

Members' News. 19-25 January 2021

Belarusian State Pedagogical University named after Maxim Tank

Republican social and educational project «Focus on future generations» will be held in 2021 to improve teachers' professional competences in the field of education for sustainable development. Students of BSPU, students of educational institutions - subjects of educational, scientific and innovative cluster of lifelong learning, students of educational institutions where specialized pedagogical classes function, teachers of educational institutions of the country can take part in the project.

<https://bspu.by/news/universitet/respublikanskii-socialno-obrazovatelnyi-proekt-orientaciya-na-budushchie-pokoleniya>

Belarusian State University

A position of teacher-tutor will appear at BSU for the first time in Belarus. Teachers-tutors will work at each faculty of BSU. A teacher-tutor, taking into account personal student requests, will provide consulting, informational support, help with scientific work, options for cooperation with other faculties, etc. A programme for advanced training of teacher-tutors has already been launched for 21 teachers.

<https://bsu.by/news/v-bgu-vpervye-poyavyatsya-pedagogi-tyutory-d/>

University of Turku

UTU's carbon neutrality goal is making significant progress: SYK's (University Properties of Finland, the largest landlord) properties are now carbon neutral. UTU is committed to sustainable development goals published by the Rector's Council of Finnish Universities (Unifin) and to being carbon neutral by the end of 2025. UTU was the first Finnish university to determine its carbon footprint (23,140 tCO₂ in 2018 in comparison with 21,680 tCO₂ in 2019). Carbon neutrality is part of university's practical activities to promote sustainable development. In addition to the planning work for achieving the carbon neutrality goal, the University of Turku is undergoing various development work, e.g. promoting the sustainable development of procurement and laboratories. It aims to promote, in particular, the saving and recycling of materials.

<https://www.utu.fi/fi/ajankohtaista/uutinen/turun-yliopiston-hiilineutraaliustavoite-edistyy-sykin-kiinteistot-ovat-nyt>

Riga Technical University

The annual conference of the Baltic Technical University Consortium BALTECH will take place online in Zoom on 27-28 January. All interested parties are invited to the discussion about the experience and solutions of higher education institutions, ensuring the study process during the Covid-19 pandemic.

<https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/baltech-konference-baltijas-valstu-tehnisko-universitasu-studenti-un-rektori-diskutes-par-covid-19-izaicinajumiem>

University of Latvia

In order to promote cooperation between countries of the Baltic Sea Region in solving social challenges, the first of three online innovation camps in the Baltic Sea Region will take place online in Zoom on 5 February. The event is part of the INTERREG Baltic Sea Region Transnational Cooperation Programme project «Smart-up Baltic Sea Region».

More information about the event: <https://smartup-bsr.eu/ic-s3-ecosystem/virtual-innovation-camp-1/>.

Applications are open until 29 January: <https://bit.ly/3sBBKa5>.

<https://www.ozolzile.lu.lv/par-mums/zinas/zina/t/63085/>

Yaroslav-The-Wise Novgorod State University

The government of Novgorod region signed an agreement with NovSU on the transfer of the «House of G.M. Smetanin», a two-storey building of the XIX century, located in the historical centre of the city, to NovSU. The House is a rare example of a residential building dating back to the early XIX century, decided in the spirit of classicism and having urban and memorial significance. Now NovSU is planning to create a Centre for Student Initiatives there in addition to two other regional youth platforms. The initiative to transfer the building to the use of the university belonged to students searching for more place for their activity, coworking and communication.

<https://www.novsu.ru/news/91339/>