

Quality assurance on BBSR processes and products/results

Period to be inspected – April 2019 (after the mid-term report) until February 2021

Acronyms:

- University of Tartu (UT)
- Ivan Franko National University of Lviv (IFNUL)
- Uniwersytet im. Adama Mickiewicza w Poznaniu (AMU)
- Lunds Universitetet (LU)
- Vytautas Magnus University (VMU)
- Mariupol State University (MSU)
- Odessa I.I. Mechnikov National University (ONU)
- Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv (TSNUK), Institute of International Relations (IIR)

What to inspect:

- **Quality of the project implementation – are the activities on time, have all the planned activities been carried out? What are the deviations due to COVID-19 (cancelled trainings, trips, activities, meetings)?**

Most of the project visits and other activities had been successfully carried out before the quarantine measures were launched in Spring 2020 in the EU and Ukraine.

On April 8-9, 2019 Mid-term meeting and meeting of the curriculum developers in Poznań. Chair of the Quality Assurance Board presented the Interim quality assessment report.

On April 20-21, 2019 – IFNUL team presented a new MA program at the conference in Odessa “Experience of Inter-Regionalism in the Black Sea and Caucasus Regions: Norm Diffusion, Legal Approximation and Contestation”.

On June 27-29, 2019 – Training in Odessa on course development. The courses presented were approved.

On September, 9-10, 2019 – Hands-on training on Academic Writing and Plagiarism in Lviv by the teacher from LU for Master students and staff.

In September 2019 – Opening of the Resource Centre «Baltic-Black Sea Regional Studies» in IFNUL.

On September, 23-26, 2019 – Training in Odessa on innovative teaching methods by AMU.

On December, 2, 2019 – lecture-training for the students by VMU in Lviv on the topic "Regions and Regionalism".

In December, 2019, 2 teachers from VMU arrived in Kyiv to provide training and presentation of teaching and research methodology and research on Regionalism and Small States in the Baltic Sea region and discussion, 20 people were trained including teachers and PhD students. Meeting with the first President of Ukraine Mr. Leonid Kravchuk was organized.

On 21-22 January 2020, Management meeting and e-course development meeting in Kaunas was organized with presentations on the Project implementation.

On February 9-15, 2020 Winter school in Kääriku (Estonia) on new regionalisms and neighbourhoods, organized by UT; lecturers and students from several Project partner universities.

On February 17-21, 2020 – Hands-on training on plagiarism, academic writing in general and for political science, critical thinking and analysis, grammar issues and publishing recommendations in Odessa by the teacher from LU for Master, PhD students and staff.

Nevertheless the COVID-19 pandemic and the lockdown measures led to extension of the project period by 1 year, until October 2021. Some activities were rescheduled or carried out online.

On May 6, 2020; December 21, 2020; February 15, 2021 – online progress meetings.

Visit of lecturers from UT, TSNUK and ONU to Mariupol was rescheduled (possibly to May 2021 instead of May 2020). AMU suspended visit to Odessa.

According to the prolongation of the implementation period of the Project, the final meeting and conference in Kyiv were postponed until September 2021 (instead of 2020).

• **Impact of COVID-19 on the lectures, courses - how many were meant as physical courses and transferred online? What kind of platform is used for these courses - Moodle, Google classroom, etc, what material is online (reading material, tests, quizzes, does the teacher talk to the camera or have they remodeled the course)?**

At IFNUL during the period from February 2020 until March 2021 all courses (with some exceptions when the courses were held off-line in September 2020 and February 2021) were taught online using Zoom and MS Teams platforms.

Student's group of 1st year MA Programme title is "MBK-52 (аНГЛ)" (MVK-52 in English).

All courses and their marks for ongoing and final exams are available at the University online platform "Dekanat" (<https://dekanat.lnu.edu.ua/cgi-bin/kaf.cgi?n=999&t=98>).

All courses in TSNUK which exploit the project results are taught online since spring 2020 using mostly a combination of Moodle (course materials, tests and grades), MS Teams and Zoom platforms (videoconferencing). Group research works are presented by students online using videoconferencing platforms and MS Power Point.

In ONU all the lectures / courses were transferred online (except several weeks in September 2020 and February 2021). ONU used 2 platforms during courses – Zoom (videoconferencing) and Google classrooms (syllabi, some reading material, questions to exams).

All courses in the MSU related to the project have been read online on the Moodle and Google Meet platforms (since March 2020).

• **Visibility - are the project website and FB regularly updated? Do all the partner universities have the project information on their website?**

The MSU team runs a FB page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/734842056721286>) and the Project website (<https://bbsr.at.ua/?fbclid=IwAR3VEqpDH28FCp-5Zh1JZypv33mnaowQWd0odjZnPiqGPmX3FWs3PBhejR4>). The information on the pages is updated regularly

At IFNUL the information about the Master Programme is available

on the website of IFNUL International Office -
<https://international.lnu.edu.ua/european-programmes-and-projects/erasmus/key-action-2/ongoing-projects/>

and on the website of Faculty

<https://intrel.lnu.edu.ua/academics/bbsr>

It contains

- the whole description of admission procedure for Ukrainian citizens and foreigners
- structure of the Programme (Study Plan)
- BBSR Leaflet
- Promoting Video
- Description of Employment Opportunities
- Contact information
- Summaries of courses

AMU has a Project webpage (<https://wnpid.amu.edu.pl/badania/projekty-naukowe/baltic-black-sea-connection-project>) with the link to the general Project website. Other dissemination actions include:

- Article about the project in the student's media at AMU;
- Information on "Rethinking Regional Studies: The Baltic-Black Sea Connection (BBSR)" book on the AMU webpage;
- Book review "Rethinking Regional Studies: The Baltic-Black Sea Connection (BBSR)" – in "Środkowoeuropejskie Studia Polityczne";

In TSNUK the webpage for the Project is available on the IIR website (http://www.iir.edu.ua/international_cooperation/bbsr/). There is a link to the Project Facebook. New professional video about Regional Studies program and department was created in 2020. Project dissemination activities took place during the organized 6 open door days.

ONU provides the project information on the website (<http://onu.edu.ua/en/academic-projects>) with the link to the general Project website.

UT has the webpage with the main information on the project: <https://skytte.ut.ee/en/international/current-projects> with the link to the general Project website.

VMU has the webpage with the main information on the project: <https://pmdf.vdu.lt/en/rethinking-regional-studies-the-baltic-black-sea-connection/> with the link to the general Project website.

LU has the webpages with the main information on the project:[https://portal.research.lu.se/portal/en/projects/rethinking-regional-studies-the-balticblack-sea-connection\(efba47e8-8107-4413-be9c-902b7ea977fa\).html](https://portal.research.lu.se/portal/en/projects/rethinking-regional-studies-the-balticblack-sea-connection(efba47e8-8107-4413-be9c-902b7ea977fa).html)
<https://www.ht.lu.se/en/samverkan/rethinking-regional-studies-the-baltic-black-sea-connection/>

Recommendation by QA board: Adding links to the new general Project website is recommended (TSNUK), adding EU support logo to the webpage is recommended (LU).

• **Equipment - has all the listed equipment been bought? How is the equipment used for teaching and learning?**

In IFNUL all the equipment had been bought.

The type of equipment	How is the equipment used	Date of the installation at the university
6 Macbooks	Teachers use them for preparing and delivering lectures and project teams, students use them during the workshops and seminars	16.04.2019
Interactive board	It is located at the Faculty's conference room and used in almost all conferences, round tables and another meeting of Faculty. It was used at the defence of MA theses (28.12.2020)	01.03.2019
Multifunctional printer	It is located in the small conference room and used for printing and copying of study materials, project documents, conferences information etc.	22.12.2018
Videosystem	It is used for conferences and round tables	22.12.2018
2 projectors	Projectors are used in the classrooms for lectures, seminars and during conferences	15.10.2019
Video promotion	It is located on the website of Faculty for popularisation of Program and is used during presentation of MA Programme at the meeting with the potential students of MA Programme	17.12.2018
Brochures and leaflets	There are used during offline meetings, University's Open Doors Days	18.04.2019

	The electronic version is located on the website of Faculty	
Books (22 items)	They are located at the Resource Centre of «Baltic-Black Sea Regional Studies» (room 202) and are available for free use for professors and students List of books is available at website https://intrel.lnu.edu.ua/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Books_BBSR.pdf	13.02.2019
Anti-plagiarism detection service subscription	It is used for checking master thesis for plagiarism	08.02.2019
Subscription to EBSCO database	It was used by Professors and students in studying process and for preparation of master theses	22.03.2019

In TSNUK all the equipment had been bought / contracted before April 2019.

- Plagiarism detection software was used for assessment of Master theses. This initiative also contributed to the wider use of plagiarism detection in IIR in general for assessment of Master theses and institutionalization of this process.

- 3-year subscription to e-resources (EBSCO) – the access to the database is available through the University computer network.

- BBSR related books were delivered to the resource centre in the International Regional Studies Department. Teachers, PhD students and students of the Institute of International Relations of TSNUK are frequently using these books.

- Video conference system is installed in the specially designed language training room in the IIR and is used for language-training skills for participants of the projects and students as well for online teaching of the courses.

- 4 computers with Office 2016, earphones and mouses are installed in the International Regional Studies Department and International Communications Department and are used for the needs of the Project.

- Multifunctional colour printer with scan and e-mail functions is installed in the International Regional Studies Department and is used for the needs of the Project.

- Minor amount of money allocated for equipment was left after buying all the equipment.

In ONU all the listed equipment been bought and used for teaching and learning during the last 3 semesters (although not much time due to wider use of online teaching under the Covid-19 pandemic).

In MSU all the listed equipment been bought.

● Teaching and training activities - what kind of competences have been developed? Feedback.

According to the reports and feedback of participants the competences developed included:

1. For teachers:

- quality assurance for both didactic and management purposes (role of Accreditation Committee, monitoring and assessing the quality procedures, the role of Interim Assessment System);
- course development (suggestions); how to write standardised and unified syllabi;
- alternative and innovative digital teaching tools, knowledge of new tools and approaches, new knowledge and experience, learning internet based methods of teaching, Kahoot, Tedex, Cast, MOOC, Google forms;
- examples and teacher's skills, modern didactics, using new methodology, playing, assessing, examining, interactive methods, role of discussion with students, quizzes;
- internships' organisation, entrepreneurship and university.

For students and teachers:

- understanding what is plagiarism, citation styles, antiplagiarism procedures;
- how to write a research paper, types of academic paper, what makes a good academic paper, development of our analytical skills and effective reading strategies for academic writing, reader-based academic writing as a process, using words wisely, grading student's papers, organizing ideas;
- how to find new literature, databases and software.

For example, feedback for the lectures on various aspects of international relations and regional studies (self-determination, legal and financial instruments of the regional cooperation development, international simulations and prognostics, Theoretical approaches to regionalism and regional integration) provided by AMU to students in ONU included appreciation of

- explanation of difficult terms in the easy way with many examples from everyday life;
- presentation of material in a clear and logical sequence;
- demonstrating a profound knowledge of his subject;
- interactive lectures;
- availability of materials;

- relevance of issues discussed;
- multiple sources and references;
- entertaining approach.

VMU lecturer provided a lecture-training to the students of the Faculty of International Relations of IFNUL on the topic "Regions and Regionalism" on December, 2, 2019.

Lectures by AMU in Odessa 23-26.09.2019 – the participants stressed, among others: 1. Using new methodology 2. Interactive methods, 3. Role of discussion with students, 4. Applying innovative digital methods, especially quizzes.

● Impact and sustainability - again, what kind of competences have been developed, are they sustainable (can it be presumed these competences will be used in the future)?

IFNUL stated that the following competences from MA Programme are acquired:

- Understanding the characteristics of the development of countries and regions, features and patterns of global processes and the place of individual states in them;
- Understanding of historical, political, legal and cultural features of the Baltic-Black Sea region;
- Understanding the basics of socio-economic development of the Baltic-Black Sea region;
- Knowledge of the nature, sources and institutions of foreign policy of the Baltic-Black Sea region;
- Understanding of integration processes, mainly in the Baltic-Black Sea region, and the EU's place in them;
- Knowledge and understanding of national interests of Ukraine in the Baltic-Black Sea region;
- Knowledge of the nature and evolution of regional and subregional international organizations, their place in the Baltic-Black Sea region, the main forms and prospects of Ukraine's cooperation with them;
- Knowledge of the development and management of international projects, in particular in the Baltic-Black Sea region;
- Knowledge and experience in the preparation of syllabuses of courses;
- Knowledge and experience in the preparation of online courses with materials and exercises;
- Ability to carry out communication and information-analytical activities in the

field of international relations (Ukrainian and foreign languages);

- Knowledge of migration processes and trends in the Baltic-Black Sea region.

In TSNUK noted that sustainability is ensured by curriculum development. New specialization “Regional Studies of the Baltic and Black Sea Region” was developed in Master Program “Regional Studies”. It is to be launched in 2021 in English language. The launch was rescheduled due to switching to online lessons in 2020 under the COVID-19 pandemic. Duration of the program: 1 year and 9 months. Total number of credits: 24. The specialization contains 7 courses:

- Actual problems of the national security of the BBSR;
- The politics of the global powers in the BBSR;
- International organizations and regional institutes in the BBSR;
- Foreign policy process in the BBSR countries;
- Economic, cultural and humanitarian diplomacy of the BBSR countries;
- Religious factor in international relations of the BBSR countries;
- The problems of the national historical memory in international relations of the BBSR countries.

Also the updated version of the study program “Country Studies” contains specialization block of courses “European Studies”. The Master program “Eastern European Studies” is continued.

ONU noted that two types of competences have been strongly developed:

- new tools for teachers and students, especially in technological sphere
- new knowledge how to write project/paper and how to teach it to students.

They are quite sustainable and will be used in the future academic and teaching activities.

In MSU 4 courses, developed within the framework of the Project, are included in the permanent curriculum of the master program, which will ensure the sustainable development of such competencies as understanding and expertise of political and socio-economic processes in the Baltic-Black Sea region.

● Curriculum - has it been launched at the planned date? How many students have been admitted, the ratio between Ukrainian and foreign students? (first and second intake) What is the change – how many new courses in English developed, how many remodeled from existing courses? How many were planned for online learning (with materials and exercises online)?

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First cohort of students enrolled in 2019: 11 students (all Ukrainian citizenship).

Second cohort of students enrolled in 2020: 7 students (all Ukrainian citizenship).
All courses were remodeled from existing courses.

One course was planned for online learning with materials and exercises online. As a result, the Professors team had prepared three online courses. They are available at University Moodle system:

Regional Studies (Prof. Nataliya Antonyuk, Assoc. Prof. Oksana Krayevska) <https://e-learning.lnu.edu.ua/course/view.php?id=3026>

Ukraine in the Baltic-Black Sea Region (Assoc. Prof. Oleksandra Fedun, Assoc. Prof. Iryna Maksymenko (Odesa), Assoc. Prof. Oksana Krayevska) <https://e-learning.lnu.edu.ua/course/view.php?id=2140>

Management of International Projects in the Baltic – Black Sea Region (Assoc. Prof. Oksana Krayevska) <https://e-learning.lnu.edu.ua/course/view.php?id=2099>

Every semester QA board organized anonymous evaluation by students (Results of evaluation in Annex 1 IFNUL)

External evaluation of the BBSR MA Program was conducted by the IFNUL Department of Management of Educational Process Quality in February 2021 (after the students' graduation). Results will be available soon (April-May 2021).

ONU updated the course “Systemic transformation of post-communist countries” with the module “Political systems of the countries of the Baltic-Black Sea Region”.
5 new courses were developed:

- Critical Geopolitics;
- Ukraine in the Baltic-Black Sea Regionalism;
- The EU and the Baltic-Black Sea Region;
- Regionalism in the Baltic and Black Sea Area;
- Foreign and Security Policy in the Baltic-Black Sea Region.

MSU developed 4 courses:

- Ethnopolitical dynamics of the Baltic-Black Sea regions;
- Communication and Information warfare in the Baltic-Black Sea Region;
- Migration trends and policies in the Baltic-Black Sea region;
- Politics of the historical memory.

TSNUK updated the syllabus on “Regional Studies” and submitted the syllabi on

“Global powers in the region” and “Forecasting and simulation in International Relations” was submitted.

Recommendation by QA board: adding disclaimers to the syllabi, adding the EU support logo to the syllabi on “Great Powers in the Black Baltic Sea Region”, “Migration Trends and policies in the Baltic-Black Sea Region”.

Comments by QA board: Whether the course Rule of Law in the Baltic-Black Sea Region ((Lviv, Kyiv, Tartu)) was developed? It was not available at the Project Moodle.

● Courses in other Ukrainian universities - existence of online courses? How many new and how many remodeled from previous versions?

In TSNUK the previously tested course “Regional Studies” (bachelor program “International Law” in English) delivered by 4 lecturers at the was transformed into an online course. A questionnaire for students has been done last year. Students are satisfied. The course “Regional studies” is also taught in the Master program “Regional Studies”. One of 4 modules in Regional Studies course is “Regional Studies of BBSR”.

Other tested courses / modules include:

- Great Powers in the Region (Master program “Eastern European Studies” in English)
- Political Development and Political Systems of the countries of the World (Module - Political systems of the countries of the Baltic-Black Sea Region)
- “Actual Problems of International Security” (module about the Baltic-Black Sea Region);
- “Identity in international relations of the countries of the world” (module “Identities and cultures in the Baltic-Black Sea Region”).

Online version of the course “Forecasting and simulation in IR” was not prepared because the lecturer who developed the original course has left her position in the University.

ONU launched several courses in 2019-2020:

- Module “Political systems of the countries of the Baltic-Black Sea Region” in the course “Systemic transformation of post-communist countries”;
- The EU and the Baltic-Black Sea Region;
- Regionalism in the Baltic and Black Sea Area;
- Critical Geopolitics;

- Ukraine in the Baltic-Black Sea Regionalism;
- Foreign and Security Policy in the Baltic-Black Sea Region.

This year ONU updated its MA program, 3 courses changed their place to 3 semester. Now there are 12 MA students in Ukrainian and 12 – in English-speaking group. No online courses in ONU.

MSU team elaborated blended course Politics of the historical memory. It is placed on Moodle platform of MSU. Elements which are elaborated and posted are structure, video introduction, content of the topics, study materials, individual works and feedback form.

The four courses have been developed and taught:

- Ethnopolitical dynamics of the Baltic-Black Sea regions;
- Communication and Information warfare in the Baltic-Black Sea Region;
- Migration trends and policies in the Baltic-Black Sea region;
- Politics of the historical memory.

In the revised syllabi competences, learning outcomes, assessment were clarified and specified, self-work methods were described.

● Other initiatives and developments - e.g our project book and their promotion

Publication of the book “Baltic-Black Sea Regionalisms: Patchworks and Networks at Europe's Eastern Margins” (ISBN: 978-3-030-24878-9), published in 2020.

In IFNUL – publication within the framework of MA:

1. Gladys M., Krayevska O., Holovko-Havrysheva O. Baltic-Black Sea Region as a Resilient Region: Political and Security Aspects. Strategic Review. 2020. N. 13. P.159-178.
2. Gladys M. Strategy of the EU towards the Baltic Sea Region: problems and perspectives of cooperation. Visnyk of Ivan Franko National University. Series of International Relations, 2017. P. 37-44.
3. Yeleyko I., Krayevska J. Labour Migration from Ukraine to Poland: Current State and Further Perspectives // Studia Europejskie-Studies in European Affairs, Centre for Europe, University of Warsaw, 2020. P. 129-141.
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Poland: Incentive or Obstacle for Reconciliation? // Conference Proceedings "Contemporary Trends Shaping the Global World". – Lviv-Olsztyn, 2020 p.13-15

6. Barna B., Kalytchak R. EU-Norway Relations: A Model to Follow for Ukraine? // Ukrainian Yearbook of European Integration Studies. Vol. III 2019. p.43-51

7. Kuzyk Petro. "Ukraine's national integration before and after 2014. Shifting 'East-West' polarization line and strengthening political community". Eurasian Geography and Economics. 2019. 60 (no. 6). P. 709-735.

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8. Kuzyk Petro; Polishchuk Kostyantyn. "Komplexe politische Kultur in der Ukraine: außenpolitische Ambivalenz und unvollendeter postkommunistischer Wandel". Gordischer Knoten Ukraine: Eine gesamtstrategische Betrachtung / Ed. Walter Feichtinger, Christian Steppan. Wien: Bundesministerium für Landesverteidigung und Sport, 2017. S. 153-170. ISBN 978-3-903121-06-5

9. Shalenna N. Russian-Turkish cooperation in the energy sphere: challenges for the national security of Ukraine // Current problems of foreign policy of Ukraine: Materials of XIII International conference of the students and young scientists. Chernivtsi, 22 November 2019. – Chernivtsi, 2019. – P. 87–89.

10. Shalenna N. M. New construct of Turkish identity and future relations of Turkey with the EU // I International scientific-methodology conference "Skhodoznavstvo. Aktualnist ta perspektyvy", Kharkiv, 20 March 2020. – Kharkiv, 2020. – P. 234–236.

11. Shalenna N. Kirimli Community in Lviv: a New Home or a Temporal Shelter? / Nataliya Shalenna // Visnyk Lvivskoho universytetu. Seria mizhnarodni vidnosyny. – 2019. – Issue 47. – P. 69–86.

12. Zinko I.Z., Papish N.I. National politics of Finland Republic. Experience for Ukraine // Visnyk of Lviv National University. Series of International Relations. Vyp. 46. - 2019. – S. 45-55.

13. Papish N., Fedun O. Historical and political aspects of formation of Ukrainian-Polish border // Regional Studies. – Uzhhorod: Vydavnychiy dim «Helvetyka», 2019. – № 16. – S. 109–115.

In AMU:

- BBSC panel during the conference: 2nd International e-Conference "The world in the age of pandemic and post-pandemic period"

In TSNUK:

- A new Centre of the Baltic-Black Sea Regional Studies was opened at the International Regional Studies Department.

- A resource centre was opened on the International Regional Studies Department which contains books that were bought thanks to our Erasmus project.
- Textbook “Regional studies: the Baltic-Black sea countries” has been published in 2020 by TSNUK as an extra-project activity.

ONU:

- organized presentation of the project book in 2020 besides placing it in the library;
- published a monograph: Brusylovska, Olga, Dubovyk, Volodymyr, and Koval, Igor (eds.). Black Sea Region in World Policy: Actors, Factors, and Scenarios of the Future. Odesa: Odesa Mechnikov National University Press, 2020.
- Organized the International Scientific and Practical on-line conference " Black Sea region in World Policy: actors, factors, and scenarios of the future" (Odesa, October 15, 2020).

In MSU:

- The Donetsk Regional State Administration, Mariupol City Council, NGO "Donbass Gate" Federation of Greek Societies of Ukraine are involved in the project implementation.
- The Center for Baltic-Black Sea Region Studies, established in the framework of the project, organised a workshop on "Disinformation as a Hybrid War Tool: Peculiarities of Propagation and Possibilities of Counteraction", which was attended by representatives of diplomatic structures, experts, military personnel and students. During the event, speeches were made by Kateryna Smahlii, Head of the International Cooperation and Communications Department of the Hennadii Udovenko Diplomatic Academy of Ukraine under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, Iryna Zhovta, Chief Specialist of the European and Euro-Atlantic Integration of the State Committee for Television and Radio-Broadcasting of Ukraine, experts in communications, information wars and information security, and scientists from Vilnius University and Mariupol State University.

- **Master papers preparation and final examination**

IFNUL: in December 2020 MA Programme graduates have successfully defended their MA theses and obtained their diploma. AMU, LU, VMU and UT offered its thematic expertise in co-supervising selected master thesis.

Table 1

2019 year of entering (2020 graduate)				
№	Name and surname of the student	Title of Master thesis	Scientific Supervisor at IFNUL	Scientific Consultant from European University
1	Artemova Yuliya	Green politics in Baltic-Black Sea Region	Assoc. Prof. Izhnin I.	VMU Mindaugas Jurkynas
2	Vakulchuk Yevhan	Resilience of the Baltic-Black sea region	Assoc. Prof. Gladys M.	
3	Grynyshyn Roman	Modern hybrid and information wars. Russian influence on Ukraine and Baltic States	Prof. Y.Prysiadniuk	
4	Katerynenko Oleksandra	Transformation of Latvian-Russian relations during the presidency of R.Vejonis	Assoc. Prof. Kalytchak R.	
5	Kochekova Yelyzaveta	The Baltic states energy resilience in the EU ecological security	Assoc. Prof. Shalenna N.	VMU Mindaugas Jurkynas
6	Markiv Mariya	Racial and ethnic discrimination in Baltic-Black Sea region	Assoc. Prof. Fedun O.	AMU Łukasz Donaj Jarosław Jańczak Tomasz Branka
7	Parolya Iryna	Energy Security of the Baltic-Black Sea region	Assoc. Prof. Gladys M.	
8	Penyukova Alina	Modern architecture of information security in the Baltic-Black Sea region	Assoc. Prof. Izhnin I.	AMU Łukasz Donaj Jarosław Jańczak Tomasz Branka
9	Slyvka Viktoriya	The role of Ukraine in the Baltic-Black Sea region	Assoc. Prof. Krayevska O.	AMU Łukasz Donaj Jarosław Jańczak Tomasz Branka
10	Udovychenko Anton	Information threats in the security discourse in the Baltic-Black Sea region	Assoc. Prof. Izhnin I.	LU Anamaria Dutceac Segesten
11	Chelyadina Anastasia	Cyber security in Estonia: current state and challenges	Assoc. Prof. Gladys M.	

Table 2

2020 year of entering (2021 graduate)				
№	Name and surname of the student	Title of Master thesis	Scientific Supervisor at IFNUL	Consultants from European University
1	Andrew Kriatov	Belarus in BBSR security architecture	Assoc. Prof. Ihor Izhnin	TU Andrey

				Makarychev
2	Domaratska Sofiia	Evolution of the Policy of Neutrality in Finnish and Swedish Security Policies	Assoc. Prof. Mykhaylo Komarnytskyy	VMU Mindaugas Jurkynas)
3	Kets Oksana	Image of the Baltic-Black Sea region countries	Assoc. Prof. Marianna Gladys	AMU Łukasz Donaj Jarosław Jańczak
4	Merezhko Vladyslav	Public diplomacy of Baltic States (Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania): comparative analysis	Assoc. Prof. Mykhaylo Komarnytskyy	VMU Mindaugas Jurkynas AMU Adam Łukasz Donaj Jarosław Jańczak
5	Miakinkova Oleksandra	Impact of gender balance on the protection of human rights and foreign policy of the countries of the Baltic-Black Sea Region. Case study: Examples of Sweden, Turkey and Ukraine	Assoc. Prof. K. Polishchuk	LU Svetlana L'nyavskiy
6	Priadka Yuliia	The status of the Russian minority in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania	Assoc.Prof. Oksana Krayevska	AMU Łukasz Donaj Jarosław Jańczak
7	Sakhatska Polina	Maritime Security in the Baltic and the Black Sea region: comparative analysis	Assoc.Prof. Oksana Krayevska	TU Andrey Makarychev

- **New admissions**

IFNUL presented the MA Program at the meeting with graduate of Bachelor in March 2021

<https://intrel.lnu.edu.ua/news/do-uvahy-studentiv-iv-kursu>

TSNUK provided advice on organising career days, in which private companies introduce their job opportunities to students (Raiffeisen bank Aval, DiXi Group associated with the Kyiv School of Energy Policy, Apex Media Limited, Ukrenergo).

- **Spillover effect - other projects**

IFNUL:

Applying BBSR project experience (organization of study program, study plan, techniques of presentation, course and syllabuses structure) during of double degree Master program “International and European Union Law” between the Vilnius and Ivan Franko National University of Lviv.

The project team and professors of courses participate at:

- “Digital at Home” (2020-2022), Swedish Institute, Baltic University Program (BUP), Uppsala University (Sweden), IFNUL – Assoc. Prof. Oksana Krayevska, Assoc. Prof. Marianna Gladys; AMU Poznan – Prof. Tomasz Branka, Prof. Jaroslaw Janczak

- Erasmus+ Jean Monnet Project 2020 “Rebuilding the Potential of EU Studies in the Conflict-affected Areas of Ukraine: Addressing Challenges and Creating Solutions” 619892-EPP-1-2020-1-UA-EPPJMO-PROJECT (10.09.2020 – 10.04.2022) <https://intrel.lnu.edu.ua/news/vykladach-fakultetu-mizhnarodnykh-vidnosyn-peremozhets-napriamu-jean-monnet-prohramy-erasmus> – Assoc. Prof. Roman Kalytchak

- Erasmus+ Jean Monnet Network Jean Monnet Network “Linking Europe at the periphery”. 612019-EPP-1-2019-1-TR-EPPJMO-NETWORK, (06.09.2019 - 05.09.2022) – Assoc. Prof. Roman Kalytchak, Assoc. Prof. Oksana Krayevska, Assoc. Prof. Nataliya Shalenna

- Erasmus+ Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence “Western Ukrainian Research Center in European Studies” 599469-EPP-1-2018-1-UA-EPPJMO-CoE (2018-2021/2) – Prof. Nataliya Antonyuk, Prof. Mykhaylo Mykiiievych, Assoc. Prof. Roman Kalytchak, Assoc. Prof. Oksana Krayevska

- Assoc. Prof. Ihor Zeman, Assoc. Prof. Oksana Krayevska, Assoc. Prof. Roman Kalytchak, Assoc. Prof. Mykhaylo Komarnytsky – Experts of the National Agency for Higher Education Quality Assurance (NAQA) in Ukraine.

In ONU BBSR teachers participated in other projects:

- PONARS Eurasia.

- “Eurasia Peace Studies Exchange 2020” implemented jointly with the Center for Peace Studies, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences and Education, Arctic University of Norway (Tromso). Practical results of cooperation: Establishing cooperation in the field of peace research and security challenges to international relations.

- International project “Nuclear History of Ukraine” in cooperation with the Swedish Radiation Safety Agency. Practical results of cooperation: organization and holding of the International Summer School on Non-Proliferation, research in the field of nuclear non-proliferation, radiation safety and nuclear history of Ukraine.

- Erasmus+ Jean Monnet “Neighborhood Enlargement and Regionalism in

Europe / NearEU” (Tartu, Estonia).

- Horizon-2020 Project 734645 “Knowledge Exchange and Academic Cultures. Europe and the BSR (KEAC-BSR)”. Project leader – University of Graz, Austria.

- Project G5442 “Resilient Civilians in Population-Centric Warfare (ResilientCivilians)”. Project leader – University of Tromso, Norway.

- Erasmus+ Jean Monnet Project ENACTED (European Union and its neighbourhood. Network for enhancing EU’s actorness in the eastern borderlands).

In MSU:

- The Academic Project Coordinator received a grant from the Education Agency of Archimedes Foundation (Estonia) – scholarship for international researchers and academic staff. The internship will take place at Johan Skytte Institute of Political Studies Staff University of Tartu.

- As part of the meeting of the internationalist and political science students' association Dispute Club "The challenges of the XXI century", an open lecture by Professor Andrey Makarychev from the University of Tartu was held.

- As part of the project, MSU graduate student won the NATO Academy Alumni Club's student paper competition.

TSNUK and Vitautas Magnus University organized a round table on March 03, 2020 in Kyiv with participation of the Ambassador of Lithuania in Ukraine.

The BBSR quality assurance team member is also an expert in the TSNUK Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence on the EU studies.

Teaching of Prof. Olga Brusilovska at AMU in 1.03.– 23.06.2021 – cooperation resulting from the BBSR project.