy of Arts in Banská Bystrica

Short description: The Academy of Arts in Banská Bystrica (AU BB) is a public higher education institution of a university type providing education structured within the three-tier ETCS system in the field of professional art. It was constituted by Law No. 156/1997 Coll. about the establishment of the Academy of Arts in Banská Bystrica. Its core mission is to develop and disseminate education in accredited study programs in the field of theater, music, art or film art and multimedia, supporting critical thinking, independent artistic research, artistic creativity and research, as well as generous support for the creative spirit of a human society recognizing the values of humanism and tolerance.

List of faculties:

- Faculty of Dramatic Arts
- Faculty of Music Arts
- Faculty of Fine Arts

Scientific research, international relations and projects:

The Academy of Arts in Banská Bystrica is focusing its research on four artistic fields: music, art, drama, film and multimedia. The field of research is coordinated with existing research areas, their staffing,



and the goals that research teams and departments of the three faculties of the university have set themselves. They follow trends in the development of their creative staff and PhD. students in the categories of artistic and publishing outputs. During its development, the university has become the center of artistic research not only of regional and national but also of international importance. The participation in various bilateral projects and in the ERASMUS+ Learning Mobility projects also contributes to this. Through its activities, the project promoted professional relationships between AU BB and European higher education and arts institutions. Important part of the support of art and art research at the Academy of Arts are funds raised mainly from domestic grant agencies (the Arts Fund, the Music Fund, the MŠVVŠ SR, the Art Support Fund, the Audiovisual Fund, the Tatrabanka Foundation).

- Number of students in 2016/17: **549**
- Number of scientific degree lecturers in 2016/17: **131**
- Foundation year: **1997**





Academy of Fine Arts and Design in Bratislava

Short description: The Academy of Fine Arts and Design in Bratislava (AFAD) is a public university. Its students' and faculties' work has been acclaimed not only in Slovakia, but also abroad. AFAD is a fully accredited university providing complete bachelor's and master's study programmes in the fields of Fine Arts, Design, Architecture and Restoration. In addition, the doctoral study programmes include the history and theory of Fine Arts and Architecture. Educational activities are based on contemporary trends and practices in the arts and sciences compounded with expert knowledge of techniques across a wide range of artistic activities. AFAD is not structured into faculties but directly into twelve Departments and a Division of Drawing. This organization structure enables the Academy to be a flexible and open educational institution and to create the interdisciplinary educational environment.

Scientific research, international relations and projects: AFAD is fully integrated in the international environment, which is demonstrated by students' mobility (Erasmus+ KA103 and KA107, CEEPUS, bilateral agreements with partner institutions), as well as participation on large international events

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(Neu/Now ELIA, Biennial du Design Saint-Etienne, Milano Design Week). AFAD is a member of Cumulus (International Association of Universities and Colleges of Art, Design and Media) and ELIA (European League of Institutes of the Arts). Every year AFAD participates in several international workshops, exhibitions and symposia, conferences and projects. Among the bigger international projects belongs a four year project titled Shared Cities: Creative Momentum co-funded by the Creative Europe Programme of the European Union. In the project, the Department of Architecture of AFAD is one of eleven partners from seven Central-European cities. There are two Centres of Excellence at AFAD, the Transport Design unit led by doc. Ing. Štefan Klein and inOut headed by prof. Ilona Németh, DLA.

- Number of students in 2016/17: 671
- Number of scientific degree lecturers in 2016/17: 125
- Foundation year: 1949





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Academy of Performing Arts in Bratislava

Short description: The Academy of Performing Arts (VŠMU) with its about 1000 students is the largest artistic educational institution in the Slovak Republic. Students can enhance their talents and skills in theatre, film, music, and dance undergraduate and graduate programmes. The Academy's objective is to offer deep understanding of the European cultural context as well as the specific qualities of Slovak art and culture. VŠMU graduates have become leading personalities in Slovak cultural life. The curriculum is constantly reviewed, the teachers of the Academy are involved in basic and applied research projects. Leading professionals teach at the Academy, the study programmes are regularly updated to meet the latest standards in the profession. Theatre and dance performances, film screenings, concerts of students and teachers are open to the general public. School public activities form an integral part of Slovak culture.

List of faculties:

- Film and Television Faculty
- Music and Dance Faculty
- Theatre Faculty



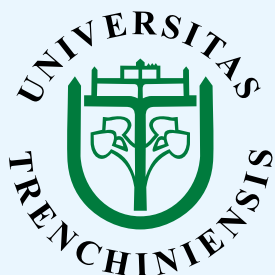
Scientific research, international relations and projects: The research takes place at the Dept. of Audio-visual Studies at FTF, Dept. of Music Theory and Dramaturgy at HTF and Dept. of Theatre Studies at DE, the staff is involved in plenty of projects financed by diverse sources, incl. the cooperation with Slovak Academy of Sciences, Slovak Film Institute and Theatre Institute. They run multiply-year projects focusing on reflection of Slovak arts, new trends in arts and humanities and history of Slovak arts. Some of the artistic departments participating in art practice as research projects. The total sum of grant's and project's support is approx. 354.000 €. Lecturers and ArtD and PhD students actively participated at approx. 100 research conferences, seminars, workshops, master classes and projects.

The Academy is running 3 arts venues (Theatre LAB, Cinema Klap and Concert Hall Dvorana), open for public, presenting the outcomes of our scientific and art practice research. In previous year, we offered more than 374 public events for more than 21.000 visitors.

The Academy, which has the cooperation contract with 105 partner schools, is involved in E+ mobility programme (incl. KA7 participating countries programme), Erasmus Mundus and E+ KA2 Strategic Partnership programme.

- Number of students in 2016/17: **963**
- Number of scientific degree lecturers in 2016/17: **167**
- Foundation year: **1949**



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Alexander Dubček University of Trenčín

Short description: Alexander Dubček University of Trenčín provides higher education of university type at its four faculties, the university-wide Department of Political Science and joint university-wide workplace Vitrum Laugaricio. We provide quality education through 3Q: Quality curricula, Quality teachers and Quality environment. Alexander Dubček University of Trenčín aspires to be a continuously innovating educational institution which is inclined to the changes in the context of cultural and motivational changes with an emphasis on output and quality indicators measured by the ability of graduates and their application in the integrated labour market and the real use of research and innovation potential.

List of faculties:

- Faculty of Health Care
- Faculty of Social and Economic Relations
- Faculty of Industrial Technologies and Materials
- Faculty of Special Technology

Scientific research, international relations and projects: Linking science, education and practice is now a necessity in every educational institution that aspires to transfer knowledge into the economy.



Science and research, the knowledge gained in this field and its transfer to education is also an important aspect of our continuous improvement. In the programming period 2007-2015, we successfully concluded a number of research projects and we want to continue in this trend in the future. These challenges have prompted the implementation of projects from EU structural funds which resulted in the establishment and operation of unique scientific centres:

- Centre of Competence for Glass research VITRUM LAUGARICIO (VILA)
- Centre of Excellence for Ceramics, Glass and Silicate Materials (CEKSIM)
- Centre of Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBO)
- Technology Transfer Centre of Alexander Dubček University of Trenčín (CENTRATECH)
- Centre for Functional and Surface-functionalized Glasses (FUNGLASS)

- Number of students in 2016/17: 2,365
- Number of scientific degree lecturers in 2016/17: 154
- Foundation year: 1997





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Catholic University in Ružomberok

Short description: Catholic University in Ružomberok established in 2000 is a public university of religious character. It performs its activities especially in the areas of the humanities, historical, pedagogical, and social and health sciences, as well as in the areas of art and management. The motto of Catholic University is "We form mind and heart." It is rather a small size university which pays attention to offering quality education in a family environment and personal attitude among teachers and students.

List of faculties:

- Faculty of Arts and Letter
- Faculty of Education
- Faculty of Health
- Faculty of Theology

Scientific research, international relations and projects:

Catholic University in Ružomberok Erasmus programme is dedicated to the needs in the area of teaching and learning. It has infrastructures to host students and staff with disabilities (accommodation, classroom access, etc.), depending on the nature of the disability. We have more than 100 agreements with partner universities across Europe. Catholic University



is a member of the Federation of Catholic Universities of Europe (FUCE). It cooperates in Erasmus+ international projects with countries outside of the EU (Georgia, Ukraine). The Accreditation Commission qualified the competency of the Catholic University in Ružomberok to conduct habilitation procedure and procedure for nomination of "professors".

- Number of students in 2016/17: **4,103**
- Number of scientific degree lecturers in 2014/15: **453**
- Foundation year: **2000**





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Short description: Comenius University in Bratislava is the oldest and biggest university in the Slovak Republic. Established in 1919, the University draws on the tradition of Academia Istropolitana that was founded in 1465 in Bratislava by Matthias Corvinus, the King of Hungary. Since its founding the university has ranked among the best educational institutions on the national level and it has become an internationally recognised centre of scientific study and research. Being the most comprehensive provider of classical university education in Slovakia, Comenius University has retained the status of the Slovak National University. Comenius University in Bratislava has 13 faculties and serves 25,000 students each year within all three-degree study programmes, 20,000 of whom are full-time students. Comenius University offers more than 980 diverse study programmes encompassing a broad range of human knowledge – from medicine, humanities and social sciences, to natural sciences, mathematics and theology. Almost 2,500 international students from 70 countries enjoy studying at the oldest university in Slovakia.



List of faculties:

- Faculty of Medicine
- Faculty of Law
- Faculty of Arts
- Faculty of Natural Sciences
- Faculty of Education
- Faculty of Pharmacy
- Faculty of Physical Education and Sports
- Jessenius Faculty of Medicine in Martin
- Faculty of Mathematics, Physics and Informatics
- Faculty of Roman Catholic Theology of Cyril and Methodius
- Evangelical Lutheran Theological Faculty
- Faculty of Management
- Faculty of Social and Economic Sciences

Scientific research, international relations, projects: Comenius University is an outstanding scientific institution, that continues to rank among the top 2.5 percent of universities in the world based on several independent rankings (URAP, RUR, CWUR, THE WUR etc.). In 2016, Comenius University was involved in 784



projects (in various areas with multi-source funding (research and other grants) totalling € 16 million. Faculties' researchers participate in several Horizon 2020 funded projects in area of natural sciences, physics, law, social sciences and humanities. In order to spread innovations and progressive research trends the University established the Comenius University Science Park and the BioMed Martin

– biomedical research centre in 2015. *The Comenius University Science Park* serves as a comprehensive research incubator and technology transfer centre for the university and for private sector entities working in the area of science and technology. It operates in the fields of molecular medicine, environmental medicine and biotechnology. The total expenditure for the project totals almost € 42 million and is being brought to fruition with the help of EU funds. *BioMed Martin* is an elite research centre at the Jessenius Faculty of Medicine in Martin which cooperates with centres of excellence, competence centres and other specialized centres of the faculty with the aim of producing excellent outputs in research and development in the field of molecular medicine, oncology, respirology and neuroscience. Total expenditure on the BioMed Martin project totals more than € 26.3 million and is financed to a significant degree by the EU funds.

- Number of students in 2016/17: **25,110**
- Number of scientific degree lecturers in 2016/17: **2,055**
- Foundation year: **1919**

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Constantine the Philosopher University in Nitra

Short description: Constantine the Philosopher University in Nitra (UKF) is the fourth largest public university in Slovakia formed as a modern European general university currently offering together in full-time and part-time form teacher study programmes with double-major combination of 36 subjects, 8 single-major teacher study programmes, 167 professional study programmes and 65 scientific doctoral programmes. The uniqueness of UKF in education is represented by teacher training programmes in Hungarian and the training of teachers, social workers and public education for Roma ethnicity. The University also organizes lifelong learning courses (additional study and courses of Interest study at the University of the Third Age).

List of faculties:

- Faculty of Arts
- Faculty of Central European Studies
- Faculty of Education
- Faculty of Natural Sciences
- Faculty of Social Sciences and Health Care



Scientific research, international relations, projects: The most significant international research project is "IRNET – International Research Network for Study and Development of New Tools and Methods for Advanced Pedagogical Science in the field of ICT Instruments, E-learning and Intercultural Competences" (financed under the 7th Framework Programme). The major international project funded by the body outside Slovakia is the project "Relationship between trust and entrainment in speech" (financed by the US Air Force Office of Scientific Research). Among others the most important projects are "Building of AgroBioTech Research Centre" (financed from the Structural Funds), "Improving Quality of Higher Education Based on Development of Multilateral Institutional Cooperation" (co-funded by the EEA grants), "DesIRE – Development of Embedded System Courses with Implementation of Innovative Virtual Approaches for Integration of Research, Education and Production in Ukraine, Georgia, Armenia (Tempus project). UKF has 55 Bilateral Agreements of Academic Cooperation, 348 Erasmus+ bilateral agreements, sends and receives students and staff within the EU and national schemes of mobility programmes and agreements and guest teachers through British Council, Goethe Institute, French Institute, Fulbright Commission, DAAD etc.

- Number of students in 2016/2017: **8,307**
- Number of scientific degree lecturers in 2016/2017: **554**
- Foundation year: **1959**

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J. Selye University in Komárno

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The mission of the university is to prepare experts in education, religion, culture, economy and science for the Hungarian minority living in Slovakia.

The aim of the university is to cope with the challenges of the 21st century and to consolidate scientific research activities as it strives to become a competitive institution of international study.

List of faculties:

- Faculty of Economics
- Faculty of Education
- Reformed Theological Faculty

Scientific research, international relations and

projects: The UJS staff's research activities mainly



focus on scientific fields related to accredited study programmes. This research involves combining theory with practice, and is focused primarily on current issues of pedagogy, economics and science. Scientific research projects are designed as a part of international projects supported by the European Structural Funds or the national Scientific Grant Agency (VEGA) and the Cultural and Educational Grant Agency (KEGA). The J. Selye University has bilateral agreements with more than 30 universities.

The university is active in the Erasmus+ Programme and three CEEPUS networks.

- Number of students in 2016/17: **1,740**
- Number of scientific degree lecturers in 2016/17: **124**
- Foundation year: **2004**





Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica

Short description: Matej Bel University (UMB) is a public university and is a member of the European University Association. The university offers a classic range of university education opportunities at all three levels and forms of studies in the fields of education, social sciences and humanities, philology, economics, law, politics, international relations and natural sciences including mathematics. In addition, it also provides a number of studies in English and French languages. UMB develops joint study programmes and collaborates with major foreign universities where students have the opportunity to complete part of their studies.

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- Faculty of Arts
- Faculty of Political Science and International Relations
- Faculty of Natural Sciences
- Faculty of Education
- Faculty of Law

Scientific research, international relations and projects: Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica has



been active and successful in a number of scientific areas, especially mathematics, physics, economics, political sciences and social sciences. Researchers in these fields have participated in the 7th Framework Programme projects (such as GENDERA, POCARIM, IPPA, CHReact, Platenso, LIPSE, FOLPSEC, GenPORT), Horizon 2020 (SOLIDUS, PROMISE, Genderaction) and other international programmes (COST, Erasmus+, CEE). UMB is a seat of two Centres of Excellence and an Excellence Team in Mathematics (DIMADYS). The university has intensified its scientific co-operation through an innovative international research platform Vision 2020: The Horizon Network. It has bilateral collaboration with 44 universities worldwide.

- Number of students in 2016/17: **7,984**
- Number of scientific degree lecturers in 2016/17: **520**
- Foundation year: **1992**





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Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice

Short description: Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice (UPJŠ) is the second oldest classical Slovak university and ranks among notable and respected educational and scientific institutions in Europe. The university educates physicians, specialists in natural science, mathematics and information science, teachers, lawyers, professionals in the field of public administration, philosophy, languages, psychology, and social work. Its graduates enjoy good reputation both in this country and abroad. The main mission of the university is to provide a three-level higher education based on the latest scientific knowledge in a broad international context, in accordance with European trends in this field, the Bologna Declaration and other documents. The university fulfils this mission by developing a harmonious personality, knowledge, rise of wisdom and creativity in man. The university leads its students to tolerance, ability of critical and independent way of thinking, self-confidence and national pride. It provides services to the public by spreading the knowledge through research and development, by the support of regional and national activities, and facilitating the continuing education of



citizens. The university contributes to the development of culture and education of the nation.

List of faculties:

- Faculty of Medicine
- Faculty of Science
- Faculty of Law
- Faculty of Public Administration
- Faculty of Arts

Scientific research, international relations and projects: Scientific research at the UPJŠ is carried out with a strong international dimension. The research teams led by internationally recognized personalities use funding from both national and international sources; every year up to 200 research projects are funded (around 20 by foreign grants). The number of publications per one creative staff member in high-quality international journals, the high proportion of papers registered in the Current Contents Connect database and the number of citations in registered databases rank the UPJŠ amongst the best research universities in Slovakia. Since 2013 the UPJŠ (as the general partner) has been building the *University Medical Science and Technology Park – MEDIPARK*, the top international center for applied research and its transfer into practice in the field of biomedicine. The UPJŠ is also a partner in two other science parks – *TECHNICOM* and *PROMATECH*. The Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice ensures the international cooperation in education in forms of international educational projects, mobility within the frames of the Erasmus+ program, National Scholarship Program of the Slovak Republic and Free Mover and also by joint study programs and double degrees.

- Number of students in 2016/17: 7,357
- Number of scientific degree lecturers in 2016/17: 655
- Foundation year: 1959



Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra

Short description: The Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra (SUA) is a public university that has been preparing specialists across the agrarian and food sector for 65 years. In 2015, it was ranked among the top seven universities in Slovakia according to the Accreditation Committee. Based on the results of the successful comprehensive accreditation in 2015, it is a higher education institution of university type that was awarded an ECTS Label and DS Label as a mark of quality in the field of international cooperation and mobility. There are over 100 accredited study programmes, twelve of them are in English.

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and economic sciences in the field of basic and applied research, within the framework of which the significant AgroBioTech research centre contributes to the improvement. In the area of research activities, SUA is involved in projects of the 7th Framework Programme, COST, new programme Horizon 2020 and European Structural Funds, in the field of international educational activities the most important project among others is the new European programme Erasmus+ (2014 – 2020). The university has 177 bilateral agreements within the Erasmus Programme and over 100 inter-university cooperation agreements worldwide. SUA is a member of the Global Consortium for Higher Education in Agriculture, the European University Association, the Danube Rectors' Conference, the Association for European Life Science Universities and is a founding member of the Visegrad University Association.

- Number of students in 2016/17: 7,515
- Number of scientific degree lecturers in 2016/17: 453
- Foundation year: 1952



Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava

Short description: Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava (STU) is the best university with the focus on technology in Slovakia. Education is based on scientific research and focused on practical industrial needs. Approximately 300 research projects contracted by industry and over 500 grant-funded research projects are handled annually. Through its own University incubator and its support for the development of innovative technological start-ups, the University was able to help with the funding of 50 new companies. The University ranked 401 – 450 at QS World University Rankings 2016 in the category of Computer Science & Information Systems. It was also ranked as the best of Slovakia in other evaluated categories – in Architecture, Civil & Structural Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Electrical & Electronic Engineering, Materials Science and Mathematics.

List of faculties:

- Faculty of Civil Engineering
- Faculty of Mechanical Engineering
- Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Information Technology
- Faculty of Chemical and Food Technology

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- Faculty of Architecture
- Faculty of Materials Science and Technology in Trnava
- Faculty of Informatics and Information Technologies
- Faculty of Materials Science and Technology in Trnava

Scientific research, international relations and projects: The STU is a research oriented university with strong cooperation with industry and international relationships significantly contributing to development of scientific knowledge, enrichment and utilisation of scientific knowledge for the benefit of mankind. The university pursues research in all the areas in which university education is provided: Chemical and Food Processing Technologies, Electrical Engineering and Information Technologies, Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Materials and Technologies and Architecture. The STU faculties, departments, institutes and experts cooperate directly with industrial companies and social and academic organisations, actively taking part in international cooperation. The STU currently cooperates with more than 160 organisations from 22 countries. Research greatly enhances the educational and research activities by reflecting the current need to provide unique solutions to the acute engineering problems, accelerate transfer of knowledge and provide funds. Research activities of the university are financially secured mainly by grant projects VEGA, APVV and national science and research programmes. The university also takes opportunity to join European science and technology cooperation programmes, searches for and gains additional financial resources from EU programmes, primarily from the Framework Programme of the EU for research and innovation – Horizon 2020.

- Number of students in 2016/17: **14,280**
- Number of scientific degree lecturers in 2016/17: **1,086**
- Foundation year: **1937**



Technical University in Zvolen

Short description: The Technical University in Zvolen is a public university with an exceptional position within the higher education system of the Slovak Republic. It focuses on scientific, educational, research and development activities connected closely with socially important fields of forestry, wood sciences and technology, ecology, environmental sciences and related fields of science such as natural sciences, engineering, management and economics as well as visual arts. The university runs accredited bachelor's, master's and doctorate degree study programmes and certified LLL programmes. The university has applied a credit system compatible with the ECTS and enables completion of subjects, projects and practice at different colleges, universities or research workplaces in Slovakia or abroad.

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List of faculties:

- Faculty of Forestry
- Faculty of Wood Sciences and Technology
- Faculty of Ecology and Environmental Sciences
- Faculty of Environmental and Manufacturing Technology

Scientific research, international relations, projects:

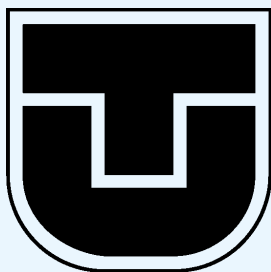
Science and research at the university focus on



the adaptive management of forest ecosystems, wood products, fire safety and integrated safety, interior and furniture design, biodiversity and nature protection, landscape and applied ecology, environmental management, manufacturing and environmental technology, and renewable sources of energy. Individual departments solve tasks of basic and applied research mainly within the Slovak research and development agency and Scientific and Education grant agencies projects. The university is intensively engaged in international scientific projects, mostly through the EU Framework Programmes and COST schemes. International cooperation includes participation in international structures as well as bilateral agreements. The university is a member of the European University Association and many other significant specialist supranational organizations and associations. It becomes actively involved in IUFRO and EFI scientific activities. The university is involved in EU international activities in the field of education mainly through Erasmus+ and CEEPUS programmes.

- Number of students in 2016/17: **3,082**
- Number of scientific degree lecturers in 2016/17: **257**
- Foundation year: **1952**





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Technical University of Košice

Short description: The Technical University of Košice (TUKÉ) is a public university technically oriented in the field of engineering, economics and arts. It provides higher education at all three levels of higher education within 133 bachelor's, 136 master's and 158 doctorate programmes with awarding an accredited university degree. For 65 years of its existence, it has become a leading and respected research-oriented public university providing high-quality education based on research, scientific, artistic and other creative activities in many specializations in Central Europe.

List of faculties:

- Faculty of Mining, Ecology, Process Control and Geotechnologies
- Faculty of Materials, Metallurgy and Recycling
- Faculty of Mechanical Engineering
- Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Informatics
- Faculty of Civil Engineering
- Faculty of Economics
- Faculty of Manufacturing Technologies
- Faculty of Arts
- Faculty of Aeronautics

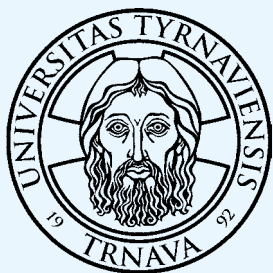
Scientific research, international relations and projects: The growth of education, research and



development is substantially supported by EU Structural funds. Since 2008, TUKÉ has implemented 57 projects from the EU Structural funds (the total budget of € 201.8 million). At present TUKÉ conducts 218 national projects (VEGA, KEGA, APVV, *etc.*). The university is involved in international scientific research cooperation which has resulted in 34 international projects (FP7, ERASMUS+, COST, ERDF Central Europe, Tempus, INTERREG, CEEPUS, Norwegian Financial Mechanisms, *etc.*). Effective transfer of research and development outcomes is supported by University centre for innovation, technology transfer and intellectual property protection. University Science Park TECHNICOM, TUKÉ Startup Centre and TUKÉ Incubator are important part of scientific structure of university. TUKÉ has signed 90 university cooperation agreements and 145 Erasmus+ programme bilateral agreements with partners in 21 EU countries, Turkey and Macedonia as well as 22 Erasmus+ programme bilateral agreements with partner countries.

- Number of students in 2016/17: **9,013**
- Number of scientific degree lecturers in 2016/17: **774**
- Foundation year: **1952**





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Trnava University in Trnava

Short description: Historical Trnava University represents one of the oldest universities in Slovakia. The Trnava University was established by Cardinal Peter Pázmaň in 1635 and consisted of four faculties: faculty of theology, arts, law and medicine. The University became well-known also thanks to an observatory founded by Maximilián Hell, a university library, gardens and a theatre. The University existed for 142 years and in 1777, it was moved to Buda. The present Trnava University was re-opened in July 1992. Trnava University is one of the most prestigious universities in Slovakia. The University Statute emphasises the compliance with the principles of Magna Charta of the European universities and Christian principles, preaching and teaching truth, freedom and humanitarian ideals of mankind, protecting moral and spiritual values and educating students in the spirit of ecumenism, tolerance and mutual respect.

List of faculties:

- Faculty of Philosophy and Arts
- Faculty of Education
- Faculty of Health Sciences and Social Work
- Faculty of Theology in Bratislava
- Faculty of Law



Scientific research, international relations and projects: The Trnava university is active in many international projects such as: „Open Education in Slovakia: Benefits for Education“, project supported by the Foundation Open Society Institution (FOSI) in Switzerland; „School of Clinical Legal Education: V4 + Ukraine“, project supported by the International Visegrad Fund; „V. International CopyCamp Conference“, project supported by the International Visegrad Fund; „Collaborative European Neuro Trauma Effectiveness Research in TBI – CENTER TBI“, project funded by the European Commission under the 7th Framework Programme; „Transforming organisational culture for gender equality in research and innovation – GENOVATE“, project funded by the European Commission under the 7th Framework Programme; „Supporting health coordination, assessments, planning, access to health care and capacity“ project funded European Commission (Consumers, Health, Agriculture and Food Executive Agency); „Interactive Science for Kids and Youngsters in Primary Education (I-SKYPE)“, Erasmus+ project; „R I D E – Resources for Inclusion, Diversity and Equality“, Erasmus+ project; „Sustain (Supporting Science Teaching Advancement Through Inquiry“, Lifelong Learning Programme.

The university have signed more than 60 agreements on international cooperation with the goal to develop pedagogical, research and cultural relationships, and more than 140 Erasmus+ bilateral agreements. The university is a member of European University Association (EUA), Danube rector's conference (DRC), European Association of Erasmus Coordinators (EAEC), Magna Charta Universitatum (MCU), European Quality Assurance Forum (EQUAF), and others. University was awarded winner of the National Prize of Slovak Republic Quality Award 2016.

- Number of students in 2016/17: **4,945**
- Number of scientific degree lecturers in 2016/17: **319**
- Foundation year: **1992**



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University of Economics in Bratislava

Short description: The University of Economics in Bratislava (UEBA) is the most specialised public research institution in the Slovak Republic in the area of economics, business and management with region-specific knowledge and professional network in the Central and East European region, it comprises 7 faculties, the Bratislava Business School, and the Economics and Management Institute. It provides higher education in 61 bachelor's, master's and doctoral programmes for full-time and part-time students. All students have the opportunity to study economics- and business-related programmes on a par with the European standards, several of which can also be studied in English, German, French, Spanish or Russian languages.

List of faculties:

- Faculty of National Economy
- Faculty of Commerce
- Faculty of Economic Informatics
- Faculty of Business Management
- Faculty of International Relations
- Faculty of Applied Languages
- Faculty of Business Economics with seat in Košice



Scientific research, international relations, projects: Being the largest university – type centre of basic and applied research in economics, business and management in Slovakia and operating in the European Research Area, UEBA is engaged with its partners on the basis of the Erasmus+ Programme (308

agreements with universities in 37 countries) and the international cooperation platform. It is a member of prestigious international organisations such as the European University Association, the International Association of Universities and the European Doctoral Programmes Association in Management and Business Administration. UEBA as one of the signatories of the Magna Charta Universitatum is in the process of AACSB International accreditation, emphasising engagement, innovation and impact. Thus, UEBA research capacity is often applied to design solutions or to upgrade existing processes for business.

- Number of students in 2016/2017: **7,873**
- Number of scientific degree lecturers in 2016/2017: **521**
- Foundation year: **1940**





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University of Prešov

Short description: The University of Prešov is the only public university in the Prešov region. It provides the highest standards of academic education to both Slovak and foreign students across a wide range of fields of studies. The university comprises eight faculties that focus on social, natural and theological sciences, sport, the arts, management, healthcare and education. It offers accredited study programmes in bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees. Research in an integral part of the institution, and the results of the related activities are implemented in the teaching processes.

List of faculties:

- Faculty of Arts
- Greek-Catholic Theological Faculty
- Faculty of Humanities and Natural Sciences
- Faculty of Management
- Faculty of Education
- Faculty of Orthodox Theology
- Faculty of Sports
- Faculty of Health Care

Scientific research, international relations, projects:

Research at the University of Prešov is mainly in the areas of social sciences, natural sciences, theological sciences, physical education and sport, management,



fine arts and health care. At present, the university is involved in several scientific projects, including Innovation vouchers granted from the Ministry of Economy of the SR and from the Prešov self-governing region, the international V4 projects and also several projects within the Horizon 2020 were submitted. The University of Prešov has established outstanding centres of excellence, namely the Centre for Human and Animal Ecology, the Centre for Socio-Historical Research and the Lingual-Cultural and Translational – Interpretation Centre. The University of Prešov is a member of the Danube Rectors' Conference, the European University Association and the Alliance of the Central-Eastern European Universities. It is participating in the EU education and training programmes such as Erasmus+ KA1, Erasmus KA2 and CEEPUS.

- Number of students in 2016/17: **9,153**
- Number of scientific degree lecturers in 2016/17: **554**
- Foundation year: **1997**





University of Ss. Cyril and Methodius in Trnava

Short description: The University of Ss. Cyril and Methodius (UCM) provides education in bachelor, master and doctoral study programs in different fields of the humanities and social sciences, in physiotherapy, teaching, as well as in chemistry and biotechnology. Graduates of mass media and marketing communication and physiotherapy have been ranked among the most successful experts in the labour market. Graduates from the Faculty of Natural Sciences usually find their occupation in the field and the best ones continue in doctoral studies. The graduates of our university are provided with solid fundamentals for practice. Our university is a dynamic and prospective educational institution with interesting and modern study programs. Studying at the University of Ss Cyril and Methodius is an opportunity for students to develop in the whole range of academic, social and cultural dimensions. The main aim of UCM is to protect and spread knowledge and to develop education on the basis of scientific knowledge and creative scientific and artistic activities while keeping the national and general human and democratic traditions. UCM has been contributing to the development of education as a part of culture of the whole society and thus it

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has participated in the improvement of the scientific, technical, economic and cultural standards of society. The university is focused on the education of highly qualified graduates mostly in the fields of social, economic, medical, legal, natural, humanities, pedagogical and historical sciences.

List of faculties:

- Faculty of Arts
- Faculty of Mass Media Communications
- Faculty of Natural Sciences
- Faculty of Social Sciences

Scientific research, international relations, projects: Scientific research in the frame of international projects:

- COST CM1103 Structure-based drug design for diagnosis and treatment of neurological diseases: dissecting and modulating complex function in the monoaminergic systems of the brain – International cooperation with 16 countries of EU
 - HUSK/1101/1.2.1/0148 Using of cleaning sludge for the re-mediation of soil – ecologically accepted – international cooperation with Hungary
 - CEI – JRC – European Workshop on Advanced Biofuels, Biorefinery and Bio-Economy: a challenge for central and East European Countries
 - CBC 01021 – Communication to prosperity of Slovak-Ukraine border region
 - Creative Europe, CE Culture Cooperation projects – Festival of Art and Independent games
 - MY PLACE 266831 THEME SSH-2010-5.1-1 – Memory, Youth, Political Legacy and Civic Engagement – international cooperation with countries of EU
 - MY WEB SSH.2013.6.3-1 – Measuring Youth Well-Being.
- Number of students in 2016/17: **6,130**
 - Number of scientific degree lecturers in 2016/17: **308**
 - Foundation year: **1997**

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The University of Veterinary Medicine and Pharmacy in Košice

Short description: University of Veterinary Medicine and Pharmacy in Košice (UVMP) is a public university offering the first and second joined degree study programmes in General Veterinary Medicine (study also in English provided to more than 280 foreign students), Food Hygiene and Pharmacy. University offers education of the first degree in Cynology, Man-Animal Relationship and Its Use in Canistherapy and Hipotherapy, and Safety of Feeds and Foodstuffs and related study programme of the second degree – the Market and Quality of Foodstuffs. Higher education of the third degree is provided in 14 accredited programmes.

UVMP in Košice is among 12 European veterinary universities (out of 96 universities in total) fully approved and accredited by European Association of Establishments for Veterinary Education (EAEVE). The University meets the EU standards and diplomas awarded by the University are valid in all Member States of the European Union. The University offers its students a high level of practical preparation, and permanent diagnostic and medical contact with animals.



Scientific research, international relations and projects: Scientific activities at UVMP in Košice are focused primarily on diseases of agricultural and companion animals, protection of the environment for animals and people, production of healthy, non-harmful foodstuffs and pharmaceutical research. A confirmation of the quality of scientific, research and educational activities of the University is its repeated evaluation by recognized authorities on the national and international levels. International cooperation is carried out in the framework of the University's active membership in the European Association of Establishments for Veterinary Education and the European Veterinary Network of Students Staff Transfer.

- Number of students in 2016/2017: **1,954**
- Number of scientific degree lecturers in 2016/2017: **196**
- Foundation year: **1949**





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University of Žilina

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List of faculties:

- Faculty of Operation and Economics of Transport and Communications
- Faculty of Mechanical Engineering
- Faculty of Electrical Engineering
- Faculty of Civil Engineering
- Faculty of Management Science and Informatics
- Faculty of Security Engineering
- Faculty of Humanities

Scientific research, international relations and projects: The UNIZA research teams with about 750 researchers solve problems of basic and applied research on the national and international levels, with the support of the national research grants and in the international co-operation within the European and other international programmes (e.g. EU 7th Framework Programme, Horizon 2020). The research capacity of the University was 892 000 hours in 2016, which is equivalent to approx. 446 full-time workers conducting some scientific research. Individual work places obtained 25,604,501 € for their projects from VEGA, KEGA and APVV grant schemes. Development of technical infrastructure was supported from Structural Funds projects. The University obtained funds for implementation of 17 foreign research projects which is a total of 642,607 €. The international cooperation is based on bilateral agreements, contracts and memoranda within the Erasmus+ Programme, some other programmes (NSP, CEEPUS, etc.) and grant schemes supporting foreign activities in the field of higher education, science and research. The UNIZA is a member of the international organisations: EUA, ECTRI, FEHRL, IGIP, Magna Charta Universitatum.

- Number of students in 2016/17: **8,149**
- Number of scientific degree lecturers in 2016/17: **621**
- Foundation year: **1953**

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Academy of the Police Force in Bratislava

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Scientific research, international relations and projects: The priority of scientific and research activities of the academy is to develop a theory of police sciences and other scientific disciplines forming the theoretical basis of modules taught within provided higher education at the academy. The academy focuses on the following international scientific projects: prognostic scenario of short and medium-term development of selected types of crime in the Central European region, security and police



sciences terminology, and theoretical and methodological essentials of crisis management in public administration. The academy cooperates with the police forces, firearms and rescue troops very closely in the area of science and research. The academy participates in student and teacher mobility in the EU member states within the Erasmus+ programme. The Academy is also a partner organization for the workshops and activities organized by Frontex, CEPOL (European Police College), MEPA (Mittel Europa Polizei Akademie) and also cooperates with the OSCE.

- Number of students in 2016/17: **1,114**
- Number of scientific degree lecturers in 2016/17: **101**
- Foundation year: **1992**



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The Armed Forces Academy of General Milan Rastislav Štefánik in Liptovský Mikuláš

Short description: The Armed Forces Academy of General Milan Rastislav Štefánik in Liptovský Mikuláš (AFA) as a state university is a military educational institution which does not have faculties in its structure. The AFA is the only educational institution in the Slovak Republic which provides military professionals with the academic background in order to prepare them for military service. The AFA provides students with three levels of university education in the fourteen different academic programmes. The AFA provides further education in career, professional and specialized courses for both military and civilian personnel.

Scientific research, international relations and projects: The Armed Forces Academy is focused on research and technological support for defence projects providing a basis for the development of the Armed Forces of the Slovak Republic. The AFA participates in international projects within NATO, the MoD projects, EDA and European Structural Funds as well as in scientific and research boards.



- Number of students in 2016/2017: **405**
- Number of scientific degree lectures in 2016/2017: **63**
- Foundation year: **1973**





Slovak Medical University in Bratislava

Short description: Slovak Medical University in Bratislava (SMU) is a state higher education institution keeping the tradition of life-long learning education of healthcare professionals in Slovakia. SMU is the only university in Slovakia that provides monothematic education for healthcare workers in all three degrees of higher education. Four faculties of SMU offer wide range of study programmes: General Medicine, Dental Medicine, Nursing, Midwifery, Physiotherapy, Radiological Technique, Urgent Medical Care, Public Health and many more. Nowadays Faculty of Medicine of SMU provides study programme of General Medicine also in English language. SMU provides specialised studies of General Medicine and Paediatrics in frames of Residential Programme.

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of nano-particles, molecular biology and virology. Lot of project are solved in international cooperation (OBELIX, DENAMIC, GRACE...). Dicer-Dependent Defense in Mammals in frames of Horizon 2020 is one of the most important projects developed by SMU. SMU successfully cooperates with partner universities in frames of Erasmus+ programme.



- Number of students in 2016/17: **1,957**
- Number of scientific degree lecturers in 2016/17: **547**
- Foundation year: **2002**

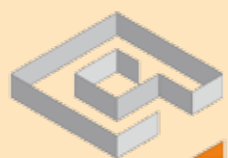
List of faculties:

- Faculty of Medicine
- Faculty of Public Health
- Faculty of Nursing and Professional Health Studies
- Faculty of Health in Banská Bystrica

Scientific research, international relations and projects:

Scientific activities at SMU are focused on research in the fields of environmental health, safety





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Bratislava International School of Liberal Arts

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BISLA believes that when it comes to education, the smaller the better. Therefore, the school admits a maximum of 20 to 25 students into each class. A number of foreign students also study at BISLA every year.

Scientific research, international relations and projects: ECOLAS – The European Colleges of Liberal Arts and Sciences Teaching and Learning Center – Europe-wide network of TLC's.

- Number of students in 2016/17: **47**
- Number of scientific degree lecturers in 2016/17: **13**
- Foundation year: **2006**



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Danubius University

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List of faculties:

- Janko Jesenský Faculty of Law
- Faculty of Public Policy and Public Administration
- Faculty of Social Studies

Scientific research, international relations and projects:

Other parts of our mission are to execute basic and applied research, which corresponds to the needs of a society based on knowledge and related to the fields of study. We actively participate in projects supported by the EU grants and other programmes. In the field of international relations Danubius University respects the inevitability to execute Bologna



Declaration to its full extent and to cooperate with the constant demand for the qualified and linguistically competent employees in Slovakia, Europe and the world. Therefore, Danubius University pays significant attention to the activities of international cooperation. We invite foreign lecturers, prepare research projects that include the cooperation with the foreign researchers and we offer possibilities to spend a study trip abroad, within European Higher Education Area. Our teachers also take part in academic lecturing stays within European Higher Education Area. However, our long-term aim and endeavour is to participate in the international academic sphere even more and to raise our visibility and competitiveness in the international environment.

- Number of students in 2016/17: **1,000**
- Number of scientific degree lecturers in 2016/17: **49**
- Foundation year: **2005**





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College of International Business ISM Slovakia in Prešov

Short description: The College of International Business ISM Slovakia in Prešov (VŠMP ISM) is a private school of higher education, a subsidiary of the ISM Dortmund, Germany. College provides bachelor's and master's study programmes in the areas of business studies and social sciences. The VŠMP ISM was established as an institution focused on the exploration of international, social, educational and other interdisciplinary dimensions of business, which offers attractive, modern study programmes reflecting both regional and broader European contexts responding to the requirements of the labour market.

Scientific research and international relations

projects: Scientific research and international cooperation are viewed at the VŠMP ISM as guarantees of continuous quality improvement. The VŠMP ISM is involved in the international institutional research projects in the fields of economic and social sciences. Currently, the VŠMP ISM has 25 bilateral agreements on cooperation with higher education institutions from both the EU and non-EU countries. International relations of the VŠMP ISM are being further developed through the activities of LLP-Erasmus scheme (20 bilateral agreements).



- Number of students in 2014/15: **661**
- Number of scientific degree lecturers in 2014/15: **41**
- Foundation year: **2005**



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DTI University

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Scientific research, international relations and projects: Scientific and research activities at DTI include scientific conferences and seminars on both national and international levels, implementation of projects supported by the EU funds and by DTI Institutional Grant Agency, participation in projects of public universities within the framework of VEGA and KEGA grants, cooperation with foreign universities, activities within the Week of Science and Technology in Slovakia and participating in various publications.



DTI University in Dubnica nad Váhom also participates in Erasmus+ Programme. The most significant project of DTI is "The Virtual University: Quality Improvement of the Extramural Form of Study at DTI".

- Number of students in 2016/17: **1,841**
- Number of scientific degree lecturers in 2016/17: **62**
- Foundation year: **2006**



Ján Albrecht Music and Art Academy Banská Štiavnica

Short description: The Ján Albrecht Music and Art Academy Banská Štiavnica (JAMAA) is the only private artistic academy of higher education in Slovakia, which offers attractive bachelor's (Bc.) and master's (Mgr. art.) study programmes. Within the study programme Music Performance and Theory (MPT) and study programme Music Composition and Theory (MCT) the students can choose the specialization: musical instruments, singing (classical, ancient and jazz music), conducting and composition, sound design, and electro-acoustic music, guaranteed and taught by Slovak and foreign artistic, scientific and pedagogical personalities. The academy offers also a supplementary pedagogical study. The aim of JAMAA is to provide the study at high quality level.

Scientific research, international relations and projects: The Ján Albrecht Academy of Music and Art Banská Štiavnica was established in 2011. Academy's Artistic and Scientific Research Centre focuses on research in various artistic and scientific areas. The international collaboration is one of the most important priorities: JAMAA organizes lectures, workshops, scientific seminars and conferences, festival, concerts as well as mobility in frame of

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Erasmus+ Programme, domestic and foreign funds. JAMAA collaborates with universities and scientific institutions from Europe and the USA and regularly publishes volumes from conferences, the results of own research results in scientific publications, own journal ars pro toto, scores, CDs and DVDs.

- Number of students in 2016/17: 25*
- Number of scientific or artistic degree lecturers in 2016/17: 17*
- Foundation year: 2011

* Source: Slovak Centre of Scientific and Technical Information, Statistical Yearbook 2016/17



School of Economics and Management in Public Administration in Bratislava

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Short description: The School of Economics and Management in Public Administration in Bratislava (SEMPA) is young, but very popular and one of the most modern private higher educational institution in the Slovak Republic. Since its establishment in 2003, it has developed to a prestigious institution ensuring higher educational study as well as scientific and research activities of learning. More than 8,000 graduates have a great practical applicability as experts in current labour market, as managers in both governmental and non-governmental organizations in public and private sector, or as managers in small and medium enterprises or in the area of finance, banking and insurance.

Scientific research, international relations, projects:

Our graduates have excellent success in the European labour market, these results are supported by cooperation with various institutions and enterprises at home and abroad. Since its establishment, SEMPA has been putting great emphasis on the development of R&D activities. The basis for a dynamic development



of R&D is contained in the professional teaching process and high-quality international relations, which are essential characteristics of a top-notch higher education institution. High international reputation of our school confirms collaboration with over 40 partner universities in Europe and Asia and well-established Erasmus+ program).

- Number of students in 2016/17: **2,980**
- Number of scientific degree lecturers in 2016/17: **82**
- Foundation year: **2003**



School of Management

Short description: School of Management (Vysoká škola manažmentu – VŠM), is the first private school of management in Slovakia. VŠM was established by the law of the National Council of the Slovak Republic on December 1, 1999. It is accredited by the Ministry of Education of the Slovak Republic at the undergraduate, graduate and PhD. levels for academic programs in business management. VŠM closely cooperates with its US partner – City University of Seattle, which offers the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (BSBA) and the Master of Business Administration programs (MBA), and its diplomas are fully accredited in the USA. VŠM offers its programs through various study formats including its highly innovative and standardized on-line program.

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creative industry, management of non-profit organizations, green management, online management education, *etc.* The School has many international partners on the platform of ERASMUS+ programs in France, Spain, Austria, Finland *etc.*, but also outside partners in the USA, for example City University Seattle, Central Washington University, *etc.* The faculty participates in the international projects (*e.g.* Cross-Cultural Collaboration on Contemporary Careers, project of 38 universities from 5 continents) or leads local projects, such as VEGA Competitive Strategies of the Slovak Companies in the Foreign Markets).

- Number of students in 2016/17: **900**
- Number of scientific degree lecturers in 2016/17: **36**
- Foundation year: **1999**



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St. Elizabeth University of Health and Social Work in Bratislava

Short description: St. Elizabeth University of Health and Social Work was founded in Bratislava in 2003. At present, students from 14 countries study there. The University offers 90 study programmes in the field of: Public Health, Social Work, Psychology, Sociology, Nursing, Missionary Work, Health Technology, *etc.* The University offers education at all three levels of higher education – a bachelor's, a master's, a doctoral level.

Scientific research, international relations and

projects: The University has 67 science pedagogical facilities in 20 countries of the world and 12 facilities in Slovakia. One of these facilities is the Clinic of Tropical Diseases Phnom Penh in Cambodia where medical care is provided to orphans with AIDS and tuberculosis. There are also other health, humanitarian, social, charitable and missionary facilities in Ukraine, Cambodia, Kenya, Ethiopia, Uganda, South Sudan, Burundi, Rwanda, Honduras and Haiti which are part of the university. Missionaries from Slovakia work there.



- Number of students in 2016/17: **12,311**
- Number of scientific degree lecturers in 2016/17: **621**
- Foundation year: **2003**



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Pan-European University

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List of faculties:

- Faculty of Law
- Faculty of Economics and Business
- Faculty of Mass Media
- Faculty of Informatics
- Faculty of Psychology

Scientific research, international relations and projects:

Since the very beginning of its existence, the Pan-European University has ascribed priority to international relations. The fact that approximately 30 percent of all lectures are from abroad proves the international character of its staff. The University is also active in science and research by using the potential of its international partnerships and involves strongly in the Erasmus+ mobility framework of the European Union.



- Number of students in 2016/17: **2,108**
- Number of scientific degree lecturers in 2016/17: **121**
- Foundation year: **2004**



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University of Central Europe in Skalica

Short description: The University of the Central Europe in Skalica (UCEU) offers specialised, full university education with attractive, closely specified accredited study programmes. They are focused on International Relations (Bachelor, Master) and Environmental Management (Bachelor, Master, PhD). UCEU is operating and providing university education under the auspices of the non-profit organisation University of Central Europe in Skalica, which attained government consent to act as a private university called University of Central Europe in Skalica. UCEU attained the prestigious quality – certification in accordance with the criteria of the International standard EN ISO 9001:2008.

Scientific research, international relations and projects: UCEU has established cooperation with international universities in bilateral mutual projects. It is also active in Tempus projects (a network for Engineer training) and training for secondary school teachers. The Structural Funds are other major projects in which UCEU is involved. They are designed to support education, science and research. The most important projects mainly concern the transfer of research results support, the development and transfer



of technology at UCEU into practise, and the improvement of the quality of higher education at UCEU study programme of environmental management. UCEU has joined the Erasmus+ Programme to support staff and students' mobility. UCEU supports and takes initiatives in building fruitful cooperation with a number of universities in Slovakia and abroad.

- Number of students in 2016/17: **228**
- Number of scientific degree lecturers in 2016/17: **33**
- Foundation year: **2005**



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University of Security Management in Košice

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Scientific research, international relations and projects: The VŠBM has engaged in scientific and research activities of basic and applied research since 2006 and considers research and development activities for its primary and permanent role. Scientific and research projects, generally covered by H2020 Programme, are focused through the security management to all other specific areas of human life and existence. The dominant feature of these projects is protection of people and property, crime prevention,



security of environment and economy, the transport and transport infrastructure related security, security of logistics, information systems and industry. Vast majority of the scientific and research projects of basic and applied research are solved at the national and international consortium level.

- Number of students in 2016/17: **1,177**
- Number of scientific degree lecturers in 2016/17: **20**
- Foundation year: **2006**



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Media Academy

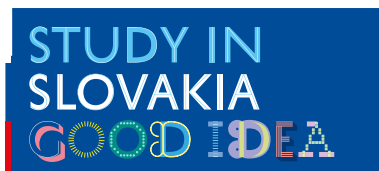
Short description: Media Academy is a professional school of higher education for media and marketing communication grounded in Bratislava. The academy educates in accredited Bachelor's study programmes in Mass Media and Marketing Communication and Master's Program in Media Study. Education is oriented towards communication activity in press, broadcasting, press and marketing agencies, in advertising agencies and in the area of external communication and PR.

Scientific research, international relations and

projects: The Media Academy has joined the Erasmus+ Programme in the year 2016.

- Number of students in 2016/17: **76***
- Number of scientific or artistic degree lecturers in 2016/17: **13***
- Foundation year: **2011**

* Source: Slovak Centre of Scientific and Technical Information, Statistical Yearbook 2016/17



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