

Baltic University Programme Centre

Nitra, Slovakia

**Report on the activities of the Baltic University Programme
Centre
(BUP)
2013**

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Activities of the Baltic University Programme in 2013

This programme is based on the bilateral agreement concluded between Uppsala University in Sweden and the Slovak University of Agriculture (hereinafter "SUA"), Nitra. Within the international programme, SUA is offering courses in English and Slovak language. These courses are offered in compliance with a valid curriculum, using the international teaching tools (textbooks, DVD in English language, etc.). Courses by BUP are at the SUA offered as optional or compulsory - optional subjects.

Overview of members of BUP courses in 2013

In 2013, 229 students participated at BUP courses at the Faculty of European Studies and Regional Development (hereinafter "FESRD") and two other Slovak universities offered courses that FESRD was coordinating (45 students). Teaching materials were used by another 119 students (out of SUA 14). SUA organized the following courses:

1. Sustainable Baltic Region: course was attended by 39 students (including part time form) and SBR study materials were used by 82 students (doc. A. Fehér).
2. Environmental Sciences: course was attended by 9 students. Study materials were used by 37 students for their study as well as for their qualification work (prof. Z. Jureková).
3. People of the Baltic Region: course was attended by 14 students (Ing. M. Hauptvogel).
4. Ecosystem health and sustainable agriculture: two modules were taught, sustainable agriculture (55 students of FESRD under the title Introduction to Agriculture) and animal ecology and welfare (112 students of Faculty of Agrobiological Sciences and Food Resources under the title Sustainable and ecology farming in livestock production) (Ing. D. Halmová, Mgr. P. Juhás).
5. Sustainable Water Management: 10 students from Horticulture and Landscape Engineering Faculty were using the study materials within the courseware: Ecological aspects of water management and Water supply and sewers for rural areas (doc. Ľ. Jurík).

In addition to courses at SUA, other Slovak universities provided the following courses:

- Sustainable Water Management at the Faculty of civil Engineering at the Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava, course coordinated by our center (course was attended by 18 students, materials were used by another 14 students within the course Estimation and management of flood risks),
- People of the Baltic at the Faculty of Natural Sciences at the Constantine the Philosopher University in Nitra, coordinated by our center (attended by 27 students)

Students were awarded the international diploma approved by BUP Secretary in Uppsala University (Sweden) and signed by the rector of the SUA in Nitra Dr.h.c. prof. Ing. Peter Bielik, PhD.

Student's mobility within BUP

Within the international cooperation, there was an opportunity to participate at the mobility as well. In 2013, 9 students from SUA participated at the mobility. (Table n. 1).

Table n. 1 Mobility of Master and PhD, students within BUP in 2013

Country	Activity, place, date	Student
Poland	International students' conference Governance for Sustainable Development - new challenges for countries, cities, universities and students, Rogow, 9-15 April 2013	Tomáš Kostelník
Poland	International students 'conference Governance for Sustainable Development - new challenges for countries, cities, universities and students, Rogow, 9-15 April 2013	Andrej Krbyla
Poland	International students 'conference Governance for Sustainable Development - new challenges for countries, cities, universities and students, Rogow, 9-15 April 2013	Pavol Brisuda
Germany	BUP Summer Course on Sustainability and Waste Management in the Baltic "Making Waste Work", Hamburg, 16-22 September 2013	Michal Beniak
Germany	BUP Summer Course on Sustainability and Waste Management in the Baltic "Making Waste Work", Hamburg, 16-22 September 2013	Kristína Vozárová
Lithuania	4th Annual Forum of the EU strategy for the Baltic Sea Region, Vilnius, 9-13 November 2013	Eliška Valentová
Lithuania	4th Annual Forum of the EU strategy for the Baltic Sea Region, Vilnius, 9-13 November 2013	Zuzana Javorská
Lithuania	4th Annual Forum of the EU strategy for the Baltic Sea Region, Vilnius, 9-13 November 2013	Igor Hano
Lithuania	4th Annual Forum of the EU strategy for the Baltic Sea Region, Vilnius, 9-13 November 2013	Viktória Kormošová

Part of the travel expenses were paid from the sources of the Dean of FESRD prof. A. Bandlerová. One student from Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava also attended the students' conference (Katarína Jeneiová).

Three foreign students attended two BUP courses at FESRD in Nitra in English language:

Karolis Jurgutis Lithuania Course: Sustainable Baltic Region, Peoples of the Baltic Region

Ausrine Stankeviciute Lithuania Course: Sustainable Baltic Region, Peoples of the Baltic Region
 Anna Semenova Russia Course: Peoples of the Baltic Region

Lecturers' mobility within BUP

Lecturers of BUP courses at SUA attended 2 activities (Table 2).

Table n. 2 Lecturers' mobility within BUP in 2013

Country	Activity, place, date	Lecturer
Poland	Meeting of directors of International centers, Hamburg, 16-20 June 2013	Doc. A. Fehér
Poland, Sweden	SAIL Teachers Training on board STS Fryderyk Chopin, Gdynia-Visby, 16-25 May 2013,	Ing. M. Hauptvogel

Two other lecturers were sent to Finland (Abo Akademi, Turku), one from Constantine the Philosopher University in Nitra (doc. H. Kramáreková) and another from Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava (doc. S. Kohnová).

International activities co-organized by BUP Centre

In 2013, three international activities were co-organized by our Centre (Table n. 3).

Table n. 3 International activities co-organized by BUP Centre in 2013.

Activity	Place, date	Organizers	Number of participants
Workshop Management of Research Projects (prof. Dr. mult. Dr. h. c. mult. Walter Leal)	Meeting room R-SUA, 18 April 2013	R-SPU Nitra, FESRD SUA, BUP	37
Selection lecture for students of Regional Development "Composition and management of projects" (prof. Dr. mult. Dr. h. c. mult. Walter Leal)	AA-01, 19 April 2013	R-SPU Nitra, FESRD SUA, BUP	24
Scientific publication course „How to get published?“ (prof. Dr. mult. Dr. h. c. mult. Walter Leal)	Congress hall A. Bernoláka, 6 June 2013	R-SPU Nitra, FESRD SUA, BUP	Unknown

Organization and capacity of the BUP Centre

BUP Centre, FESRD SUA serves as a secretary for the Slovak republic and thus coordinates the activities for other universities as well (Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava, Constantine the Philosopher University in Nitra), e.g. international courses and students mobilities, etc. At the meeting of centre directors in Lodz, Poland (12-15 December 2012), activities of the BUP Centre in 2012 were presented as successful. Assistant manager within the BUP Centre, Ing. Z. Bohatová, is due to the maternity leave represented by Ing. N. Floriš, employee of Centre of International Programmes, FESRD.

National BUP Centre is located in the premises of FESRD SUA in Nitra at Marianska street 10 (Room No. 31).

Library was extended by book donations (textbooks) of BUP Secretariat at Uppsala University (Sweden), particularly textbooks for the modules of the course EHSA (Ecosystem health and sustainable agriculture).

In 2012, membership fee, within the BUP network in the amount of 1 000 Euro per year was set. Payment of this amount by Rector's office at SUA for the year 2013 has not been yet confirmed.

The new contract between SUA and BUP Secretariat was renewed on 3 December 2013 (by the signature of SUA Rector prof. P. Bielik and Director of the Secretariat of BUP P. Liindros in Uppsala, Sweden) and is effective from 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2015.

The website of BUP Centre is available at: <http://www.fesrr.uniag.sk/en/baltic-university/>, where all the news, announcements as well as BUP contacts and general information about the BUP can be found. There is also an electronic Journal Baltic Newsletters at the disposal.

Within the BUP the report on the functioning of BUP at Slovakia was published in the journal Baltic Rim Economies (Finland): Fehér, A.: A BUP motivated system of education for sustainable development in Slovakia.

During the meetings of the directors of the national BUP centres was decided that the National BUP Centre at FESRD SUA with the University of Applied Sciences in Hamburg (Germany) will co-organize the summer school in 2014 under the working title Energy Efficiency for 45 students.