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The main aim of the project is to develop innovation in higher education institutions.

The project is coordinated by MCSU in cooperation with 7 partners. Each Partner of the Project has been carefully chosen and brings an added value to the consortium.



The overall objective of the project is to enhance the level of interdisciplinarity at higher education institutions by using a bottom-up approach, i.e. supporting students, researchers, academics and management staff in developing their ability to think divergently, creatively, designerly (according to the design thinking approach). The project will enable students to adopt a „designerly” way of thinking and facilitate their shift from passive knowledge consumers to active producers of knowledge. The challenge is to accelerate and widen the exchange of skills and opinions of scientists involved in social science and humanities and creative people in general.

Other goals:

- ✓ to focus on improving high quality skills of students and teachers such as: creativity, adaptation to rapidly changing circumstances, teamwork, flexibility, ‘learning to learn’ competences;
- ✓ to improve the perception of one’s capacity to solve problems;
- ✓ supporting innovation and creativity;
- ✓ promoting internationalisation, supporting changes in line with the Bologna principles and tools.

The project will bring the following benefits for the particular target groups:

STUDENTS	RESEARCHERS /ACADEMICS	MANAGEMENT STAFF
<p>The general benefit for this group will be the adjustment of their skills and competences to the requirements of the knowledge based economy. Students will take part in locally organised and international workshops; a workshop for students is planned in Lublin in the spring of 2020, locally organised workshops for students are planned in the spring/summer of 2020.</p>	<p>The general advantage for the group will be increased motivation to engage in interdisciplinary endeavours and to teach students accordingly. They will take part in locally organised and international workshops. The nearest workshop is planned in Dresden in the spring of 2018, locally organised workshops are planned in the winter of 2018.</p>	<p>This group will develop their skills, such as the ability to think in a divergent, creative, innovative and interdisciplinary way, which is a core point of the project. They will become more open to changes at university and will improve their inter-cultural competences. They will take part in international workshop, which is planned in Birmingham in the winter of 2018 and locally organised workshops planned in the spring/summer of 2019.</p>

**Activities/outputs:**

Database of Best Interdisciplinarity-Enhancing Practices

Didactic materials for a DT.shop for researchers and academics + international workshop + local workshops

Didactic materials for a DT.shop for management staff + international workshop + local workshops

Didactic materials for a DT.shop for students + international workshop + local workshops

New didactic model stimulating students divergent, creative, designerly way of thinking focused on real life problem-based tasks + local innovation bootcamp + international innovation bootcamp

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