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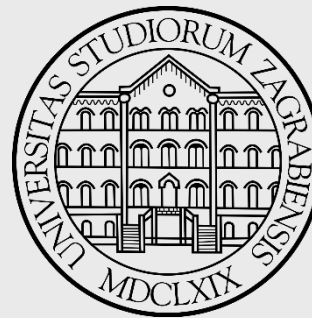


GEOREGNET network - history



- Established in 2006
- Four funding members (Olomouc, Maribor, Zagreb, Prešov)
- In 2008-09 joined Ljubljana, Koper, Graz, Pécs, Krakow, Praha, Zadar, Novi Sad, Sarajevo, Mostar, Tuzla
- 2011- joined Skopje, Oradea, 2017- Brno, 2018 – Nitra and Prishtina, 2023-Tirana, Sofia, Nikšić, 2024-Bratislava (UK), Budapest (Corvinus), Gdańsk
- I am coordinator from 2019 (but was from very beginning)
- Currently 25 members from 15 countries

Founding Members:



Other members:



Univerza v Ljubljani



New members in 2023, 2024



Activities:



- Regular Exchange of students and professors (one semester)
- Short-term (1-2 months)
- Summer schools – flagship activity (13 summer schools organized so far)
- Excursions – fastest growing activity
- Publications and joint project proposals
- Joint study programme – the biggest obstacle

Summer schools as a „flagship activity“:

- 2008 – Maribor
- 2010 – Olomouc
- 2011 – Prešov
- 2012 – Zagreb
- 2013 – Krakow
- 2014 – Novi Sad
- 2016 – Graz
- 2018 – Brno
- 2019 – Ljubljana
- 2022 – Krakow
- 2023 – Zadar
- 2024 – Pécs, Tirana
- (2025 – Maribor)



GEOREGNET summer school Brno

9.- 20.7. 2018



Summer school Ljubljana 2019:



The first GEOREGNET coordinator, prof. Lučka Lorber, Univ. Maribor passing coordination role during 2019 summer school in Ljubljana

Summer school 2024 Pécs (Hungary)





Why is our network a good example?

- Lasting for 18 years
- Expanding from four to 25 members, covering 15 CEEPUS countries
- Diversed activities, flexibility and complementarity to other international exchange programmes
- Proposed by Czech NCO for Czech National Agency for International Education and Research Award in 2024

What have you achieved? How did you get there?

- 18 years, 25 members, 13 summer schools, fulfilling of quotas...
- Regular communication
- Gradual approach
- Previous personal contacts with PPU coordinators and their motivation to be a member of network
- Common sense of activities

What obstacles and challenges were there on the way?

- Obstacles for accreditation of joint PhD study programme
- Activisation of certain network members (inner and outer circle...)
- Competition and complementarity esp. to ERASMUS+
- Students recruitment

What advice can you give to your fellow-coordinators on the topic?

- Carefull selection of network members, and esp. coordinators
- Involvement through regular (online) meetings and joint activities (like summer schools)
- You must devote enough of your personal time and be stubborn
- Good contacts with NCO(s)

Thank you for your attention!

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