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## Visiting Professors Programme

Two laureates of the UG Visiting Professors Programme visited our university in recent weeks for the implementation of the programme.

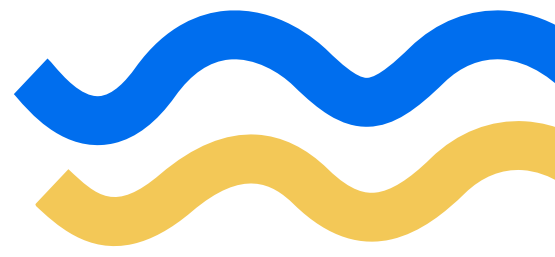
Read the interviews with both Professors.



Prof. George DiCenzo " You need to combine both wet lab and bioinformatics for successful research to happen"



Dates of the Laureate's visit: 04.03 - 18.03.2023



Universities cannot ignore the development of artificial intelligence." We discussed the future of education with Prof. Inna Romānova



Dates of the Laureate's visit: 23.03 - 05.04.2023

Visiting Professors Programme

## FANTASTIC NEWS! ERASMUS+ NOMINATIONS

In the upcoming academic year of 2023/2024, over 400 students from the University of Gdańsk will have the opportunity to study in various European universities.

The nomination process is currently underway, and our students have already begun receiving exciting news from their host institutions and are gearing up for their mobility journey.

We wish all the nominated students the best of luck in their preparations and look forward to watching their academic and personal growth during this enriching experience.

Congratulations!

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## ERASMUS NON-EU

Within the framework of the Erasmus + KA107/KA171 project, in April we hosted, a.o., the following lecturers:

- **Didactic mobility:**

### 24-30 April - UG Faculty of Law and Administration

As part of the Erasmus+ KA171 project took place the following didactic mobility:

Prof. Sidharth Chauhan (O.P. Jindal Global University, India) - conducted a series of lectures at the UG Faculty of Law and Administration.

# GUEST LECTURE ON IP AND COMPETITION BY PROF. SIDHARTH CAHUHAN

O.P. Jindal Global University, India



Sidharth Chauhan is an Assistant Professor and Assistant Dean (Academic Affairs) at Jindal Global Law School (JGLS), O.P. Jindal Global University.

He is also the Program Director of the LL.M. (Blended Learning Program) at JGLS. He read his LL.M. at Harvard Law School, where he focused on corporate, antitrust and technology laws. While at Harvard Law, Sidharth received the Dean's Award for Community Leadership and worked as a research assistant at the Berkman Klein Center to pursue his research interests.

He completed his first law degree (B.L.S., LL.B.) from Government Law College, Mumbai, India. He has worked in the leading corporate practice of Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co. in Mumbai, India and the competition law practice of WilmerHale in Brussels, Belgium.

His research interests lie in the areas of competition/antitrust and technology laws.

- Didactic mobility:

## 24-28 April - UG Faculty of Law and Administration

As part of the Erasmus+ KA171 project took place the following didactic mobility:

Alana Malinde S.N. Lancaster (University of West Indies, Barbados)

## GUEST LECTURE ON CLIMATE LAW AND CRIMINOLOGY BY **ALANA MALINDE S.N. LANCASTER**

### University of West Indies, Barbados

Alana Malinde S.N. Lancaster is a Lecturer in International Environmental & Energy Law at the Faculty of Law at The UWI Cave Hill, a Co-Investigator and Member of the Executive Team of the GCRF-funded One Ocean Hub.

Alana specializes in international, regional (CARICOM and OECS) and comparative marine and environmental law, and has increasingly incorporated a focus on human rights to a healthy, sustainable marine environment, social equity in small-scale fisheries, blue crime & justice, climate justice, and the rights of children and youth to a healthy environment. Before joining the Faculty, Alana was a Director at the Environmental Protection Agency of Guyana and lectured at the University of Guyana.



Most recently, she was appointed as the Regional Deputy Director of the GNHRE for the Caribbean Region, the GESAMP Working Group 41 on 'Ocean Interventions for Climate Change Mitigation' (formerly the GESAMP Working Group on Marine Geoengineering) and is among twenty-one members from 11 countries on the Technical Advisory Group to the LAC UNESCO Sites Climate Change, Risk and Resilience Platform. She also serves on the IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law Climate Change Law Specialist Group; the EIA and ABMT Working Groups of the CARICOM Advisory Group on Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction, and represents The University of the West Indies on the Coordinating Committee and National Working Group for the GEF Islands Child Project 10279 Project, a five-year project which aims to strengthen the mechanisms for the environmentally sound management of chemicals and wastes in Barbados.

Alana's recent research includes work on the blue economy, decolonialisation and gender in addressing environmental issues affecting women, children, Indigenous and Afro-descendant peoples in the C&OC's small-scale fisheries to commemorate IYAFA 2022, marine renewables in the C&OC, and the role of early career researchers (ECRs) in transformative and transdisciplinary ocean governance.

- **Training mobility:**

### **8-12 May - UG Faculty of Law and Administration**

As part of the Erasmus+ KA171 project took place the following training mobility:

Prof. Miguel Jose Casanova Torrado, Dean of the Faculty of Law, Universidad de Montevideo (Uruguay).



# PROF. MIGUEL JOSE CASANOVA TORRADO

Universidad de Montevideo, Uruguay

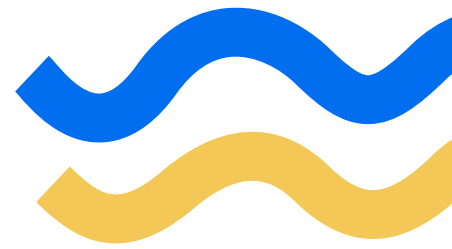


Our guest met with the authorities of the UG Faculty of Law and Administration - Vice-Dean for International Cooperation and Development, Prof. Marcin Michal Wiszowaty to discuss plans for further cooperation between the universities, i. a. in the field of teaching law in Poland and Uruguay.

Prof. Casanova also met with Dr Małgorzata Joanna Węgrzak, Head of the School of Spanish and Latin American Law at the UG Faculty of Law and Administration.

During the visit, Prof. Casanova also met with the Erasmus+ KA107 / 171 Project Coordinators, Ewa Chmurzyńska and Katarzyna Flis from the International Cooperation Office, to discuss the possibility of expanding cooperation between universities within the project, focusing mainly on the prospects for student exchange.





- 2 didactic mobilities:

24-29 April - UG Faculty of Social Sciences

As part of the Erasmus+ KA171 project, there were 2 didactic mobilities:

Prof. Emmanuel Niyibizi,  
Prof. Christiane Nyiramana, Protestant University in Rwanda  
(Rwanda).

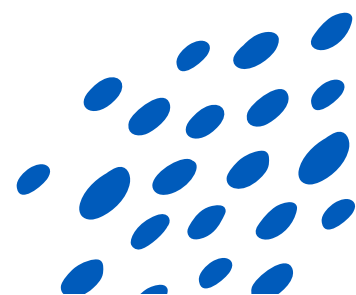
# PROF. EMMANUEL NIYIBIZI, PROF. CHRISTINE NYIRAMANA

Protestant Institute of Arts and Social sciences,  
Protestant University in Rwanda



In the course of the grant obtained by the UG Faculty of Social Sciences, it was possible to invite the Protestant Institute of Arts and Social Sciences in Rwanda to collaborate.

As part of the cooperation initiated, Dean of the Faculty of Education: Dr Christine Nyiramana and Director of the Centre for Didactics and Research in Education: Emmanuel Niyibizi visited Faculty of Social Sciences between 24 and 29 May.



The delegation from Rwanda, among others, gave an institute lecture on International development cooperation in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Case of Rwanda and a faculty lecture on Resilience Building in post-genocide context. Reconciliation and reconstruction in post-genocide period: A case of Rwanda. In addition, a number of academic meetings were held with the theme of finding mutual research areas. Discussions were also held on possible future cooperation in which an interdisciplinary team would be set up to carry out joint research projects.

Initially, the authorities of the Protestant Institute of Arts and Social Sciences in Butare declared their willingness to sign a 'memorandum of understanding' with the University of Gdańsk.

The Rwandan delegation also familiarised themselves with the system and the functioning of educational institutions and schools in Poland, visiting, among others, a kindergarten, a primary school in Karwi.

The event was organised by the Institute of Political Science, Faculty of Social Sciences. The project was co-financed by the European Union.



# 'Sustainable city' The first Erasmus BIP course organised by UG

Blended Intensive Programmes (BIP) is one of the latest initiatives of the Erasmus+ project, where students, researchers or university staff can participate in a course organised by another university in Europe. So far, the University of Gdańsk has participated in BIP as a partner, while Monday, April 17, saw the start of the residential part of the course, in which UG is acting as a leader for the first time.

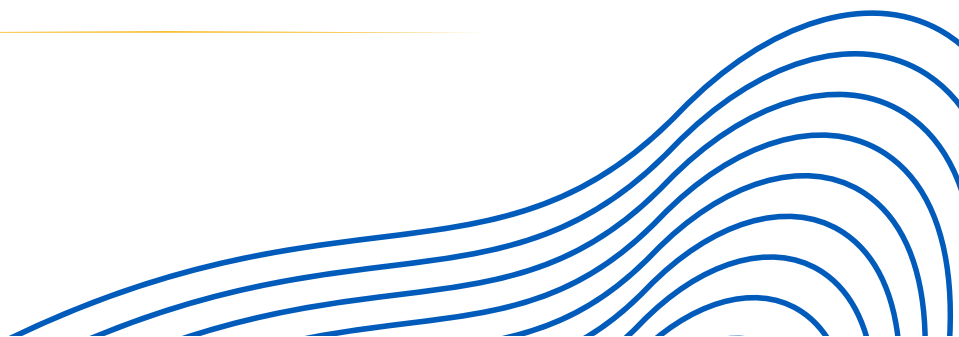


'Sustainable City' is a Blended Intensive Programme course during which students from SEA-EU member universities can learn about methods of implementing the goals of the UN Agenda 2030 in businesses or local governments. Researchers from the University of Gdańsk will introduce them to, among other things, the concepts of a circular economy or the challenges of sustainable urban planning. There will also be practical field trips. International students will see how the function of the space of the Gdańsk Shipyard has changed and visit Tricity businesses that are introducing sustainable solutions. As the programme's name suggests, an intensive week of theory and practice awaits them.

Twenty-eight students from the University of Malta, the University of West Brittany and the University of Split have arrived for the residential classes. They are students of Geography and urban planning, Built environment, Architecture, Economy and tourism, Tourism and hotel management, Economy and tourism, Tourism and hospitality. To meet such diverse perspectives, researchers from the Social Sciences, Economics and Management faculties were involved in the initiative.

On April 17, the residential part of the course began. At the Faculty of Management, students from France, Croatia and Malta were welcomed by the Vice-Dean for Internationalisation and Development, Prof. Angelika Kędzierska-Szczepaniak and the Director of the UG International Cooperation Office, Magdalena Sawicz.

**ERASMUS BIP - KRÓTKIE I INTENSYWNE MOBILNOŚCI MIESZANE.  
ROZMOWA Z MONIKĄ BUTKIEWICZ I DR HELENĄ GARCZYŃSKĄ**





## FOCUS ON UKRAINE - WHAT HAS THE POLISH SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY DONE AND WILL DO FOR UKRAINE? CONFERENCE REPORT

Rectors, directors, scientists, ministers, soldiers, representatives of foreign research centres and students talked about helping Ukraine from all perspectives.

The second edition of the Focus on Ukraine conference is behind us, two days full of discussions on how the Polish scientific community can help the struggling and, in the future, victorious Ukraine.



- 'Almost a year ago, we organised the first conference, "Solidarity with Ukraine", where we discussed how to help Ukraine wisely. This time we are richer in experience from the past year, but also in experience from this terrible and unjustifiable war,' - opened the event, the Rector of the University of Gdańsk, Prof. Piotr Stepnowski. -

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The Director of the National Academic Exchange Agency, dr Dawid Kostecki, said that the first edition of the 'Solidarity with Ukraine' programme was aimed at individual applicants - students and doctoral students. - 'However, this assistance needs to change,' - he said. Among the new initiatives, the NAWA Director mentioned the 'Solidarity with Ukraine - European Universities' programme designed for institutional assistance and the 'NAWA Intervention Grants'.



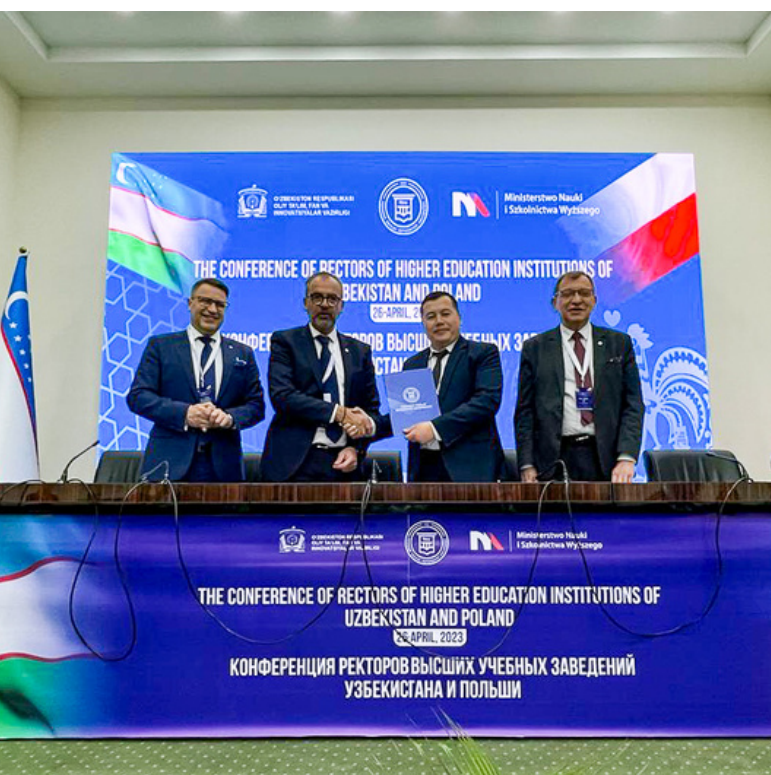




# Representation of University of Gdańsk in Uzbekistan

Representation of the University of Gdańsk participated in the Forum of Rectors of Poland and Uzbekistan held in Tashkent State University of Economics, whose main objective was to discuss the challenges of internationalisation of higher education of both countries, as well as to strengthen and deepen mutual relations. The plenary session, which constituted the first part of the Forum, allowed the parties to present the potential of the two countries, set out mutual expectations and start discussing challenges, new partnerships and opportunities. Dr Kongratbay Sharipov, Rector of the Tashkent University of Economics, opening the session stressed that Uzbekistan's development strategy includes laying the foundations for, among other things, cooperation in culture, innovation, educational and scientific exchange between Poland and Uzbekistan.

Read the full article



## Study in Poland!

An event accompanying the Forum of Rectors of Poland and Uzbekistan was the Presentations of Polish Universities in the framework of the Study in Poland programme, held on 26 April at Tashkent State University of Economics and continued on 28 April at Medical State University in Samarkand.

During the Presentation of Polish Universities: university candidates, secondary school pupils, students and academics had the opportunity to talk to representatives of the universities - Agnieszka Beck from the Promotion and Contact with Sponsors Team and Dominika Brulińska from the Foreign Student Services Section - who answered questions about the possibility of studying at the University of Gdańsk.

## IREG 2023 - international ranking conference

The IREG 2023 - Rankings and University International Exposure international ranking conference took place on 27-28 April, with the main aim of presenting the changes and updates made to the world university rankings, as well as tips on how higher education institutions can improve their position and visibility in the academic international arena.

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**POLAND MY FIRST CHOICE NAWA –  
THE CALL FOR APPLICATIONS IS NOW OPEN!**

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**WE INVITE YOU!**



We are pleased to announce the call for applications for the Poland My First Choice NAWA programme, which enables young people from developed countries to study at Polish universities with a scholarship.

The programme offers the opportunity to undertake full-time, second-cycle studies with a monthly NAWA scholarship.

In addition, the programme will make it possible to study for free at public universities.

The offer is addressed to candidates applying to Polish university-type higher education institutions supervised by the Minister of Education and Science (check which universities you can choose). Within the Programme interested persons can choose any course taught in Polish or English.

The call is open for:

- citizens of 44 countries and territories: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macau, Malta, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Romania, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, UK, Uruguay, USA
- who are studying a bachelor's degree programme in one of the aforementioned countries and territories or have graduated there no earlier than 2021 and
- are planning to start second-cycle studies in Poland in the academic year 2023/24.

Application deadline: by 15 June 2023 at 15:00 (Warsaw time).


Do you have any questions? Contact us: [pmfc@nawa.gov.pl](mailto:pmfc@nawa.gov.pl)

Previous editions of Poland My First Choice in short:

In the two previous editions of the programme, students from 19 countries received scholarships, with the largest number coming from France, Italy, the United States, Spain, South Korea and Lithuania.

The 19 universities were chosen by the scholarship holders as host institutions.

The programme's scholarship holders were most likely to choose courses in the fields of:

- international relations,
  - management, economics and finance,
  - philology and cultural studies,
  - data science.
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## TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY – NEW MAJOR AT UG



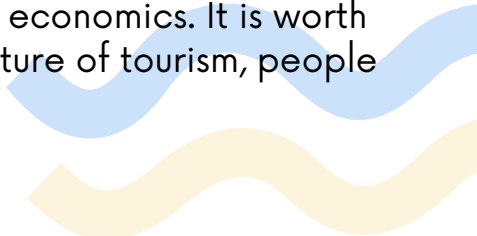
The Tourism and Hospitality field of study was created in response to growing economic, social, and environmental challenges that nowadays tourism industry is facing locally and globally.

Tourism is one of the most important sectors of global economy (it is estimated that every 10th job is related to tourism) generating significant income but also contributing to many problems of the modern world. The Institute of Human Geography and Spatial Management at the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Gdańsk decided to meet this challenge. Thus, we created a field of study in which the education of future employees of the tourism sector will be carried out in accordance with the overriding principle of caring for the well-being of residents of tourist destinations, postulates related to the protection of the natural environment and heritage and economic development based on a balance between the benefits and costs of tourism.

The two-year Master's degree in Tourism and Hospitality will be conducted entirely in English, which on the one hand will give graduates wider employment prospects and on the other hand will ensure a multicultural environment during studies, as recruitment is also open to foreign students.

The study program covers issues related to the field of spatial and social analysis methods used in tourism, social and cultural aspects of tourism and hospitality, tourist infrastructure, planning tourism development at the level of local government units and as part of entrepreneurial activity and creating sustainable tourist products. During the two-year study, students will have the opportunity to acquire skills necessary in the modern economy, such as creativity, critical and systemic thinking, and additionally competences related to the media communication and image creation. The study program includes field activities as well as an additional foreign language course.

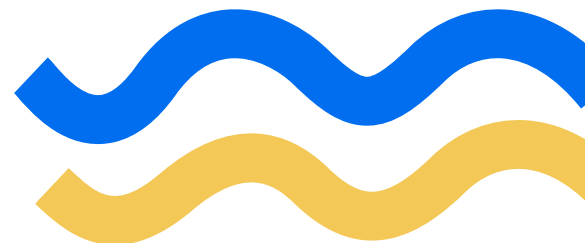
Studies in the field of Tourism and Hospitality are addressed to graduates of bachelor's studies in such areas as: spatial planning, geography, sociology, tourism and recreation, hospitality, cultural heritage, management, or economics. It is worth emphasizing that due to the universal and interdisciplinary nature of tourism, people with diverse educational experience can apply.



# VISIT OF THE AMBASSADOR THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA AND EXHIBITION ON PANAMA AT THE UG FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

Javier Alcides Bonagas de Gracia - Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Panama to Poland visited the University of Gdańsk on 1 June 2023.

The purpose of the visit was, among other things, to establish contacts within the framework of cooperation between the universities of Panama and the UG and also to open an exhibition dedicated to Panama.



**UNTIL THE END OF JUNE, AN EXHIBITION ON PANAMA WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE UG FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES. WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO DISCOVER THE UNUSUAL AND UNOBBVIOUS SIDES OF THE COUNTRY THAT CONNECTS TWO OCEANS.**

In addition to photos and information about Panama, you can also admire examples of traditional art: paintings created with scraps of fabric and embroidery.

The exhibition was opened by the Ambassador of Panama, Javier Alcides Bonagas de Gracia, who spoke about his country, its geography, its commitment to ecology (the country is second in the world in terms of the area of protected marine waters) and its enormous cultural diversity (in addition to its ethnic population, the Panamanian nation is made up of citizens of Spanish, African and also Chinese origin).

The inauguration of the exhibition was attended, among others, by the Vice-Rector for Students Affairs and Education Quality - Prof. Arnold Kłonczyński, and the Director of the Political Science Institute of the UG Faculty of Social Sciences - Prof. Arkadiusz Modrzejewski.

The exhibition can be seen in the rotunda of the Faculty of Social Sciences, level -1, until the end of June this year. Its main organiser is the Embassy of Panama in Poland.







# ON COOPERATION WITH THE SPANISH UNIVERSITY OF OVIEDO

Developing cooperation and strengthening university alliances through new projects were the leading themes of a visit by the rectoral authorities of the Spanish University of Oviedo, leader of the Ingenium consortium of European universities, which has been collaborating with UG since 2018. The proposal to intensify joint projects is also the result of UG's activity in the SEA EU alliance.

The University of Gdańsk was visited by the Vice-Rector for Internationalisation of the UO, prof. Jesús Daniel Santos Rodríguez, who met with the UG Vice-Rector for International Cooperation, Prof. Anna Jurkowska-Zeidler. During the visit, the participants discussed, among other things, the European Universities Initiative.

- 'This is the most important dimension and effect of the European Universities Initiative - cooperation and exchange of good experiences. We are delighted to be able to share with the new European alliance our experience gained during the SEA-EU cooperation to date, in terms of creating an international campus, interdisciplinary education and knowledge transfer,' - emphasises Vice-Rector Prof. Anna Jurkowska-Zeidler.

The University of Oviedo is a leader in the Ingenium consortium (<https://ingenium-university.eu>), established in 2020 as part of the European University Initiative 2020 and bringing together universities from 10 countries: Karlsruhe University of Applied Sciences (Germany), Medical University of Sofia (Bulgaria), University of Oviedo (Spain), South-East Finland University of Applied Sciences (Finland), University of Rouen-Normandie (France), University of Crete (Greece), Munster University of Technology (Ireland), Gabriele d'Annunzio' University of Chieti-Pescara (Italy), Gheorghe Asachi Technical University of Iasi (Romania), University of Skövde (Sweden).

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# VISIT OF A DELEGATION FROM BRNO UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

On 25 May the University of Gdańsk hosted a delegation from Brno University of Technology, consisting of doc. PhDr. Iveta Šimberová, Ph.D. Vice-Rector for Internationalisation and Ing. David Schüller, Ph.D. Vice-Dean for International Relations at the Faculty of Business and Management.

The delegation was hosted by Vice-Rector for International Cooperation, Prof. Anna Jurkowska-Zeidler.

During the visit, common areas of scientific, research and educational interest between the two universities were discussed. Also discussed was the possibility of creating joint degree programmes and cooperation in identifying legal barriers to their launch (legal framework and barriers of joint programme development). Joint research projects and initiatives such as international conferences were also discussed. Challenges for universities were also discussed, including new forms of education and micro-qualifications. The meeting was also an opportunity to share best practices in cooperation within strategic alliances of universities.

The visit was an important element in the development of the existing cooperation between the Faculty of Economics UG and Brno University of Technology, which, among other things, included the submission of a joint Erasmus Mundus Design Measures ERASMUS-EDU-2023-EMJM-DESIG application, the organisation of scientific workshops (exchange of scientific interests and research projects between employees of the Faculty of Economics UG and the Faculty of Business and Management BUT "Science Speed Dating") and training in "Branding" for students of the Faculty of Economics UG and the Faculty of Business and Management BUT. Currently, both faculties are working on launching a double-diploma programme, the first pilot edition of which is planned for the academic year 2024/2025.

