

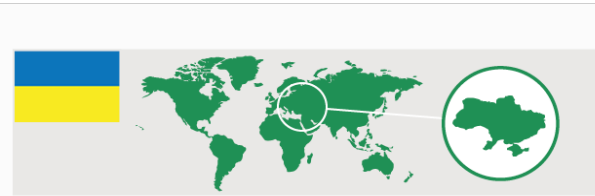


# Internationalisation in Higher Education - Perspectives from the THEA Ukraine Project and Beyond

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# Preconditions for successful internationalisation

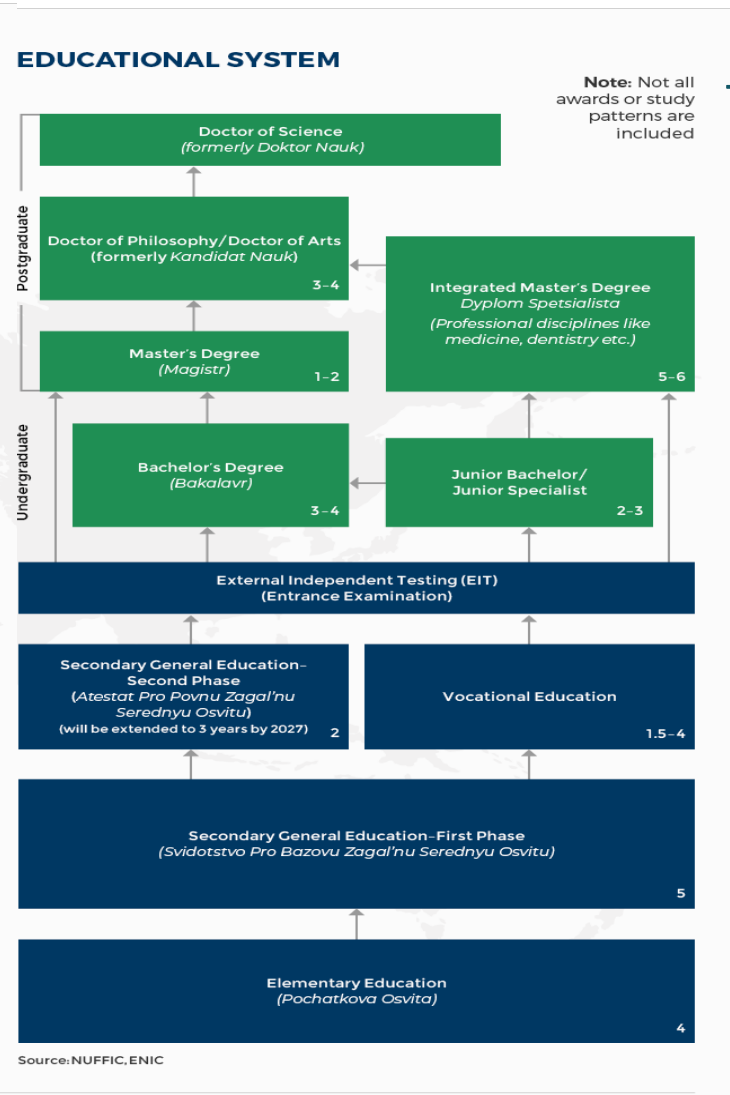


## EDUCATION IN UKRAINE

### QUICK FACTS

- Population**  
42 million  
(2019, State Statistics Service of Ukraine)
- Compulsory Education**  
Completion of grade 12
- Language of Instruction**  
Ukrainian  
(and minority languages in elementary education)
- Academic Year**  
September to June

U21 Ranking of National Higher Education Systems 2019:  
Ukraine – 38, Germany – 16



Tertiary gross enrollment ratio (GER) of 83 percent (2020, UNESCO).

### Outbound mobility

About 90,000



### Inbound mobility

About 76,500



## Ukraine: mapping with European HE Area

- ▶ Lisbon Convention (1997) – 2000
- ▶ Bologna process (1999) – 2005
- ▶ EHEA (2010) – 2010
- ▶ NQF (QF–EAHE, 2005) – 2011
- ▶ ESG for QA adopted (2005) – 2014





## Ukrainian national context

- ▶ Law on Higher Education (2014):
  - General principles of the state policy for internationalisation of HE;
  - Main areas and tools supported;
  - More autonomy granted.
- ▶ Higher Education Development Strategy in Ukraine for 2021–2031:  
“Integration into the European and global HE space, preserving national interests”.
- ▶ No national strategy for internationalisation approved (yet)
- ▶ A substantial share of related KPIs across requirements for distribution of public funds to HEIs
- ▶ Few Universities ranked high in top international academic rankings (THE, QS, ARWU)

# How do we internationalise at UA HEIs?

Learning by doing

Existing tradition or expertise

Individual-dependent

Cultural/linguistic environment

Joining international programmes

Systemic approach

Motivation and incentives

Setting strategic goals

Geographical impact

Partnerships and mobility

Each HEI – different practice



# Making Diversity Beneficial

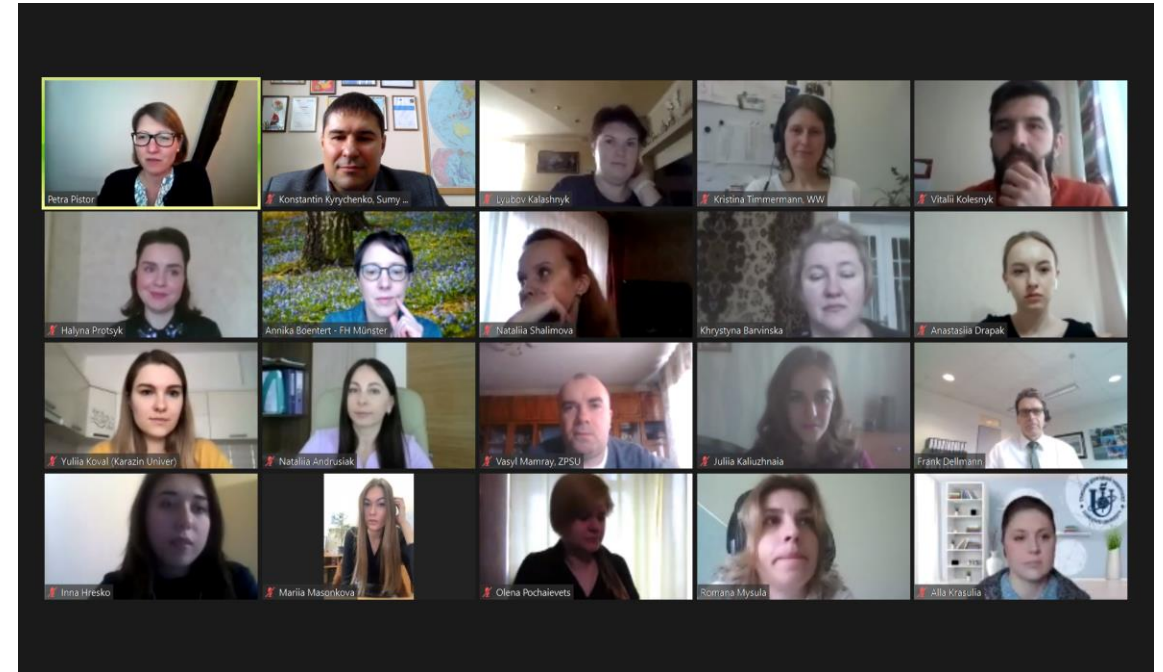
Ukrainian HEIs need a common platform to benefit from:

- ▶ Exchange of existing best practices
- ▶ Sharing innovative development ideas
- ▶ Professional development of staff
- ▶ Networking to overcome challenges and save resources
- ▶ Building together a stronger and more attractive national higher education system



# THEA – a uniting DE–UA initiative

- ▶ Intensive trainings for university administrators
- ▶ Practical project–based approach
- ▶ Detailed insight of peers’ expertise
- ▶ German perspective, comparative analysis
- ▶ Teamwork, even in COVID conditions
- ▶ Unique intercultural experience
- ▶ Destined to be continued!



# THEA projects implemented at Sumy State University

- “Training course in the Project Design and Management for Research Staff at Sumy State University”

International Research

- “Curriculum internationalisation at Sumy State University”

High quality study programmes

- “Guidelines to Develop and Manage Joint Study Programmes at Bachelor’s, Master’s & PhD Levels (GDMJSP e-handbook) at Sumy State University”

Action plan for joint T&L

- “A summer school entitled “Academic Mobility. Study Abroad: See the World” at Sumy State University”

Student engagement and mobility

- “Travelling abroad with Sumy State University (SumDU): an online guide”

Inspiring bureaucracy

>>> <http://sumdu.edu.ua/int/en>





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Дякую за увагу!

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