

# COOPERATION BETWEEN ODESSA STATE ACADEMY OF CIVIL ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURE (UKRAINE) AND UNIVERSITY NORTH (CROATIA) AS INTERNATIONALIZATION OF THE EDUCATION

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One of the main directions of the internationalization of universities is the search for and establishment of inter-institutional cooperation. Effective direction of cooperation between universities are the exchange of experience in the field of administrative management and teaching activity, as well as methods of scientific research, which is noted in the strategic documents of both higher education institutions.

Cooperation between University North (UNIN) and Odessa State Academy of Civil Engineering and Architecture (OSACEA) has started in 2010.

During doctoral studies, by the guidance of a mentor in OSACEA, were initiated and realized a series of unique scientific mutual research and experiments, which served as a base for further research in both HEIs. On this basis, two scientific themes in the scientific strategy of UNIN [3] were formed. Those themes will be included in the application for funding under EU programs and programs of the Croatian Ministry of Education and Sports.

Most important results of our cooperation it is a defended of three dissertation of University Nord staff in Academy.

**Important fact that the diploma of a PhD received at OSACEA was recognized in Croatia in very short time, which further confirms the quality of education in OSACEA which was recognized on national level in Croatia.**

For cooperation period, around 50 mutual visits in our cooperation were done and two successful Erasmus + projects were implemented. In this time we have the next biggest Erasmus + projects. In the frame of Erasmus + projects more than 25 lectures was held and renewal of the cooperation agreement for an unlimited period was assigned. In the frame of Erasmus + in March 2019 seven students from OSACEA was arrived in University North on study for one semester. At the same time two students from University North arrived in academy on study for one semester.

As a result of the cooperation of our higher education institutions, more than 10 lecturers received experience in the field of Erasmus + which has an impact on their teaching competence and on their career development.