

## EUNEG RECOMMENDATIONS

The representatives of 12 universities and 4 non-academic institutions from Italy, Germany, Moldova, Romania, Russia, Slovenia and Ukraine held on 18-19 December 2015 in Maribor, Slovenia a concluding conference. They evaluated the results of the common project realized in the frame of the EU TEMPUS program which aim has been the elaboration and introduction at the Universities in Moldova, Russia and Ukraine the magisterial studies on “European Neighbourhood Policy Law and Good Governance”, and discussed the partners follow up activities after the conclusion of the project.

The EUNEG partners have elaborated the curricula, the syllabuses of the courses of EUNEG magisterial studies and other material which is supporting the studies as are for instance the didactical and English terminology manuals. The up to date literature purchased by EUNEG represent the nucleus of the EUNEG departments of the particular University libraries. The students enrolled in the studies – some of them have already finished the first academic year - will contribute to the spreading of experts in the partner countries who are the bearers of the EU cooperation with Moldova, Russian Federation and Ukraine and of the sustainable development of these countries in the fields that are covered by the studies in particular.

In addition has the realization of EUNEG project contributed to the common European educational space and thus also to cooperation and stability in Europe. Despite the adverse political and security situation in the region the EUNEG project management has been able to maintain the spirit of friendship and cooperation among hundreds of teachers, students and other participants in project’s activities as well as their preparedness for the continuation of fruitful collaboration among partners in the frame of follow-up activities also after the project’s termination.

This cooperation could be a small but significant example on how to avoid the vestiges of cold war and develop non-governmental activities which should contribute to the creation of common space of peace, cooperation and prosperity of Europe and its neighbouring countries all to the benefit of people living in this part of the world.

The EUNEG Concluding conference extend sincere gratitude to the managerial, teaching and administrative staff of all participating Universities as well as to their students for their excellent collaboration and support throughout the project’s implementation.

The participants adopted the following Recommendations to the participating universities, to the governments of Russia, Ukraine and Moldova and to the competent bodies and agencies of the EU:

### 1. Recommendations to the participating Universities

We invite all the participating academic and non-academic partners in Germany, Italy, Romania, Slovenia, Russia, Ukraine and Moldova to uphold:

- The continuation of this study and upgrade of the programme in accordance with the needs of cooperation with the EU and comprehensive development in the countries concerned;
- The research activities in the areas of this study;
- The procurement of literature and further development of specialized EUNEG libraries;
- The professional training and specialization of especially young teachers;

- The dissemination of information on the study among prospective students and further specialization of graduates;

- The collaboration among EUNEG Partner Universities after the project's termination.

2. Recommendations to the national and regional governments of Russia, Ukraine and Moldova. We recommend that national and regional authorities, competent ministries and agencies in Russia, Ukraine and Moldova make all efforts necessary to support:

- The simplified accreditation of amended and new study programmes in this field and their financing from public funds;

- The adequate number of paid places for the students in this area;

- The professional training - at home and in the world – of teaching staff in this field and, where necessary, the calls and hiring of a new teaching staff;

- The integration of this field into the programmes of transnational cooperation with the EU and its Member States;

- The exchanges of teachers and students in this field;

- The internationally agreed forms of recognising diplomas and degrees in this area;

- The employment of the graduates of the EUNEG studies in public administration and other relevant bodies.

3. Recommendations to the European Commission competent bodies and agencies of the European Union. We call on the competent EU bodies and agencies to ensure the necessary support for:

- The project-based financing of the cooperation among the EUNEG Partner Universities within the international network and alumni;

- The calls and financing of new projects in this field in the framework of Erasmus+ and other relevant programmes;

- The calls and financing of common research activities in these areas;

- The exchanges among teachers and students;

- The integration of cooperation in these areas into the EU's new policy of cooperation with its Eastern European neighbours.

The EUNEG Concluding conference proposes the continuation of partners' cooperation after the conclusion of the project and adopted the draft documents for establishing the appropriate network and EUNEG alumni.

Done in Maribor, Slovenia on 19 December 2015