
ERASMUS+ CBHE PROJECT “ENHANCEMENT OF LIFELONG LEARNING IN BELARUS”

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Abstract

The presentation specifies the overall aim and specific objectives. It is stressed that the project aims to develop and enhance lifelong learning in Belarus with effective use of distance learning & Bologna instruments for the advancement of the regional labour market by developing an inter-University cooperation in the regions in Belarus based on integrating 6 leading regional Universities into an Inter-University Network for Lifelong Learning (ILN); training university managerial and teaching staff for the ILN network using the EU partners' practices; designing, developing, and piloting 5 new on-line (blended) LLL study courses in English, IT, Energy Saving, Entrepreneurship, Financial and Law Literacy to the general public; evaluating the piloted courses and making upgrades.

Besides the three major results – the Inter-University Network for LLL (ILN), 5 new on-line (blended) courses for general public, and making upgrades on the courses – the project has produced a series of effects: (a) modular approach to learning design by Belarusian staff, (b) student-centred education through course design application, (c) varying types/methodologies of assessing students' progress, (d) use of IT-based technology for learning design, (e) orientation to individual learning pathways, and (f) stronger focus on Quality Assurance instruments and procedures.

The presentation also provides statistics of enrolment and graduation from the 5 courses at the 6 partner institutions in Belarus and a plan for sustaining the project's results after the end of the EU funding.