

# BSRUN Members' News

*11-21 September 2020*



## **BELARUS STATE ECONOMIC UNIVERSITY**

*BSEU and Chinese company "Scienceberry" signed an agreement*

Belarus State Economic University and Chinese company "Scienceberry" signed an agreement on cooperation in the field of education. The sides discussed aspects of educational services development, the main areas of further cooperation, issues of joint projects.

Strengthening relations with China is a priority area of BSEU's international policy. Cooperation with "Scienceberry" is a step towards promoting educational services of BSEU at international level.

Source: <http://bseu.by/english/news/202009100.htm>

## BELARUSIAN STATE PEDAGOGICAL UNIVERSITY NAMED AFTER MAXIM TANK

*Business game “Green infrastructure” was held at BSPU in the framework of project “School of Green Volunteer: 17 SDGs”*

On 11 September, a business game dedicated to Sustainable Development Goal #9 “Creating resilient infrastructure, promoting inclusive and sustainable industrialization and innovation” was organized by BSPU Green Office. During the game, participants tried to solve specific environmental, economic and social problems, create or change the infrastructure of their territory.

NB: The goal of the project “School of Green Volunteer: 17 SDGs” is to popularize ideas and principles of sustainable development among students of BSPU for the formation of professional competencies of future teachers.

Source: <https://bspu.by/news/universitet/rolevaya-igra-zelenaya-infrastruktura-v-ramkah-proekta-shkola-zelenogo-volontera-17-cur-v-bgpu>

## BELARUSIAN STATE UNIVERSITY

*An information-educational centre of BSU was opened in Izmir (Turkey)*

An agreement on creation of information-educational centre of BSU in Izmir was signed during the official visit of BSU delegation headed by vice-rector for academic affairs and internationalization of education **Konstantin Kozadaev** to Turkey. The opening ceremony was attended by Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Belarus in the Republic of Turkey **Viktor Rybak**. The centre will operate on the basis of international educational company Atlas (Atlas private educational services). Its activities will enhance the informational promotion of BSU educational services, as well as expand educational and cultural ties between Belarus and Turkey. In addition, Memorandum of understanding was signed with Yashar University.

NB: BSU develops inter-university cooperation with 10 Turkish universities: Ankara, Pamukkale, Fatih, Bahcesehir, Okana, Erciyes, Karabuk, Istanbul and Anatolian universities, as well as Istanbul Medeniyat University.

Source: <https://bsu.by/en/news/the-information-educational-center-of-belarusian-state-university-was-opened-in-izmir-d/>

## YANKA KUPALA STATE UNIVERSITY OF GRODNO

*A multimedia studio for recording video lectures was created at Yanka Kupala State University*

The studio for recording video lectures was equipped on the basis of Kupala University media centre as part of Erasmus+ PRINTEL international technical assistance project “Changes in the educational environment: promoting innovative teaching and learning to improve the educational activities of students in the Eastern Partnership countries”. The capabilities of the new multimedia studio will allow to create high-quality educational video content. All interested teachers can take advantage of the opportunity to record video lectures for subsequent posting on the educational portal of the university.

Source: <https://www.grsu.by/component/k2/item/34710-multimedijnaya-studiya-dlya-zapisi-videolektsij-sozdana-v-grgu-imeni-yanki-kupaly.html>

## LAB UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES

*iSEE-project develops aligned social entrepreneurship education with 4 partner countries*

LAB University of Applied Sciences, University of Tartu, KTH Royal Institute of Technology and Riga Technical University have started developing social entrepreneurship education in iSEE – Innovating Social Entrepreneurship Education – project. The project is funded by the **Central Baltic Programme 2014-2020**. The amount of European Regional Development Funding (ERDF) for the project for all partners is 474 875 €. Partners co-finance the project. The total budget for the project is 607 167 €.

The main objective of the iSEE project is to innovate aligned professional, higher education in social entrepreneurship in Degree Programmes in four Central Baltic area countries. The project partner universities will carry out surveys and case studies in each country, launch and test new courses for bachelor's degree students and for companies. The aligned social entrepreneurship curriculum covers courses with altogether minimum 10 ECTS credits and they will be accessible to business students in all four partner universities. The project lasts for 35 months, from February 2020 to December 2022.

Source: <https://lab.fi/en/news/isee-project-develops-aligned-social-entrepreneurship-education-four-partner-countries>

## UNIVERSITY OF TURKU

*The skills of young people in circular economy entrepreneurship are being developed in a project led by the University of Turku*

The ChangeMakers project develops circular economy entrepreneurship skills of secondary school students in Finland, Åland Islands, Sweden, Estonia and Latvia. The teaching pays attention to sustainable development, entrepreneurship education and social media communication. The project is implemented in collaboration with schools and companies.

In total, the project will involve 250 students from high schools and vocational colleges in different countries. The results and learning material will be available on an open online platform. The project is funded by the European Union's **Interreg Central Baltic programme** and has a total budget of EUR 1.4 million. The project partners are the University of Turku, Satakunta University of Applied Sciences, Åland Vocational College, Stockholm University, Tallinn University of Technology and Riga University of Technology.

Source: <https://www.utu.fi/fi/ajankohtaista/uutinen/nuorten-valmiuksia-kiertotalousyrittäjyteen-kehitetaan-turun-yliopiston>

## RIGA TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY

*RTU offers to obtain new findings on the impact of environmental change on society and economic development*

On RTU page in Facebook it is possible to watch a series of meaningful discussions organized by RTU and its partners at Lampa conference that touched upon impact of environmental change on economic recovery, migration and future food. RTU Design Factory "EIT Climate-KIC HUB Latvia" in cooperation with the Swiss Embassy in Latvia also organized a practical workshop "Environment and Economy – New Ways of Thinking

in Changes". This year RTU partners were the World Wide Fund for Nature, the Swiss Embassy in Latvia, the Dutch Embassy in Latvia and the environmental freedom and education organization "Green Freedom".

Source: <https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-piedava-gut-jaunas-atzinas-par-vides-parmainu-ietekmi-uz-sabiedribas-un-ekonomikas-attistibu>

## GDANSK UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

*Meeting of the Minister of Science and Higher Education with rectors of state universities*

The meeting of the rectors elected for the 2020-2024 term with **Wojciech Murdzek**, Minister of Science and Higher Education, Deputy Minister **Anna Budzanowska** and **Sebastian Skuza**, Secretary of State at the Ministry of Finance took place on 10 September at the Academy of Fine Arts in Warsaw.

During the meeting, among others, the issues of COVID-19 impact on science and higher education system were discussed. Other panels of the meeting were devoted to: effects of the implementation of Law on Higher Education and Science (so-called Constitution for Science), university system, education, strategic programmes, so-called excellence initiatives.

Prof. **Krzysztof Wilde**, rector of Gdańsk University of Technology, participated in the meeting and spoke about the idea of an entrepreneurial university and adapting the provisions of the statute to changing needs.

Source: <https://pg.edu.pl/aktualnosci/2020-09/spotkanie-ministra-nauki-i-szkolnictwa-wyzszego-z-rektorami-uczelni-publicznych>

## MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF GDANSK

*A Clinical Research Support Center will be established at MUG*

Medical University of Gdańsk will receive over PLN 10 million in funding from the Medical Research Agency for the creation of Multidisciplinary Clinical Research Support Center. It will be one of ten units in the country that will allow better coordination of clinical trials in Poland.

Institutions that receive grants will establish CRSC as a shared service center providing comprehensive and systemic support for the implementation of both commercial and non-commercial research. The CRSC infrastructure will include, above all, a part allowing for outpatient visits, a patient's relaxation zone, a teleconference room and work rooms for the Sponsor's representatives. The establishment of the network will allow the creation of standardized centers similar to the structures existing in Western Europe.

Source: <https://gumed.edu.pl/61539.html>

## UNIVERSITY OF BIAŁYSTOK

*Erasmus+ KA107 grant for the University of Białystok*

Foundation for the Development of the Education System – the National Agency of Erasmus+ Programme in Poland – for the 6th time awarded the University of Białystok with Erasmus+ KA107 grant in the amount of € 184,445.00 for the implementation of activities related to the mobility of students and employees of the



University of Białystok with partner countries from around the world. Project participants will receive a scholarship that includes individual support for each day of stay abroad and travel costs.

The implementation of the project is planned for the years 2020-2023 will include exchanges with universities from 20 countries: Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, Russia, Chile, Ecuador, Japan, Canada, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Thailand, USA, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Vietnam, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Colombia, South Korea, Morocco. Within the granted 82 places, the mobility of teachers for teaching (STA), employees for training (STT), students for studies (SMS) and doctoral students for internships (SMP) will be financed.

Source: <https://uwb.edu.pl/nowosci/aktualnosci/grant-erasmus-ka107-dla-universytetu-w-bialymstoku/e68f4748>

## UNIVERSITY OF LODZ

*"Initiative of Excellence ..." – University of Lodz participation*

A year has passed since the Ministry of Science and Higher Education selected the top ten research universities in Poland. The University of Lodz was not included in this group, but participation in the competition "Initiative of Excellence ..." provided the university with several benefits: in-depth analysis of the situation of the UL; specific guidance on university management from international experts; the subsidy for the University of Lodz was raised by 2%. In recent days, this sum has been additionally increased by almost PLN 900,000. As a result, the University of Lodz secured a total of PLN 8 million in the difficult time of the pandemic. Similar amounts will be transferred to the University of Lodz by 2026.

NB: As a result of the 1st IDUB competition, 10 universities out of 20 eligible to participate in the competition receive a subsidy increased by 10% in the years 2020-2026. The other universities that participated in the competition receive a subsidy increased by 2%. After this period, a new dozen research universities will be verified and selected.

Source: <https://www.uni.lodz.pl/aktualnosc/szczegoly/inicjatywa-doskonalosci-ul-na-i-konferencji-sprawozdawczej>

## UNIVERSITY OF WARSAW

*Rector of the University of Warsaw became the chairman of the KRASP Committee*

Prof. **Alojzy Z. Nowak**, Rector of the University of Warsaw, became the chairman of the Committee for Innovation and Cooperation with the Economy of the Conference of Rectors of Academic Schools in Poland (KRASP) in 2020-2024 term.

The Committee for Innovation and Cooperation with the Economy is a standing committee of the Conference. It is appointed by the KRASP Presidium, which also assigns its tasks. The committee analyzes and gives opinions on legal acts, examines motions and prepares draft resolutions. In the previous term (2016-2020), the Commission for Innovation and Cooperation with the Economy issued opinions on 21 draft laws and regulations, including the draft law on higher education and science and the draft law on the Research Network.

Source: <https://www.uw.edu.pl/rektor-uw-przewodniczacy-komisji-krasp/>

## HERZEN STATE PEDAGOGICAL UNIVERSITY OF RUSSIA

*A station for receiving data from meteorological satellites was established at Herzen University*

A new promising project has been launched at the astronomical site of the Faculty of Physics of Herzen University. The university has acquired modern equipment – a hardware and software complex for satellite monitoring “Lorett”, which allows serious scientific observations. It is the basis of the interdisciplinary design laboratory. The complex can be implemented as a basic tool for providing access to ultra-high spatial resolution data in real time or as an environment-forming tool for developing services and mobile applications.

Source: <https://www.herzen.spb.ru/news/11-09-2020/>

## IMMANUEL KANT BALTIC FEDERAL UNIVERSITY

*IKBFU project “BrandY” for training brand managers won a grant under Erasmus+ programme*

The results of grant competition for the development of strategic partnership of European Erasmus+ programme have been announced. A joint project of IKBFU and partners called “BrandY”, aimed at developing an intensive interactive course on brand management, is among the winners. A consortium of universities working on project includes 10 universities from Poland, France, Hungary, Romania, Russia, Spain, Belgium, Italy, Switzerland.

Source: <https://www.kantiana.ru/news/universitet/proekt-bfu-im-i-kanta-po-podgotovke-brend-menedzherov-vyigral-grant-v-ramkakh-programmy-erazmus/>

## PSKOV STATE UNIVERSITY

*Rector of Pskov State University **Natalia Ilyina** presented the experience of distance learning at the round table at the European University*

A round table on “After the pandemic: adaptation of university teachers to a distance format” was held at European University in St. Petersburg. The moderator was **Ekaterina Babeluk**, Advisor to the Minister of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation.

Experts discussed distance learning and the difficulties faced by students, their parents, teachers and university staff during the 2020 pandemic. Natalia Ilyina spoke about the results of distance learning at Pskov State University and noted that within two weeks, the university’s distance learning system was filled with educational content for all educational programmes.

Source: <https://pskgu.ru/page/10092a9c-bf5d-4a8f-941e-57db09a500d5>

## ST. PETERSBURG ELECTROTECHNICAL UNIVERSITY

*LETI University strengthened its position in the RUR reputation rating*

In the new version of the world ranking of universities RUR Reputation Rankings, LETI showed significant growth in terms of reputation in education and science. It was ranked 425th in the world, up 65 positions since last year.

In total, 829 universities from 72 countries of the world are included in the RUR Reputation Rankings. The best result among 82 Russian universities was shown by Moscow State University. Petersburg Higher School is represented by St. Petersburg State University, Peter the Great St. Petersburg Polytechnic University, ITMO University, LETI, European University in St. Petersburg, St. Petersburg State University of Architecture and Civil Engineering, North-Western State Medical University named after Mechnikov.

Source: <https://etu.ru/ru/programma-povysheniya-konkurentosposobnosti/novosti/eksperty-vybirayut-leti-pervyj-elektrotehnicheskij-ukrepil-pozicii-v-reputacionnom-rejtinge-rur>

## ST. PETERSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY

*SPbSU opened a representative office in Italy*

The project on creation of a foreign representative office of St. Petersburg State University was implemented on the basis of the University of Siena for foreigners. The opening ceremony took place online. The representative office is considered as a future center for the implementation of joint research projects, holding conferences and expert round tables, summer and winter schools, open lectures by famous scientists and cultural figures, as well as promoting the Russian language, Russian history and culture in Italy and the Italian language, Italian history and culture in Russia.

Source: <https://spbu.ru/news-events/novosti/spbgu-otkryl-predstavitelstvo-v-italii>

## ST. PETERSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY OF ECONOMICS

*Exhibition CIFTIS-2020: UNECON participation*

CIFTIS-2020, the largest international trade fair for trade in services, was organized by the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China and Beijing Administration, and supported by leading ministries and departments. President of the People's Republic of China Xi Jinping sent words of greetings to the participants of the exhibition.

Special attention was paid to education, new educational services, formats and platforms. Rector **Igor Maksimtsev** and Vice-Rector for International Relations **Dmitry Vasilenko** participated in the conference "New Opportunities for Education after the Pandemic" within the framework of specialized exhibition "Education – the Path to the Future of Openness, Cooperation, Innovation and Development".

NB: UNECON has a long experience of successful cooperation with China in the field of education, including work with more than 40 partner universities, exchange programmes and internships, joint large forums and projects.

Source: <https://unecon.ru/info/vystavka-ciftis-2020-nashe-uchastie>

## THE NORTH-WEST INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT OF THE RUSSIAN PRESIDENTIAL ACADEMY OF NATIONAL ECONOMY AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

*NWIM RANEPA celebrated the 10th anniversary of the Academy with a charity run*

On 20 September, as part of the celebration of the Academy Day, the anniversary of the RANEPA establishment, the North-West Institute of Management held a charitable "Academic Run – 2020".

Participants of the competition were represented in three age categories —from 16 to 25, from 26 to 40 and from 41 and older. Among them there were students and employees of NWIM RANEPa. The “Academic Run” gathered over a hundred participants. The distance of the race was 5 and 10 kilometers.

Source: <https://spb.ranepa.ru/sobytiya/novosti/v-sziu-ranhigs-otmetili-desyatiletie-akademii-blagotvoritelnym-zabegom>

## **YAROSLAV-THE-WISE NOVGOROD STATE UNIVERSITY**

*The II media forum “Russia and the Hansa” was held in Veliky Novgorod*

The Forum was held in Veliky Novgorod on 19-20 September as part of the City Day and 10th Russian Hanseatic Days. Journalists from 32 Russian publishing houses were accredited to the forum. Foreign experts and journalists from Hanseatic cities of Europe gave speeches online. The participants discussed the prospects for inter-municipal and international cooperation of the Hanseatic League of the New Age in the context of a pandemic, the use of the potential of cities for the development of domestic tourism and the role of the media.

Source:

<https://www.novsu.ru/news/r.121596.0.2.returnUri.L25ld3MvaS4xMjE1OTYv/i.121596/?view=90452>

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*Charging terminals were installed in NovSU buildings*

Six charging terminals were installed by MTS company in the framework of cooperation with NovSU. A mobile “docking station” is equipped with a spacious shelf to conveniently place several devices at once.

Source:

<https://www.novsu.ru/news/r.121596.0.2.returnUri.L25ld3MvaS4xMjE1OTYv/i.121596/?view=90478>