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UKRAINE-EU COOPERATION IN EDUCATION: ACHIVEMENTS AND STRATEGIES

The basis for Ukraine-EU cooperation in science and research is laid down by the Title V «Economic and sector cooperation» of Association Agreement between the European Union and Ukraine and by the Agreement between Ukraine and EU on Scientific and Technological Cooperation from 4 July 2002, which was renewed on 15 July 2015 following the adoption of the Law of Ukraine № 602-VIII for an additional period of five years with effect from 8 November 2014 [1].

With the signing of an agreement between Ukraine and the EU Commission on the associate participation of Ukraine in the EU Programme «Horizon 2020» in 2015 Ukrainian scientific and research institutions received an opportunity to be involved in «Horizon 2020» Programme on equal with the EU countries conditions.

In the period from 2014 to 2018 almost 700 Ukrainian institutions and organizations submitted more than 1400 project proposals within the Programme. According to the results – 100 Ukrainian organizations participating in the Horizon 2020 Programme received grant agreements on more than 20 million € for 114 project proposals, 16 of which are coordinated by Ukrainian organizations [2].

Since September 2015, Ukraine has been a beneficiary of the Eastern Partnership Culture Programme II aimed at transferring the European expertise of creating a favourable competitive environment in the field of cultural and creative industries to create an effective modern model of development and management of this sector.

The Programme also supports the development of contacts between business and academic circles involved in the cooperation in fields of culture and creative industry. A report on independent audit of Ukraine's research and innovation system was presented in Kyiv in 2017. The audit, requested by the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine, was

performed by European experts using instruments of political support provided by Horizon 2020 program. The report contained 30 recommendations for Ukrainian government and scientific community [3]. Here is the list of the most important ones:

1. The National Research Foundation must become a powerful driver of changes and an institution promoting reforms in the system of science, technologies and innovations of Ukraine, in particular, by gradually and substantially increasing contest-based financing of research projects;

2. To prevent the increase of the number of higher education institutions in Ukraine, improve their performance and reach the critical mass, the process of specialization and merger of universities must be launched;

3. All research organizations of Academies of Sciences and of universities must be empowered to seek third party financing themselves;

4. The National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine must simplify its existing specialization structure and focus on priority areas;

5. The National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine and universities must promote publications in international magazines and reduce the volume of departmental publications;

6. Institutions subordinated to the Ministry of Education and Science and other ministries should undergo an appropriate evaluation and, depending on evaluation results, they should be either restructured or liquidated;

7. Researchers should be stimulated to pursue scientific career by using various methodological instruments, such as salary increase, exchange programs, reward payments.

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