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Dear readers and colleagues,

You are reading the third edition of our publication on higher education landscape in Slovakia. The aim of these series is to inform the public and our academic colleagues abroad about the structure and developments in the Slovak higher education area in the last years.

According to Slovak legislation higher education institutions are top educational, scientific and artistic institutions in the Slovak Republic. Their mission is to develop and cultivate knowledge, wisdom, goodness and creativity and thus 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 the Middle Ages. This year we are celebrating 550th anniversary of the Universitatis Istropolitana (at present known as Academia Istropolitana) – the first university established in the country. However modern higher education history dates back to 1919 when the Comenius University in Bratislava was established.

At present Slovak universities and schools of higher education are doing their best to integrate into the European Higher Education Area (EHEA). Since 1999, when the Bologna declaration was signed, higher education institutions has started reforms in order to ensure they provide first-quality education, perform excellent research and development, offer services for the sake of society and create appropriate environment for students and staff.

Slovakia has a wide range of higher education institutions (public, state and private) that offer comprehensive, technical and other specialized higher education to its citizens as well as foreigners.

According to ongoing comprehensive (institutional) accreditation – a process that evaluates institutions' activities including teaching, a level of research, development, artistic and creative activities, 16 higher education institutions out of 22 so far evaluated ones were assessed as universities. Another Accreditation Commission's project showed that 37 excellent research teams work at our higher education institutions according to international standards. Excellent research teams can be found across the whole spectrum of science and technology, e.g. in Humanities, Arts, Engineering and Technology, Natural Sciences, Medical and Health Sciences and Agricultural Sciences.

In that spirit, I wish you happy reading and a pleasant journey through Slovak higher education landscape!

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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 a secondary school-completion certificate ("vysvedčenie o maturitnej skúške") issued after passing the secondary school-completion examination taken upon completing 13 (or exceptionally, 12) years of study.

Higher education institutions administer the admission examination.

Study at higher education institutions

Higher education institutions provide study programmes at three levels:

- 1. The Bachelor's Study Programme:** Takes as little as three years at least and up to four years (architecture, fine arts and design).
- 2. The Master's, Engineer's and Doctor's Study Programmes:** These study programmes take from one year up to four years, so the standard length of study for the bachelor's study programme and the continuing programme of the second level in the same or related field of study totals five years at least. It may also be carried out as a continuous study connecting the first and second levels of higher education. In this case, the standard length of study is four years at least and six years at most.
- 3. The PhD Study Programme:** The standard length for full-time students is three years at least and four years at most, or for part-time students 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 human medicine
- "doktor zubného lekárstva" (MDDr.) in the field of dental medicine
- "doktor veterinárskeho lekárstva" (MVDr.) in the field of veterinary medicine

3rd level

- "doktor"- "philosophiae doctor" (PhD.)
- "doktor umenia"- "artis doctor" (ArtD.)
- "licenciát (Catholic) teológie" (ThLic.)
- "doktor (Catholic) teológie" (ThDr.)

Examina rigorosa

The holders of the academic degree of magister may take the examina rigorosa, which includes the defence of a rigorosa thesis. After its successful completion, 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 science and art science 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 a student in the entire academic year is expressed by 60 credits, for a semester 30 credits and for a trimester 20 credits.

The grading is on a scale of A-FX:

- **A** (excellent) = 1 (able achievements)
- **B** (very good) = 1.5 (above-average achievements)
- **C** (good) = 2 (average achievements)
- **D** (laudable) = 2.5 (acceptable achievements)
- **E** (satisfactory) = 3 (achievements fulfil only the minimum criteria)
- **FX** (unsatisfactory) = 4 (achievements do not fulfil even the minimum criteria)

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

For assessment of overall study achievements of a student in a determined period, a weighted study mean 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 subjects that the student enlisted for and did not complete, mark 4 is added up to the weighted mean. The subjects that are not evaluated by a mark are not included in calculation of the weighted study mean.

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 three trimesters. The organisation of the academic year is set by the college or the higher education institution, if the higher education institution is not divided into colleges.

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

About the Slovak Rectors' Conference

The Slovak Rectors' Conference (SRC) is one of the three bodies representing higher education institutions in Slovakia. Its aim is to coordinate and promote rectors' activities in order to create a common higher education policy. SRC coordinates and promotes cooperation among rectors. Our members discuss and formulate opinion on substantive issues related to the higher education policy, proposals of generally binding legal norms that are directly affecting life of higher education institutions or discuss and formulate opinion on the applicable legal standards. SRC creates conditions for cooperation of 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 a full collective member of the European University Association.

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

Over the past years, SRC has concentrated on some topics that are of highest importance. The quality assurance, autonomy, science and research, funding and public procurement belong to the most accurate ones. Regarding other activities, we have organized or co-organized several conferences and workshops having nationwide impact, meetings with elite national or European leaders in the last years.

Another interesting activity of SRC is the establishment of the Award for Excellence in Arts in 2012. The prize is awarded each year to students or graduates with the aim to increase visibility of artistic activities performed or created at Slovak higher education institutions for exceptional artistic work or artistic activity with a supranational character. So far, SRC has awarded it to four excellent students:

- SRC Award for Excellence in Arts 2015 – Mgr. art. Adriana Debnárová – a brilliant innovative architect,
- SRC Award for Excellence in Arts 2014 – Mgr. art. Andrea Kopecká – a young creative artist,
- SRC Award for Excellence in Arts 2013 – Mgr. art. Teodor Kuhn, PhD. – a talented director,
- SRC Award for Excellence in Arts 2012 – Bc. Pavol Bršík – a well-known opera singer.

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The Academy of Arts in Banská Bystrica

Short description: The Academy of Arts in Banská Bystrica (AU BB) is a premier educational, scientific and artistic establishment which offers a complete three level system of higher education in the study programmes in the field of dramatic, music and film arts, as well as fine arts and multimedia. The basic purpose of AU BB is to develop and spread education and insure its deep understanding. The Academy as a creative and artistic educational institution realizes its purpose by educating future artists, for whom it creates space and inspirations for work in the area of professional art.

List of faculties:

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

Scientific research, international relations and projects:

A specific part of research at AU BB is research through art, so called applied artistic research which is conducted every year through creative work of teachers and students, mostly of doctoral studies. We understand research work as each preparation of great artistic performances,



which are frequently realized at the school.

The Academy of Arts presents its results at international conferences and artistic events. It organizes an international festival for institutions of higher education *ARTFORIUM*, a teatrological conference, the festival Bass Fest, a cimbalom school, it cooperates with the state opera on the project *Musica Sacra*, sculpture exhibition *Banskobystrický štuk*, 3D modeling in sculpting practice, workshops and many others.

- Number of students in 2014/15: **548**
- Number of scientific degree lecturers in 2014/15: **126**
- Foundation year: **1997**





Academy of Fine Arts and Design Bratislava

Short description: The Academy of Fine Arts and Design (VŠVU) is a public university. Its students and faculties' work has been recognized not only in Slovakia, but also abroad. VŠVU 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.

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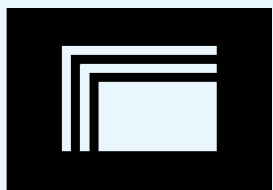
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Scientific research, international relations and projects: VŠVU is fully integrated in the international environment, which is demonstrated by students' mobility (Erasmus+, CEEPUS, bilateral agreements with partner institutions), as well as participation on large international events (Neu/Now ELIA, Biennale du Design Saint-Etienne, Milano Design Week, ESSL ART AWARD). VŠVU 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 VŠVU participates in several international workshops, exhibitions and symposia, conferences and projects. At present VŠVU runs a project Digitisation of Technological Processes in Design supported by the EU Structural Funds.

- Number of students in 2014/15: **655**
- Number of scientific degree lecturers in 2014/15: **114**
- Foundation year: **1949**





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Academy of Performing Arts in Bratislava

Short description: The Academy of Performing Arts in Bratislava (VŠMU) is a public university. It is the highest accredited educational, artistic, and scientific and research institution in the fields of theatre, puppetry, music, dance, film and media and related theoretical and managerial studies in Slovakia. The university educates and trains creative people for performing arts (theatre, opera, ballet and modern and folk dance, puppetry and children theatre), film and media and music (instruments, singing, conducting). It educates high quality teachers, arts managers, theoreticians and critics of arts, as well. The academy offers 51 accredited study programmes in three levels (ArtD., Mgr. art and Bc.) in the field of arts and 9 accredited study programmes in three levels (PhD., Mgr. and Bc.) in the field of arts science and research.

List of faculties:

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



Scientific research, international relations and projects: The Academy runs on the daily basis own theatre studio (performing at 4 stages – Theatre Lab, Studio Burkovna, Studio Kaplnka and Studio 1), opera studio and concert hall Dvorana, cinema club 35 mm, which offer plenty of public artistic events. Each faculty organises related international festivals, such as an international



theatre festival of higher education schools "Istropolitana Project", an international festival of film schools "Áčko" and a contemporary music festival "Orfeus". The teachers and doctoral students are leading personalities in various research projects in the field of theatre, film and music and dance arts. They

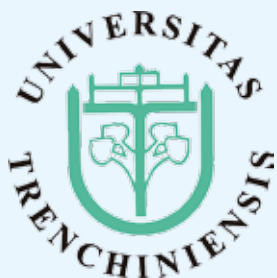
are involved in variety of research and practical research projects on international and domestic level, including the publishing activities (in the cooperation with leading professional cultural organizations as Theatre Institute, Slovak Film Institute or Music Centre).

VŠMU has bilateral agreements on mutual cooperation with around 60 institutions within the EU which enable the students and teaching staff exchange within the framework of the Erasmus+ and Erasmus

Mundus programmes. The Academy is a member of a number of international associations including ELIA, ESTA, AEC, AITU, ENCATC, CILECT, FIRT, AICT, TECOM ITI and UNIMA.



- Number of students in 2014/15: **1,030**
- Number of scientific degree lecturers in 2014/15: **165**
- Foundation year: **1949**

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Short description: Alexander Dubček University of Trenčín is a university type of higher education institution. Its essential long-term educational goals address issues such as competent and qualified academic staff, talented students, appropriate and up-and-coming study programmes, effective teaching methods and strategies, adequate and up-to-date classrooms, laboratories and facilities. Alexander Dubček University of Trenčín provides education while adhering to the European standards and guidelines. The primary goal of the university is to enhance education through developing and fostering creativity, entrepreneurial spirit, teamwork and students' professionalism with respect to the labour market trends.

List of faculties:

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

Scientific research, international relations and projects:

The research activities at the University are focused on identification, automation and



process control, materials research, environmental engineering, functional design, personnel management, political sciences and health care. The researchers solve the tasks of basic and applied research mainly within the national grant projects. Many investigations are based on a contract research. In 2014, the university department Vitrum Laugaricio (Joint Glass Centre) became a successful participant in the European Programme



Horizon 2020 with the project *Centre for Functional and Surface Functionalized Glasses*. The development of the University from the point of view of technical infrastructure, improving the quality and capacities of human resources or establishment of research centres, is supported by the European Structural Funds.

Alexander Dubček University

of Trenčín is the signatory of the Magna Charta Universitatum and a member of EUA, DRC, ACUR and Progress3. The university is active in the international student exchange programmes Erasmus+ and the CEEPUS network.

- Number of students in 2014/2015: **2,946**
- Number of scientific degree lecturers in 2014/2015: **181**
- Foundation year: **1997**



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Catholic University in Ružomberok

Short description: The Catholic University in Ružomberok (CU) is a public university with a religious character. The university focuses on the humanities, history, pedagogy and social and health sciences as well as on the areas of arts, economics, management and law. It offers bachelor's, master's and doctoral study programmes. CU shapes mind and heart in the sense of the Catholic moral, intellectual and academic tradition. CU also offers university education and carries out research leading to the integral development of individuals and society.

List of faculties:

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

Scientific research, international relations and projects:

The Catholic University participates in domestic and international scientific projects and grants supported by national and international scientific agencies and funds from the EU. Scientific projects and grants, publishing activities and university staff awards testify high level of scientific activities of the university.



The Catholic University in Ružomberok is a member of the International Federation of Catholic Universities and Fédération des Universités Catholiques Européenne.

- Number of students in 2014/15: **5,900**
- Number of scientific degree lecturers in 2014/15: **453**
- Foundation year: **2000**





Comenius University in Bratislava

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 27,000 students each year within all three degree study programmes, 21,000 of whom are full-time students. Comenius University offers more than 700 diverse study programmes encompassing a broad range of human knowledge – from medicine, humanities and social sciences, to natural sciences, mathematics and theology. Almost 2,400 international students from 70 countries enjoy studying at the oldest university in Slovakia.

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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 3 – 15 per cent of universities in the world based on several independent rankings (URAP, RUR, CWUR, THE WUR etc.). In 2014, Comenius University was involved in 716 scientific projects with multi-source funding totalling € 22.6 million. Innovations and progressive research trends will be supported by the research centres at the Comenius University Science Park and BioMed Martin, a biomedical centre. *The Comenius University Science Park* has the aim of serving as a comprehensive research incubator for the university and for private sector entities working in the area of science and technology. It will operate 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 the 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 2014/15: **26,624**
- Number of scientific degree lecturers in 2014/15: **2,012**
- 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 teacher study programmes with double-major combination of 27 subjects, 5 single-major teacher study programmes, 105 scientific and professional study programmes and 31 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). Other significant project is "Building of AgroBioTech Research Centre" (financed from

the Structural Funds) and "Improving Quality of Higher Education Based on Development of Multilateral Institutional Cooperation" (co-funded by the EEA

grants). UKF has 51 bilateral agreements of academic cooperation, 255 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 2014/2015: **10,028**
- Number of scientific degree lecturers in 2014/2015: **550**
- Foundation year: **1959**



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J. Selye University in Komárno

Short description: The J. Selye University (UJS) is a public university offering study programmes in natural sciences, computer science, human and social sciences, education and religious services. The faculties of the University offer 15 accredited bachelor's study programmes (out of which 10 are teacher's study programmes in free combination), 14 accredited master's study programmes (out of which 10 are teacher's study programmes in free combination) and two accredited PhD study programmes.

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: UJS staff's research activities mainly



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 2014/15: **1,749**
- Number of scientific degree lecturers in 2014/15: **88**
- Foundation year: **2004**



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



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Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica

Short description: Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica (MBU) 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 areas of education, social issues, economy, law, politics, humanities and natural sciences, in the fields of international relations, economic specializations and mathematics. In addition, it also provides Anglophonic and partially Francophonic studies. MBU develops joint study programmes and has contacts with major foreign universities, where students have the opportunity to complete part of their studies.

List of faculties:

- Faculty of Economics
- 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) and other international programmes (COST, Erasmus+, CEE). UMB is a seat of three Centres of Excellence and an Excellent Team in Mathematics (DIMADYS). The university has intensified its scientific collaboration through an innovative international research platform Vision 2020: The Horizon Network. It is a member of the European University Association and has bilateral collaboration with 44 universities worldwide.

- Number of students in 2014/15: **10,041**
- Number of scientific degree lecturers in 2014/15: **597**
- Foundation year: **1992**



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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 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. UPJŠ is also a partner in two other science parks – *TECHNICOM* and *PROMATECH*. 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+ Programme, National Scholarship Programme of the Slovak Republic and Free Mover and also by joint study programmes and double degrees.



- Number of students in 2014/15: **7,811**
- Number of scientific degree lecturers in 2014/15: **646**
- Foundation year: **1959**



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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 63 years. 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 90 accredited study programmes, twelve of them in English, at the University.

List of faculties:

- Faculty of Agrobiology and Food Resources
- Faculty of Biotechnology and Food Sciences
- Faculty of Economics and Management
- Faculty of Engineering
- Faculty of Horticulture and Landscape Engineering
- Faculty of European Studies and Regional Development

Scientific research and international relations

projects: In the field of scientific research, SUA is involved in three projects under the 7th EU Framework Programme, four projects on building networks of excellence centres of development and research and two projects in order to promote knowledge



Universities and is a founding member of the Visegrad University Association.

- Number of students in 2014/15: **8,638**
- Number of scientific degree lecturers in 2014/15: **351**
- Foundation year: **1952**



and technology from research and development into practice, supported by the EU Structural Funds.

The most important project supported by the Structural Funds, Operational Programme Research and Development to improve the research activities of the university is the project Creation of the Research Centre "AgroBioTech". The university has 153 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

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Short description: The Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava (STU) is a public university and the largest technical university in Slovakia, providing university education in different technical disciplines. STU offers 195 full-time accredited study programmes based on the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) within three study degrees: 56 bachelor's, 68 master's and 71 doctorate's (PhD.) study programmes. Education is based on the scientific research, artistic, engineering and other creative activities. Its academic staff cooperates with industrial companies, social organizations and participates in international cooperation.

List of faculties:

- Faculty of Civil Engineering
- Faculty of Mechanical Engineering
- Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Information Technology
- Faculty of Chemical and Food Technology
- Faculty of Architecture
- Faculty of Informatics and Information Technologies
- Faculty of Materials Science and Technology in Trnava



Scientific research, international relations and projects: Scientific research is represented by 766 research projects and 100 international projects carried out in the cooperation with foreign or national partners.

STU signed 433 agreements on international cooperation with 291 institutions from 49 countries from around the world. International relations are supported by 98 university agreements and 298 Erasmus bilateral agreements with 172 institutions from 25 European countries, university memberships in e.g. EUA, SEFI, REHVA, FEMS, EAEC, ISGG, IGIP



and many more and by the organization of many international events, conferences, seminars and workshops.

The *University Science Park (USP)* in Bratislava and Trnava, an integral part of STU, provides a strong foundation for science and research and enables the integration of a large number of the university laboratories and research partners in the European Research Area. USP also supports knowledge transfer

into practice and provides space for applied research.

The *Know-How Centre* and the *University Technology Incubator* in Bratislava are an important part of STU.

- Number of students in 2014/15: **15,403**
- Number of scientific degree lecturers in 2014/15: **1,410**
- Foundation year: **1937**





Technical University in Zvolen

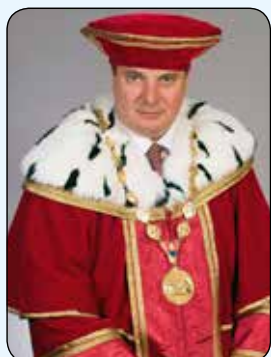
Short description: The Technical University in Zvolen is a public university with an exceptional position within the higher education system of the Slovak Republic. It focuses on scientific, educational, research and development activities connected closely with socially important fields of forestry, 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

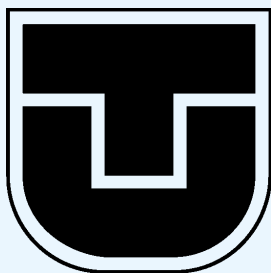
Scientific research, international relations, projects:



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 the EU international activities in the field of education mainly through Erasmus+ and CEEPUS Programmes.

- Number of students in 2014/15: **3,862**
- Number of scientific degree lecturers in 2014/15: **251**
- Foundation year: **1952**



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Technical University of Košice

Short description: The Technical University of Košice (TUKE) is a public university technically oriented in the field of engineering, economics and arts. It provides higher education in all three levels of higher education within 88 bachelor's, 92 master's and 102 doctoral programmes awarding an accredited university degree. For 63 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 Geotechnology
- Faculty of Metallurgy
- 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

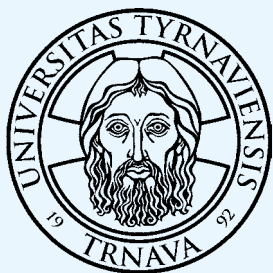
Scientific research, international relations and projects:



development is substantially supported by the EU Structural Funds. At present TUKE is implementing 56 projects from the EU Structural Funds (the total budget of €196.5 million) and conducting 210 national projects (VEGA, KEGA, APVV and etc.). The university is involved in international scientific research cooperation which has resulted in 45 international projects (FP6, FP7, Socrates, COST, ERDF South East Europe, ERDF Central Europe, Tempus, INTERREG IVC, CEEPUS, Norwegian Financial Mechanisms, etc.) The University has signed 73 agreements and 125 bilateral Erasmus agreements with partners in 21 EU countries, Turkey and Croatia.

- Number of students in 2015/16: **9,708**
- Number of scientific degree lecturers in 2015/16: **836**
- Foundation year: **1952**



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Trnava University in Trnava

Short description: The Trnava University in Trnava represents one of the oldest universities in Slovakia. The University of Trnava was established by Cardinal Péter Pázmány in 1635 and consisted of four faculties: the faculty of theology, arts, law and medicine. The University became well-known also thanks to an observatory founded by Maximilian 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 in Trnava was re-opened in July 1992. The University of Trnava is one of the most prestigious universities in Slovakia. The University Statute emphasises the compliance with the principles of the 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
- Faculty of Law



Scientific research, international relations and projects: The Trnava University in Trnava is active in many international projects such as: "Sustain (Supporting Science Teaching Advancement Through Inquiry)", Lifelong Learning Programme; "International Copy Camp Conference 2014", the project supported by the International Visegrad Fund; "Open Education Kick off Meeting", the project supported by the Foundation Open Society Institution (FOSI) in Switzerland; "Tax



Authorities in the Visegrad Group Countries", the project supported by the International Visegrad Fund, "Collaborative European Neuro Trauma Effectiveness Research in TBI – CENTER TBI", the project funded by the European Commission under the 7th Framework Programme; "Transforming Organisational Culture for Gender Equality in Research and

Innovation – GENOVATE", the project funded by the European Commission under the 7th Framework Programme.

The university has signed more than 60 agreements on international cooperation with the goal to develop pedagogical, research and cultural relationships, and more than 120 Erasmus+ bilateral agreements. The university is a member of the European University Association (EUA), the Danube Rectors' Conference (DRC), the European Association of Erasmus Coordinators (EAEC), the Magna Charta Universitatum (MCU), the European Quality Assurance Forum (EQA), and others.

- Number of students in 2014/15: **5,508**
- Number of scientific degree lecturers in 2014/15: **308**
- 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 67 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 (280 agreements with universities in 34 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 2014/15: **9,043**
- Number of scientific degree lecturers in 2014/15: **608**
- 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 is 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



education and training programmes such as Erasmus KA1, Erasmus KA2, EHP, Leonardo da Vinci and CEEPUS.

- Number of students in 2014/15: **9,477**
- Number of scientific degree lecturers in 2014/15: **537**
- Foundation year: **1997**



Centre for Human and Animal Ecology, the Centre for Socio-Historical and Cultural-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

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University of Ss. Cyril and Methodius in Trnava

Short description: The University of Ss. Cyril and Methodius in Trnava (UCM) is a public university. UCM provides education in bachelor's, master's and doctoral study programmes in different fields of humanities and social sciences, physiotherapy and teaching as well as in chemistry and biotechnology. As UCM's graduates are provided with solid fundamentals for practice, the University has been ranked among the most successful in terms of graduates' adaptation in the labour market over the past years. UCM is a dynamic and prospective educational institution with interesting and modern study programmes, therefore studying at UCM is an opportunity for students' development in the whole range of academic, social and cultural dimensions.

List of faculties:

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

Scientific research, international relations,

projects: The university has been involved in thirteen VEGA projects, nine KEGA projects and seven projects managed by the Agency for Support of Research



and Development. Furthermore, UCM participates in six EU projects that are funded by the European Social Fund within the Operational Programmes: Education and Research and Development.

The University participates in eleven international projects, among them mobility projects with the CEEPUS-programme as well.



- Number of students in 2014/15: **6,184**
- Number of scientific degree lecturers in 2014/15: **347**
- Foundation year: **1997**



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The University of Veterinary Medicine and Pharmacy in Košice

Short description: The University of Veterinary Medicine and Pharmacy in Košice (UVMP) is a public university offering second degree study programmes in general veterinary medicine (including study in English for foreign students – at present 235 foreign full time students) and pharmacy. The 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 with two related study programmes of the second degree - production health of animals and environmental protection and the market and quality of foodstuffs. The University offers a higher education of the third degree in 17 accredited study programmes. Veterinary medicine and pharmacy rank among the so-called regulated professions. UVMP meets the standards required by the EU and a diploma conferred by the university is valid in all countries of the EU.

Scientific research, international relations and projects: Scientific activities at UVMP are focused primarily on diseases of agricultural and hobby 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 realized 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 2014/15: **1,965**
- Number of scientific degree lecturers in 2014/15: **212**
- Foundation year: **1949**



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University of Žilina

Short description: The University of Žilina has a long tradition of providing education in the field of transport and communications. It is a university with a broad profile in many areas of science, technology, economics, management, and recently also in educational and natural sciences. Its educational system is based on good theoretical knowledge and practical skills, communication skills, use of information and telecommunication technologies, marketing, economics and law, with the emphasis on future society needs.

The University provides education at all three levels of higher education both in full time and part time forms. Approximately 70,000 students have graduated from the university so far; 1,500 of them were from abroad.

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: Research teams of faculties and institutes solve problems of basic and applied research on the national and international levels. Almost 800 scientists solve not only tasks



belonging to the Slovak or international grant systems but also tasks directly implemented in conditions of engineering industry. Thanks to the structural funds in the total 13 university application research centres, a university science park and a research centre have been established. Annual

research capacity of the university is over 1 million hours.

There are more than 60 international scientific events organized per year. Every year the university staffs publish about 3,000 papers in scientific and professional magazines and publications. Faculties and institutes publish 26 scientific and technical journals.

The University has established contacts with many foreign universities in Europe, Asia, Australia and America. Professors and research workers at the university participate in international educational and research projects (ERASMUS+, Grundvig, Comenius, TEMPUS, Erasmus - Mundus, COPERNICUS, COST, National Scholarship Programme, DAAD and others). The academic staff is actively involved in cooperation within the 7th Framework Programme.

The University of Žilina is a member of the European University Association, the Magna Charta Universitatum

Observatory, the European Association for International Education, Internationale Gesellschaft für Ingenieurpädagogik, Chambre de Commerce Franco-Slovak, the European Conference of Transport Research Institutes and Forum of European National Highway Research Laboratories.



- Number of students in 2014/15: **9,525**
- Number of scientific degree lecturers in 2014/15: **650**
- Foundation year: **1953**

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Academy of the Police Force in Bratislava

Short description: The Academy of the Police Force in Bratislava is a university with the specific security specialization that is not divided into faculties. It provides unique universal education at the bachelor's, master's and post-graduate level in the area of protection of persons and property, security in public administration and criminalistics and forensic sciences for the members of law enforcement agencies, civil servants and partially for the civil youth as well. Since its establishment, the academy has fulfilled its mission to prepare university educated and professionally competent specialists for the needs of the Police Force, specialized departments of the Ministry of Interior and other state and non-state security services.

Scientific research, international relations and projects

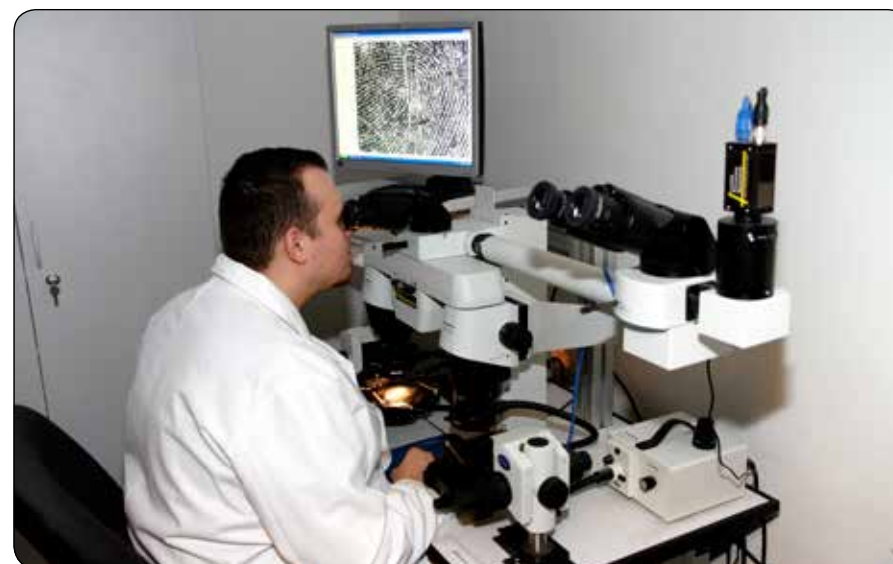
The priority of scientific and research activities of the academy is to develop a theory of police sciences and other scientific disciplines forming the theoretical basis of modules taught within provided higher education at the academy. The academy focuses on the following international scientific projects: 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 (Mitteleuropa Polizei Akademie) and also cooperates with the OSCE.

- Number of students in 2014/2015: **1,372**
- Number of scientific degree lecturers in 2014/2015: **99**
- Foundation year: **1992**



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

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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,



EDA and European Structural Funds as well as in scientific and research boards.

Number of students in 2014/15: **363**
Number of scientific degree lecturers in 2014/15: **57**
Foundation year: **1973**





Slovak Medical University in Bratislava

Short description: The 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, the Faculty of Medicine of SMU provides a study programme of General Medicine in English language as well. SMU provides specialised studies of General Medicine and Paediatrics in the frames of Residential Programme.

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health, safety of nano-particles, molecular biology and virology. Many projects are solved within the 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 the frames of Erasmus+ Programme.



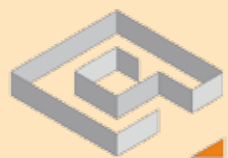
- Number of students in 2014/15: **2,082**
- Number of scientific degree lecturers in 2014/15: **381**
- Foundation year: **2002**



Scientific research, international relations and projects

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





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Bratislava International School of Liberal Arts

Short description: The Bratislava International School of Liberal Arts (BISLA) is a private school of higher education grounded in the humanities. The school offers a bachelor's degree study programme. At BISLA, students do not memorize, but analyze, think and discuss. They are encouraged to evaluate facts in the context of diverse disciplines, ranging from political science, philosophy, and history to literature, sociology and art history; from Plato to Rorty, from Shakespeare to Kundera.

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. Each year, there are also a number of foreign students studying at BISLA.

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 2014/15: **48**
- Number of scientific degree lecturers in 2014/15: **13**
- Foundation year: **2006**



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Danubius University

Short description: Danubius College was established on May 31, 2005 as an accredited independent private professional academic institution in Sládkovičovo. It has been developing dynamically from its very beginning and, despite its "young age", has become a known school in the region. Danubius College offers accredited bachelor's, master's and doctoral study programmes. It is also entitled to rigorous examinations (PhDr.). Since this academic year, college has offered the possibility to study the Programme of International Relations and Journalism. Another study programme - English and American Studies is available at the Institute of Applied Languages and Intercultural Communication.

Danubius College develops creativity and supports modern solutions. Its students grow into competent professionals and intellectuals in their areas of studies. The mission of Danubius College is to provide higher and continuing education at European and world quality level, appropriated to the needs of society and labour market, which searches for the qualified, competitive and linguistically competent employees in every region. Other parts of our mission are to execute basic and applied research, which will correspond to the needs of a society based on knowledge, and to develop the values of Slovak and world culture.

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: Danubius College 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 College 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 international environment. For instance, our students can spend a part of their study time or internship in Austria and other European countries through Erasmus + Programme. Our students have used especially the possibilities to study in Austria and Portugal, and to get experience during the internship in non-governmental organisations in the Czech Republic. Comparative research during the PhD study is another popular part of the stays in the Czech Republic. The international cooperation of our school is extensive and moreover, we plan to enable the achievement of double diploma abroad.

- Number of students in 2014/15: **1,619**
- Number of scientific degree lecturers in 2014/15: **70**
- Foundation year: **2005**

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International School of Management 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. The 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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Dubnica Institute of Technology in Dubnica nad Váhom

Short description: Dubnica Institute of Technology in Dubnica nad Váhom (DTI) is a private institute of higher education offering accredited bachelor's degree programmes (Teacher Training in Vocational Education, Teacher Training in Economic Subjects, Management, Electronics of Transportation) and accredited master's degree programmes (Teacher Training in Technical Subjects, Teacher Training in Economic Subjects). It is also authorised to conduct rigorous examinations. Moreover, it offers various courses in the framework of lifelong learning. DTI focuses on education and research in the field of training qualified professionals. To accomplish this mission, DTI cooperates with universities across Slovakia and abroad, as well as with entrepreneurs, the public sector and NGOs. It also participates in international projects.

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

- Number of students in 2014/15: **2,923**
- Number of scientific degree lecturers in 2014/15: **93**
- Foundation year: **2006**



Ján Albrecht Music and Art Academy Banská Štiavnica

Short description: The Jan 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 the 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 also offers a supplementary pedagogical study. The aim of JAMAA is to provide the study at the high quality level.

Scientific research, international relations and projects: The Ján Albrecht Academy of Music and Art Banská Štiavnica was established in 2011. The Academy's Artistic and Scientific Research Centre focuses on research in various artistic and scientific

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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 2014/15: **33**
- Number of scientific or artistic degree lecturers in 2014/15: **20**
- Foundation year: **2011**



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 is a modern private school of higher education that meets the needs of students speaking Slovak language. It offers attractive accredited bachelor's and master's degree study programmes. The school prepares graduates for the labour market, to be successful in employment in Slovakia and abroad. The School of Economics and Management in Public Administration in Bratislava contributes to the vitality and development of the region and society by providing high quality and available education and enriching the cultural and economic life of the region.

Scientific research, international relations, projects: The School of Economics and Management in Public Administration in Bratislava is widely connected and collaborates with similar Central European colleges and universities (in the Czech Republic, Poland, Ukraine, Austria, etc.). The school offers study programmes with practical requirements



and the newest outcomes in research and science, study selected subjects in foreign languages (English, Russian).

- Number of students in 2014/15: **3,560**
- Number of scientific degree lecturers in 2014/15: **86**
- Foundation year: **2003**



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School of Management/ City University of Seattle

Short description: The School of Management is the first private business school in Slovakia. The school was established by law in 1999. It is accredited by the Ministry of Education of the Slovak Republic at the undergraduate (bachelor's), graduate (master's) and doctoral levels for programmes in business administration and knowledge management. The founder of VŠM is The City University of Seattle, which has been successfully operating in Slovakia since 1991. The City University of Seattle in Slovakia offers BSBA and MBA programmes, and its diplomas are accredited by NWCCU in the USA. The School of Management and the City University of Seattle have compatible curricula for the bachelor's degree programme in English and they share an international staff of professors and faculty.

Scientific research, international relations, projects: Scientific and research activities are related to the fields of study (knowledge management and business administration). The School of Management's research faculty actively participates in multiple projects sponsored by the EU grants and other programmes. The School of Management and The City University of Seattle offer joint degrees in business administration at the undergraduate and



graduate levels, which means that credits earned can be applied towards either Slovak or the U.S. accredited degree. The School of Management successfully passed the EUA institutional evaluation in 2007, holds the Erasmus university charter for student and faculty mobility and has multiple bilateral agreements with partner universities in Europe, the USA and South America.

- Number of students in 2014/15: **1,119**
- Number of scientific degree lecturers in 2014/15: **24**
- 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 13 countries study here. The University offers 69 study programmes in the field of: Public Health, Social Work, Psychology, Sociology, Nursing, Missionary Work, Health Technology, etc. The University offers education in all three levels of higher education – a bachelor's, a master's, a doctoral level.

Scientific research, international relations and projects:

The University has 43 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 for orphans with AIDS and tuberculosis. There are also other health, humanitarian, social, charitable and missionary facilities in Ukraine, Cambodia, Kenya, Ethiopia, Uganda, Sudan, Burundi, Nairobi and Haiti which are part of the university. Missionaries from Slovakia work there.



- Number of students in 2014/15: **13,655**
- Number of scientific degree lecturers in 2014/15: **326**
- Foundation year: **2003**



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Pan-European University

Short description: The Pan-European University is a private institution of higher education established in 2004 in Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia. The university offers programmes at all three levels of higher education at its 5 faculties. The European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) is fully applied to all courses offered. International co-operation with partner universities abroad is one of the main goals of the university which follows international trends in its study programmes by emphasizing its international orientation.

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 lecturers 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 2014/15: **3,700**
- Number of scientific degree lecturers in 2014/15: **141**
- Foundation year: **2004**





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 a master's study programme in Media Study. Education is oriented towards communication activities in press, broadcasting, press and marketing agencies, in advertising agencies and in the area of external communication and PR.

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Scientific research, international relations and projects:

The Media Academy will join the Erasmus+ Programme in the year 2016.

- Number of students in 2014/15: **148**
- Number of scientific degree lecturers in 2014/15: **11**
- Foundation year: **2011**



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University of Central Europe in Skalica

Short description: The University of the Central Europe in Skalica (SEVŠ) is a private school of higher education that was established on the basis of approval granted by the Resolution of the Slovak Government No. 907/2005 on November 16, 2005. According to the conferred rights, SEVŠ is accredited in the following study programmes: bachelor's study programmes – international relations, environment and environmental management; master's study programmes - international relations and environmental management; and post-graduate study programme - environmental management.

Scientific research, international relations and projects:

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

- Number of students in 2014/15: **446**
- Number of scientific degree lecturers in 2014/15: **28**
- Foundation year: **2005**



University of Security Management in Košice

Short description: The University of Security Management in Košice (VŠBM) is a private school of higher education that provides education in the fields/majors of economic security, engineering, law, criminalistics, technical and natural sciences, logistics, security management, environmental sciences and information security throughout three fundamental pillars as economic security, transportation security and information security. VŠBM offers education of the first (bachelor's) and second (engineer's) degree in the accredited study program "Management of Security Systems", and guarantees postgraduate studies of Master of Business Administration (MBA), Mater of Law (LL.M) and Master of Science (MSc.)

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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 2014/15: **1,780**
- Number of scientific degree lecturers in 2014/15: **40**
- Foundation year: **2006**





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