

## **Long description**

Our proposed Network "Biology, Biotechnology and Food Sciences" is a CEEPUS Network coordinated by the Faculty of Biotechnology and Food Sciences of SUA in Nitra. We had CEEPUS project CIII-SK-1018-01-1718 at our faculty in academic year 2018/2019 as umbrella and we would like to go on in the next academic year. Because of the very positive feedback received from others universities and on the basis of our previous experiences with CEEPUS we found out that it is very effective to carry on with this cooperation and collaboration through developing CEEPUS project and create CEEPUS network. We also have some possibilities to develop new cooperation with Macedonia and Hungary which can participant in our network.

### **Our objectives are:**

- manage and lead the coordinating network activities;
- mobilities and exchanges of the graduates and PhD students to facilitate the emphasis areas at host institutions and use the library and other available resources at the host institution;
- prepare, implement and deliver teaching materials for wider teacher's community and public in field of biology, biotechnology and food sciences courses;
- organization and work of experts' groups in biology, biotechnology and food sciences;
- prepare common curriculum and teaching materials for biology, biotechnology and food sciences studies;
- promote the mobility of "free movers" based on acceptance letters.

The network will enable also universities out of the Network to offer them the English course in relevant field to improve their English and their skills and through them supported English modules and involve them into the operational networks

- to promote emerging Multi-Degree Master Study Programme "Sustainability in Agriculture, Food Production and Food Technology in the Danube Region" offered by eight Universities of the Network (SUA Nitra, BOKU Wien, SZIU Gödöllő, WULL Warsaw, UZ Zagreb, Novi Sad, USAMVB Timisoara) and developed PhD. Programme "Welfare, Biotechnology and Quality of Animal Production".
- To exchange expertise, study and research experiences among universities in the field of "Biology, Biotechnology and Food sciences" and according to the implementation of the newest methods and innovative approaches in this field;
- strengthen the academic knowledge from the area of Central European and Visegrad studies, closely related to the geographic region of cooperation;

- put the international practical short term excursion into the practice, regularly of CEEPUS network activities.

-The main objective of this CEEPUS Network is to improve the quality of study and research in field of "Biology, Biotechnology and Food sciences" and the other main outcomes of this network can be summarized as follows:

- A well-working network in the field of Biology, Biotechnology and Food sciences;

- common study and research activities in the field;

- achieve high number of mobilities for students and teachers – depending on acceptance process, higher demand for mobility at all partner universities comparing the supply of the network;

- common interest in support joint studies, cooperation on joint syllabus and publishing activities;

- exchanging expertise among teachers and students in the field of Biology, Biotechnology and Food sciences and related sciences;

- dissemination, promotion and publicity of the Network, highly organised mobilities of students and teachers, considering the requirements for teaching in different countries;

- higher level of communication through ICT (including Skype, chats, e-mails).

- support and development of the existing PhD. Program “Welfare, Biotechnology and Quality of Animal Production”.

- support and development of the Multi-Degree Master Study Programme „Sustainability in Agriculture, Food Production and Food Technology in the Danube Region”;

- the creation and using of the common curriculum among Network Universities through the teacher mobility

- exchange of expertise in terms to support joins research activities within Central and Eastern Europe;

- further development of short intensive excursion from organization and contents point of view and organize it at different universities within the CEEPUS network.

- continue with summer or winter school and join new universities into this activity.

For the next academic year we have create new double master degree program “Food technology” with University of Rzeszow where a new agreement will be signed by deans of faculties (see in attachment).