

Newsletter 7 of MEDIATS project

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Dear Partners!

With this issue of project Newsletter MEDIATS is joining the world flash mob dedicated to celebration of Erasmus Days! 15, 16 & 17 October 2020: Three days of celebration of the Erasmus+ Programme in Europe and beyond. This is a unique opportunity to organize an event, share your Erasmus experience or spread the word about your project. The newsletter also contains valuable information and links to media content from our partners! Thank you very much for your efforts and contribution! Happy Erasmus Days!



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- Erasmus Days Activities of UCAM, KROK, KKNU, CHNU, HuG
- News from NLBA, KROK, CHNU
- Information about the start of Mediation Program from KKNU, ISU

The team of MEDIATS program would like to support our partners from Azerbaijan, who are suffering from the military conflict and violence. Our thoughts are with you. Please, stay safe! We do hope the situation will change very quickly!

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News from UCAM

Dear partners,

Within the framework of the Erasmus Days (<https://www.erasmusdays.eu/>) that are being celebrated these days, UCAM has made short videos about our current Erasmus projects.

Please find below the link to visualize the MEDIATS one:

https://twitter.com/UCAM_OPRI/status/1316697881349423109



Happy Erasmus days to all of you,

Best regards

Team of UCAM

News from KROK



KROK University united partners to join #ErasmusDays World Marathon.

On October 16, 2020, KROK University joined the Erasmus Days World Marathon organizing events on capacity building projects and mobility programs.

The following activities were conducted:

- Online conference "From EANET to INTERADIS. Best practices and impact." was organized with the participation of partners of EANET, MEDIATS, INTERADIS, CLIMAN and COOPERA projects. Participants of EANET, the first EU project implemented at KROK University, Head of International Office Andrii Lotariiev, Projects and Programs Manager Halyna Bohachenko, and previously Head of KROK University Alumni Association and now the director of KMDS school Svitlana Zaripova together with partners who have already become friends, discussed the best practices and impact of Tempus and Erasmus + projects on their life and career.

"Tempus project EANET was the best that happened to me during the last 10 years, besides family issues", "Once Erasmus - always Erasmus", "Friendship and Sustainability are the most important issues of the projects", "Thanks to EANET experience we received 4 more projects", "FRIENDSHIP -ДРУЖБА - FREUNDSCHAFT"- these were the key sayings.

Galina Bogachenko, Manager of Erasmus Projects at KROK presented her experience and experience of International Office of KROK. 5 years ago KROK became the partner of wonderful EANET project. Implementing it, the team gained a lot of experience, this project changed lives and careers of the project team. Experience at EANET helped IO of KROK to receive MEDIATS in 2018, and due to MEDIATS KROK won 3 projects - INTERADIS, CLIMAN and COOPERA 🏆. KROK team started from being a simple partner, even not WP owner, then became Co-Coordinator, and now the Co-Coordinator in 3 new projects. 🎉🎉🎉
"We are very happy, that all this way we made with the core of our partners, who are very valuable and important for us. ❤️❤️❤️" But it's not only about the projects and numbers! ERASMUS+ PROJECTS HAVE MULTIASPECT IMPACT ON OUR LIFE AND CAREER!!!! This was the core idea of the meeting.



KROK University International Office

Galina Bogachenko, Projects and Programs Manager



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of the European Union

Project: MEDIATS
(MEDIATION: Training
and Society
Transformation)

Duration:
2018-2021

Best Practices for me personally and for IO team:

- Experience to successfully prepare grant application
- Experience to manage and administer the project as co-coordinator
- Learning and implementation of dissemination part of the project (as the WP owner)

Impact for me personally and for IO team:

- New experience to work with University departments
- Building Partnerships with Coordinator, HEIs from Ukraine, EaP and EU countries
- Friendships, that proved to be long-term
- Travelling, learning new cultures, widening of the worldview
- Learning of educational systems in other countries
- Receiving of 3 EU projects INTERADIS, CLIMAN, COOPERA



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**Project: EANET
(Entrepreneurs
Alumni Network)**

**Duration:
2013-2016**

Best Practices for me personally and for IO team:

- Experience to manage and administer the project at the university level
- Learning of EU requirement for projects (documentation, reporting)

Impact for me personally and for IO team:

- New Partnerships within University
- New Partnerships with HEIs from Ukraine, EaP and EU countries
- New Friendships
- Travelling, learning new cultures, widening of the worldview
- Learning of educational systems in other countries
- Improving English
- Desire and Goal to be involved into more projects, to make impact on educational system in Ukraine and EaP countries



ТИ – ДЛЯ КРОКУ, КРОК – ДЛЯ ТЕБЕ:



MEDIATS
Mediation: Training and
Society Transformation





HULTGREN Sustainability Oliver Schmidt, CEO

EANET
(Entrepreneurs Alumni Network)

and

MEDIATS
(Mediation: Training and
Society Transformation)

Duration:
2013 - 2016
and
2018 - 2021

■ Best Practices:

Exchange on a professional and personal level
with people of different fields and nationalities.

■ Impact:

Creation of long-term and sustainable
networks whose effectiveness extends far
beyond the origins of the projects.



Karazin Business School of V.N.Karazin Kharkiv National University

Yuliia Kvitka, Responsible for International Cooperation

Project: EANET
(Entrepreneurs
Alumni Network)

Duration:
2013-2016

■ Impact: - Entrepreneurship Alumni Association

- Network between alumni and
students

- Internship of students

■ Impact: - Master's Degree Course in Alternative Dispute Resolution

- 3 student graduations, 8 textbooks

- Internships of lecturers and
students

Duration:
2013-2016

Project: TRADIR
(Training on Alternative Dispute
Resolution as an Approach for
Ensuring of Human Rights)

Project: MEDIATS
(Mediation: Training and Society
Transformation)

Duration: 2018-2021

Best Practices:

- Developed and launched **MDP in Mediation** with implementing the best EU experience;
- Disseminated an **idea of mediation** as a value among the **Offices of Children's Services, Centers of Social Services for Family, Children and Youth, Local Centers for Free Secondary Legal Aid, territorial communities and wide social environment**;
- Organized a **series of speeches on local TV** on the benefits of mediation and MDP in mediation;
- Realized a **joint training with the NGO for judges** of 3 regions and participated in the work of the pilot project in the Chernivtsi region on restorative justice;
- Members of the Project group, **Ruslana Havrylyuk, and Dmytro Kostya** co-authored Ukraine's **first textbook on mediation for lawyers, "Mediation in the Professional Activity of a Lawyer"**;
- The Project group developed and implemented **"Principles and procedures for ensuring the quality of education provided by the Law Faculty of CHNU"**;
- The Project group participated in the development of the **University Code of Ethics and Regulations on Conflict Resolution**.

Impact:

- Impact on the law system, the building of the democratic society, increased understanding of mediation within society;
- **Improved skills and techniques for teaching students** after trainings for academic staff in Netherlands, Latvia and Spain;
- Teaching for students of **using quality European literature**;
- Obtaining funding for the Grant Project **"Legal clinics - agents for popularizing of mediation as a way to resolve disputes"** of the International Renaissance Foundation;
- Victory of the University project group in the USAID **"Financial Sector Transformation"** Grant Project, funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development;
- Within the framework of the Project, **the Educational and Scientific Laboratory of Mediation, Negotiation, and Arbitration** was created and its functioning was ensured;
- The Project group lobbied for the **inclusion in the Standard of the Second (Master's) Level of the Higher Education in Ukraine in the specialty "Law"** of a separate special competence of the graduate of the educational-professional program in law - ability to use alternative methods of conflict resolution, especially mediation.

Many thanks to **Oliver Schmidt** (Hultgren - Nachhaltiges Management), **Yuliia Kvitka** (V.N. Karazin Kharkiv National University), **Ruslana Gavrilyuk, Maryna Fedorchuk** (Yuriy Fedkovych Chernivtsi National University) from MEDIATS project for joining the event!

Another Activity of KROK, dedicated to Erasmus Days was online presentation of mobility programs, organized aiming to inform KROK University students about opportunities to study abroad and selection procedure. Participants of the previous mobility programs (KROK exchange) presented their own experience and shared tips for studying abroad. The event was organized by International Office of KROK University.

Happy #ErasmusDays!

CHNU ERASMUS DAYS 2020

14/10/2020



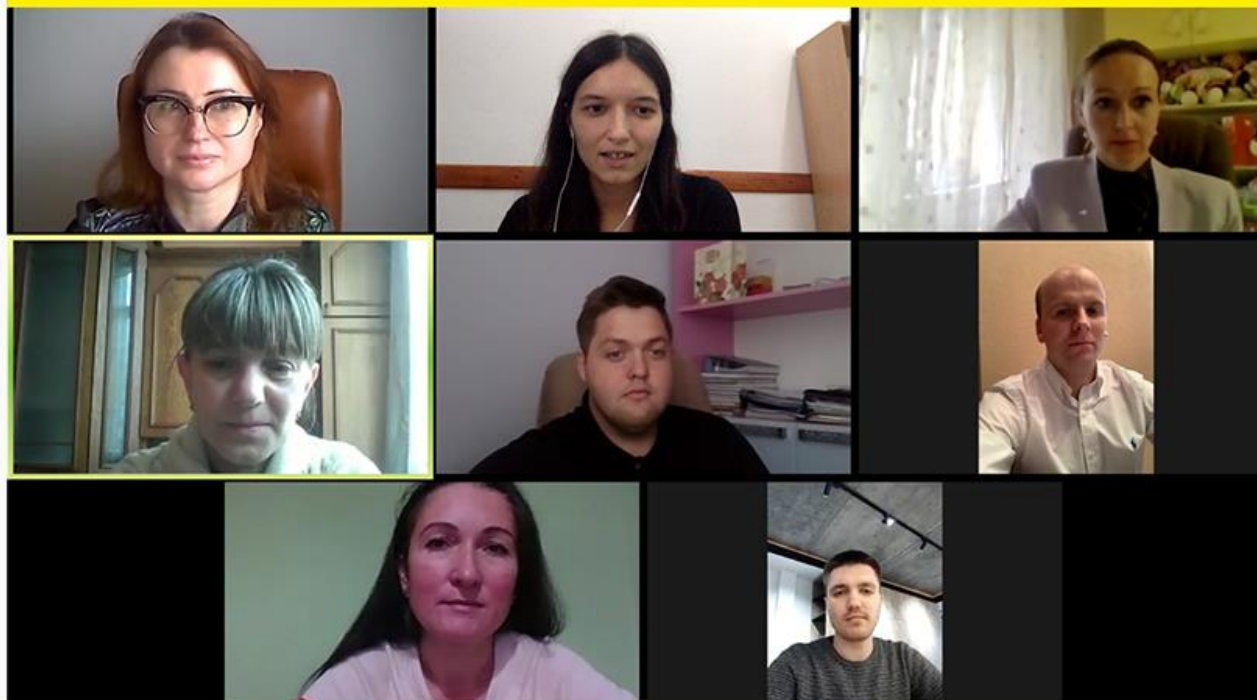
MEDIATS team of the Faculty of Law of CHNU and master program "Mediation" congratulate with the international day #ERASMUSDAYS 2020.

You can watch the video following the link: https://law.chnu.edu.ua/chnu-erasmusdays-2020/?fbclid=IwAR0E6yJGaZengAlCXrbvsuKR-IAkiyl6nKwV_qLV9oOtVdoluF7lJuiZwTc



#ERASMUSDAYS2020 #MEDIATS

EXPERIENCE OF SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF ERASMUS+ KA2 PROJECTS (MEDIATS & DESTIN)



YURIY FEDKOVYCH CHERNIVTSI NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

On October 16, 2020, the online presentation “Experience of successful implementation of Erasmus + KA2 (MEDIATS & DESTIN) projects” took place as part of the Erasmus + marathon, dedicated to the celebration of # ErasmusDays2020.

Information from NLBA

Dear all,

In order to have more unity in the programs it is good to have literature that is common and international. Also the universities can spend their budget on this.

To help on this part we translated the book on the Systemic approach in the Master Mediation to English. 'Unraveling Dynamics in Mediation – insight into systemic and communication patterns within relations and conflicts' written by Mayke Smit

You can find it on Amazon: <https://www.amazon.nl/Unraveling-Dynamics-Mediation-communication-relationships/dp/9078905980/>). Of course we can also bring it when we next meet in person.....

Since Mayke Smit is a lecturer at the Netherlands Business Academy and will also provide the course Systemic Approach in the train-the-trainer program of Mediats, I suggest to already use her book in the curriculum of the Master Mediation program.

About the book:

In Unraveling Dynamics in Mediation, Mayke Smit reveals the undercurrent that affects the interaction between people in relationships and conflicts. She introduces the basic principles of Systemic work, indicates how systemic patterns operate and invites you to see things from a systemic perspective in order to achieve sustainable solutions.

Smit distinguishes three levels of dynamics that are of significance in mediation:

- The family dynamics on an individual level
- The dynamics between clients
- The dynamics between clients and Mediator

Issues such as dealing with emotions, loss and communication patterns are covered as well. Smit describes various existing theories in a practical way for mediation in cases between two clients: divorces, labor disputes and neighbor conflicts. By providing various examples she illustrates how the theories and models can be applied with and without the use of table constellations.

This book is mainly aimed at Mediators and other professionals involved in mediation or conflict resolution. It is, however, equally useful to anyone interested in relationships and conflict. Throughout the book Smit also offers suggestions for examining and reflecting on yourself.

“The systemic Mediator guides parties beyond the conflict through an apparent systemic detour, which in fact leads to faster and more precise recognition and resolution. And that takes courage from the Mediator. The courage to ask “crazy” questions, and the courage to process your own patterns and background.

About Mayke Smit

Originally trained and working as a legal expert, Mayke Smit (1968) has been an independent trainer and Coach for many years, operating from the philosophy of Systemic work, in which she was thoroughly trained. She guides professionals in their personal growth and groups in transformation processes.

While writing her debut *Los* (2014) - a book about coping with divorce - Mayke developed a program for rebuilding one's life after divorce. She is a licensed intervention supervisor for lawyers and mediators and provides training in Systemic work for Mediators. The knowledge and experience she gained in her professional career is shared in *Unraveling Dynamics in mediation*, which is used in the (International) Master Mediation and is published in Dutch and English.

Best regards,



Prof Jan van Zwieten RI,RA,RO
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NLBA participated at the online conference

“World Practice of Application of Mediative Techniques.”



АВТОНОМНАЯ
НЕКОММЕРЧЕСКАЯ ОРГАНИЗАЦИЯ
ДОПОЛНИТЕЛЬНОГО ПРОФЕССИОНАЛЬНОГО
ОБРАЗОВАНИЯ "СОДЕЙСТВИЕ"
(Г.БАРНАУЛ, РОССИЙСКАЯ ФЕДЕРАЦИЯ)



The “Institute of Conflict Resolution and Mediation” (Kazakhstan) in cooperation with the international center of mediation and law “Soglasiye” (Kazakhstan), Autonomous uncommercial organization of additional professional education “Sodeystviye” (Russia), and the Union of Professional Mediators “M2B” (Russia) invites professional and non-professional mediators of CIS and non-CIS countries, judges of courts of general and special jurisdiction and arbitration courts, as well as representatives of the Assembly of People of Kazakhstan, juvenile justice and juvenile police, education and healthcare workers, members of chambers of commerce and industry, chambers of entrepreneurs, chambers of legal advisers, bar associations,

psychological centers, and private businesses to participate in an international scientific and practical online conference on the topic: “**World Practice of Application of Mediative Techniques.**”

The purpose of the conference is:

- to create a new impetus for the popularization, development, and promotion of mediation in a global society;
- to strengthen international relations in mediation practice;
- to contribute to the development of alternative dispute resolution [ADR] and mediation (for more details see the Conference Concept).

DATE: August 28, 2020, 3:00 PM Kyiv Time.

DURATION: 3 hours (180 minutes).

LOCATION: Online, Zoom video communication.

CONFERENCE WORKING LANGUAGES: Kazakh, Russian, English. The organizing committee ensures the participation of the interpreter.

CONFERENCE TOPICS:

1. Restorative justice;
2. ADR and mediation;
3. Educational outreach activity aimed at promoting and developing mediation practice in the world;
4. Mediation in healthcare, certification, and accreditation in ADR and mediation;
5. School mediation;
6. Mediation in work with children, including children engaged in unlawful acts;
7. Mediation in labor relations;
8. Online mediation;
9. Phone mediation;
10. Business mediation;
11. Family and marriage mediation;
12. Mediation in the social sphere.

Link for the Conference

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/tcUIAJLz03pIGoWW90_aS4wZHaXcaaa80ykZqPNYz8PQFTv-IXes1DsgkXMI6qA

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NLBA participated at the online conference on Mediation of Lithuania.

Jan van Zwieten presented the Master and the EU-project MEDIATS at the conference on Mediation and was one of the moderators of the conference.

The advantage of a broadcasted online conference is the fact that the organizers have it recorded and made available for everyone to see online. Should you be interested, the video recordings of the conference in English and in Lithuanian are available here:

- in Lithuanian: <https://bit.ly/2GqF1oY>
- in English: <https://bit.ly/3jn3IRZ>

09.10 – 09.30	"Lithuania's progress in the context of the development of European mediation systems"
	Dr. Rimantas Simaitis Associate Professor at the Faculty of Law of Vilnius University, Chairman of the Lithuanian Mediators' Qualification Examination Commission. Head of the Mediation Working Group of the Council of Europe Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (2015-2019).
09.30 – 09.50	"Success Story of Judicial Mediation in Lithuania - Question Mark or Exclamation Point?"
	Ms. Giedrė Jakštienė Judge at the District Court of Kaunas, mediator. Member of the Judicial Mediation Commission. Received best mediator award in 2016, trainer of mediators.
09.50 – 10.10	"Success Story and Cost of Mediation in the Netherlands"
	Prof. Jan van Zwieten Rector of the Netherlands Business Academy, Chairman of the Dutch Register of Mediators, certified mediator to the courts.
10.10 – 10.30	"Compulsory mediation in Lithuania. Challenges of the first year"
	Prof. dr. Agnė Tvaronavičienė Director of the Public Law Institute at Mykolas Romeris University, CEDR accredited mediator, Chairman of the Lithuanian Mediators Qualification Examination Commission.

Implementation of Mediation Program

News from KGNU

New successes of Karazin Business School under the Erasmus + MEDIATS project.



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This year, Karazin Business School opened its doors to a new group of Masters under the program "Management: Mediation". The curriculum is based on the Netherlands Business Academy Master's program in Mediation. Tutors within the program finished education with the support of professional mediators from the Netherlands, Spain and Latvia. It is modern European program with practical orientation.

All students will have possibility to participate in mobility to Netherlands or Spain in order to receive practical skills in Mediation from our partners.

Our future mediators have already started training in October 2020. However, admission for the Mediation Master program is still ongoing - do not miss the last chance!

News from ISU

The mediation module developed by the team of Ilia State University School of Law was launched on September 28, 2020, within the framework of the European Commission-funded "MEDIATS: Training and Society Transformation" project. The mediation module is integrated into the Master of Private (Business) Law Program. It is noteworthy, that a working group consisting of academic and administrative staff was set up specifically to work on the module, and even under pandemic conditions worked actively to develop the concept and structure of the module so that students could be admitted to the module by the fall of 2020.

The updated Master's Program gives students an opportunity to complete a 60-credit mediation module over a period of 2 years and to acquire the theoretical knowledge and skills necessary for a mediator. For this purpose, along with a master's degree, they will be awarded a special certificate confirming that they have completed the module.

Despite the fact, that the mediation represents an innovation for the Georgian law and the society, students' interest in the mediation module was high this semester. To date, 15 students have expressed an interest to study the module, which represent 30% of the students enrolled in the updated program.

The mediation module includes both theoretical and practical compulsory / elective courses. From the variety of courses offered by the module, students will study the following three lecture courses in the current semester:

- Legal regulation of mediation;
- Mediation practicum;
- Commercial Arbitration.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, studies at Ilia State University in the fall semester of 2020-2021 have been fully resumed in the online format.

News from KROK

Since September the students of Master Degree Program in Mediation of KROK University continued their training. On the photo you see the group members.



Publications of Viktoria Polishchuk, Student of Master Degree Program in Mediation at KROK.

Viktoria Polishchuk, the student of Master Degree Program in Mediation at KROK, PhD student, Head of the Committee of Labor Law, member of Committee in Mediation at Ukrainian National Bar Association, teacher and practising lawyer, participated at the conferences in Ukraine in the following cities: Kharkiv, Uzhhorod, Dnipro, where she delivered speeches, promoted mediation values. She prepared the following articles, that were included to the conference publications: "Theoretical and legal analysis of the legislation of the CIS countries on the issues of maintaining the register of mediators", "Disputable issues of mediator's responsibility at economic disputes", "Historical development and formation of mediation in economic disputes", "The principle of confidentiality in mediation in commercial disputes", "Mediation in commercial disputes in Ukraine and Uzbekistan".



Business School of KROK University established International Mediation Center



On 15 October 2020, by the Decree of Rector of KROK University, the International Mediation Center of KROK University (hereinafter - ICM) was established as a structural unit of KROK Business School.

The aim of International Mediation Center is to develop mediation, promote alternative dispute resolution through mediation, promote skills to lead the dialogue and solve problems in various areas through nonviolent communication, exchange of experience with international partners, mediation research, training and certification services to train professional mediators of different specializations.

The main objectives of the ICM are:

- Development of Master Degree Program "Mediation and Conflict Management" for the training of qualified mediators and short-term programs for advanced training of mediators;
- Development of international partnership, establishing partnerships in the areas of mediation research, exchange of experience, creation of training programs and other products, certification;
- Carrying out of scientific researches, processing and presentation of their results, their introduction in educational and practical activity;
- Establishment of a Mediation Laboratory for the provision of advisory and other services in the field of conflict resolution through mediation, dialogue and the use of other methods of alternative conflict and dispute resolution;
- Popularization of mediation in Ukraine, formation of culture of mediation application in society.

It is noteworthy to mention, that the **Mediation Federation of Ukraine** is on the final stage of registration. Soon the news on its creation will be published.

Events of CHNU Project Team of MEDIATS Project (June-September, 2020)

1. **June 22, 2020.** - Working group of the Project “Mediation: Training and Society Transformation/MEDIATS” of the EU Program ERASMUS + KA2: CBHE from the Yuriy Fedkovych Chernivtsi National University in accordance to the implementation Work plan, participated in a conference of the International Association for Humanistic Mediation. The conference was conducted by Mrs. Jacqueline Morineau, French mediator, author of books in mediation. This meeting was devoted to humanistic mediation and the development of mediation in different countries. At this meeting were more than 90 participants from seven countries: Ukraine, France, Belgium, Australia, Italy, Brazil, Mexico. At this conference was presented information about NGOs in mediation in Ukraine, especially Bukovinian Center of Mediation (BCM). Also working group give some information about MEDIATS Project and Master Degree Program in Mediation at the Faculty of Law of the Yuriy Fedkovych Chernivtsi National University.

Link: <https://mediats-chnu.com/mediats-continuation-of-the-story/>

2. **June 27, 2020.** – *Pavlo Bartusiak*, member of the Project team “Mediation: Training and Society Transformation/MEDIATS” from CHNU prepared blog post on the topic “Court-annexed mediation: the experience of the Netherlands”. The Dutch model of court-annexed mediation is particularly interesting for Ukraine. This interest is caused by the fact, that the Ukrainian legislator is still looking for the optimal configuration for the legislative regulation of mediation, so that the latter meets the needs of society and, in particular, the professional community of practicing mediators. That is why any time-tested mediation practices of foreign countries are a valuable contribution to the development of the Ukrainian model of mediation.

Nowadays, Ukrainian society remains quite conservative in the use of means for alternative dispute resolution and traditionally prefers to resolve the vast majority of conflicts through the application to the courts. Instead, Ukrainian example of court-annexed mediation will help participants in litigation to become better acquainted with the very idea of mediation and its competitive advantages, and will allow them to consciously choose between “win-lose” (judicial procedure) and “win-win” (mediation) strategies. Finally, the practical results of implementation of the court-annexed mediation should change the negative attitude of most Ukrainian judges, lawyers and other legal practitioners to the concept of mediation, as it once happened in the Netherlands.

Blog post disclose such questions: What is court-annexed mediation? What are the activities of the mediation officers in courts? What are the activities of the mediation coordinators in courts? How do cases end up in court-annexed mediation? What happens with the court proceedings after the referral of the case

to court-annexed mediation? What are the stages of preparation, conducting and completion of court-annexed mediation?

Link: <https://mediats-chnu.com/court-annexed-mediation-the-experience-of-the-netherlands/>
<https://law.chnu.edu.ua/prysudova-mediatsiia-dosvid-niderlandiv/>

3. **July, 2020.** - The MEDIATS project has significantly added to the positive image of the university, especially the Faculty of law. In the structure of the Department of Public Law, an educational and scientific laboratory for mediation, negotiation and arbitration has been formed and is dynamically developing. By the joint efforts of the university, the Faculty of law and the department, this laboratory was transformed into one of the best institutes of this type.

Evidence of the latter is at least that, with the active assistance of this laboratory, two more international grant projects were won at the faculty: “Legal clinics – agents for popularizing mediation as a way to resolve a dispute”, which was carried out in 2019 under the project “Development of regional leadership and strengthening the model Coordination of the Association of Legal Clinics of Ukraine” and was funded by the International Renaissance Foundation and “Legal Clinics – Providers of Free Legal Aid to Consumers of Financial Services” (2020-2021), implemented as part of the USAID grant project “Transformation of the financial sector” and provides the involvement of mediators in resolving of real financial cases.

And now the next harvest, the real honey collection of the MEDIATS project team of the University: through the grant project “Mediation: Training and Society Transformation”, *for the quality implementation of the same project for the educational laboratory of mediation, negotiation and arbitration, it was acquired as international technical assistance of the EU Program ERASMUS + KA2: CBHE:*

One multi-function device A3 laser.

Two Laptops 15.6 “(CPU 4 cores, 4 GB RAM).

PC (CPU 4 cores, 8 GB RAM, HDD 500 GB, a monitor).

Projector (3600 lm).

Link: <https://mediats-chnu.com/the-first-honey-of-mediation/>

4. **July, 2020.** –The Certification Program “Professional Mediator” was finished. It was implemented within the framework of the task package №6 of the Erasmus + KA2 project No. 599010-EPP-1-2018-1-NL-EPPKA2-CBHE-JP “Mediation: training and society transformation/MEDIATS”. This program was a joint project of the Mediation, Negotiation and Arbitration Laboratory of the Department of Public Law and the Faculty of Law. Graduates of the Certificate Program received certificates. In connection with the pandemic, the Certificate Program was issued online, and certificates were sent by post.

Link: <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=285049429498494>

5. *Ruslana Havrylyuk*, manager of the grant Project “Mediation: Training and Society Transformation/MEDIATS” from CHNU and *Petro Patsurkivskyy*, professor, Dean of the Faculty of Law of CHNU, member of the Project team from CHNU published an article in the legal journal “Law of Ukraine”. The aim of the article is to substantiate mediation as a value as one of the innate inalienable human rights. The subject, purpose, and objectives of the study identified the basic methodological tools of the article: practical philosophy and material phenomenology, which are effective tools for the cognition of such “invisible”, according to M. Henri, “as a sphere of intersubjectivity”, and the necessary approach that allowed analysis existential sources of mediation through the transcendental needs of individuals in goods. With their help: the quintessence of the positivist conception of the legal nature of mediation as an institution of judicial mediation is revealed; the basics of the human-centric concept of the legal nature of mediation are studied; the key provisions of the evaluation and the conclusions of the research are substantiated.

Mediation in accordance with the anthroposociocultural approach to legal knowledge has a dual legal nature. It is conditioned by man's attributive existential properties and the existential structure of the human world. This a priori attributes mediation as a value to innate and inalienable human rights. As a product of the fundamental (necessary) way of coexistence of individuals in society and at the same time a system of their interrelated legal obligations, through which a reconciled social environment is formed, mediation is also a public good, so it should be guaranteed by every state. Thus, mediation is the mutual legal self-protection of individuals. The most effective legal model of cooperation between the state and civil society in the implementation of mediation in everyday practice in the member states of the European Union has proven to be a public-private partnership of institutional type. In the positivist tradition of jurisprudence, mediation is seen as one of the aids in improving public justice.

Link: https://pravoua.com.ua/ua/store/pravoukr/pravo_2020_7/pravo_2020_7-s15/

6. *Petro Patsurkivskyy*, professor, Dean of the Faculty of Law of CHNU, member of the Project team from CHNU prepared post on the topic “**Master’s (Educational and Professional) Program “Mediation” at CHNU as a flexible innovative adaptive system**”.

Among the master’s educational programs of the university there are many, the development of which was not stopped by the challenges of 2020. One of the brightest among them is the university’s master’s educational program in mediation. It is implemented by the university within the framework of the **Grant Agreement “Mediation: Training and Society Transformation (MEDIATS)” of the EU ERASMUS +: KA2: CBHE Program**, and the direct executor of this program is the project group of the Department of Public Law of the Faculty of Law, led by its head, Doctor of Law, Assoc. Prof. Ruslana Havrylyuk.

So, the recruitment for the master’s program on the EPP “Mediation” in 2020, both quantitatively and qualitatively, surpassed the successful recruitment of 2019, as well as cautious expectations given the red-colored Chernivtsi region of the creators of this program through COVID-19. It should be noted the fact that this recruitment at the same time disappointingly frustrated all opponents and ill-wishers of the EPP “Mediation” both within the walls of the university and outside it. If we add to this the still predominantly

negative attitude in Ukraine towards mediation as a method of innovative conflict resolution in the interests of both (or more) conflicting parties, then this is an undoubted success.

What did make this success possible?

Its components are many, ranging from the high academic reputation of the CHNU.

However, I reasonably consider it necessary to highlight the main reason for this success. It lies in the fact that the *master's EPP "Mediation" at CHNU is a flexible innovative adaptive system*. In other words, it includes a systematic analysis of the conditions for its successful implementation and constant monitoring and urgent solution of problems of its development.

For example, the "bottleneck" of this educational program in 2019 was the small number of budget places – only 4 for those studying for it. This violated the legal requirements of the Grant Agreement "Mediation: Training and Society Transformation (MEDIATS)". Having thoroughly studied the reasons for this, the project group of the EPP "Mediation" found, within the legal framework of Ukraine, a way to solve the above problem. As a result, 14 budget-funded places were allocated for education at the EPP "Mediation" in 2020.

For applicants in 2019, the master's degree in mediation included 43 ECTS credits. This did not fully comply with European standards. Due to the deep analytical and large organizational work of the university's project group on mediation, the master's sectoral standard was improved, thanks to which the amount of special training in mediation increased to 65 ECTS credits, and the amount of practical training of master mediators – to 30 ECTS credits. In general, the master's program in mediation has been updated in 2020, compared to 2019, by more than half. The worldview component of the training of master mediators was significantly strengthened. As a result of the measures taken, the EPP "Mediation" began to fully comply with high European standards, and soon the applicants of the Yuriy Fedkovych Chernivtsi National University were also appreciated, choosing this program to obtain a master's degree.

Link: <https://mediats-chnu.com/master-program-mediation-as-a-flexible-innovative-adaptive-system/>

<https://law.chnu.edu.ua/mp-mediatsiia-yak-hnuchka-innovatsiina-adaptyvna-systema/>

7. Ruslana Havrylyuk, manager of the grant Project "Mediation: Training and Society Transformation/MEDIATS" from CHNU prepared post on the topic **"Implementation of the master's standard for specialty 081 Law"**.

From September 1, 2020, the master's standard of higher education of Ukraine, specialty 081 Law, came into force. Its special competence №8 provides for the acquisition of the ability to use mediation and other legal instruments of alternative out-of-court consideration and resolution of legal disputes by persons studying in the master's educational program in the specialty of Law.

Somewhat earlier, I already noted that the need to include such special competence of students in master's educational programs was justified and lobbied by the project group of the Yuriy Fedkovych

Chernivtsi National University, participating from the university in the implementation of the Grant Project “Mediation: Training and Society Transformation” of the EU ERASMUS + Program: KA 2: CBHE.

After the official entry into force of the master’s sectoral standard in the specialty 081 Law, it became necessary to ensure the acquisition of the above competence not only by persons studying in the educational program “Mediation” within the specialty of Law, but also by all other persons studying in the magistracy in the specialty Law.

In this regard, for the first time in Ukraine, the Department of Public Law of the Faculty of Law of the CHNU has developed a working program for the normative academic discipline “Alternative Dispute Resolution Tools”. This discipline is taught in both educational master’s programs of specialty 081 Law (EP “Law” and EP “Mediation”), as well as at the master’s program EP “International Law”, specialty 293 “International Law”.

The amount of the entire curriculum is 5 credits, of which 45 hours are classroom lessons (15 hours of lectures and 30 hours of practical training) and 105 hours of students’ independent work.

The curriculum provides for the mastering by students of two semantic modules. The first module “Genesis and basic properties of tools for alternative dispute resolution” includes the following content of the block: 1) ADR tools in the system of protection of human rights, freedoms and interests; 2) the emergence and development of ADR tools; 3) types and features of ADR tools; 4) legal regulation of ADR instruments; 5) the legal nature of the conflict

The second module “Basic tools for alternative dispute resolution” includes the following content of the block: 1) mediation in the ADR system; 2) restorative justice in the ADR system; 3) negotiations as a tool for ADR; 4) arbitration as an institution of ADR; 5) international commercial arbitration as an ADR instrument; 6) combined ADR tools.

Now the initial piloting for the masters of the Chernivtsi Law School has begun on the discipline “Alternative Dispute Resolution Tools”.

Link: <https://mediats-chnu.com/implementation-of-the-masters-standard-for-specialty-081-law/>
<https://law.chnu.edu.ua/vprovadzhuiemo-mahisterskyi-standart-zi-spetsialnosti-081-pravo/>

8. September 14, 2020. - Students began their studies at the Master’s Program “Mediation” within the Grant Project “Mediation: Training and Society Transformation” of the EU ERASMUS + Program: KA 2: CBHE. Due to the coronavirus pandemic “COVID-19”, the first two weeks of studying took place online. However, starting on September 28, students continued their studies in a mixed form: lectures are held online, and practical classes are held in the classrooms of the university. This semester, students study the following disciplines during the training cycle: "Legal nature of mediation", "Restorative justice", "Psychological and ethical principles of mediation", "Mediation in family disputes".

9. September 29, 2020. – *Pavlo Bartusiak*, member of the Project team “Mediation: Training and Society Transformation/MEDIATS” from CHNU prepared blog post on the topic “Access to the mediator's

profession in the Netherlands”. The post describes access to the profession of mediator in the Netherlands. In the absence of a single regulation in the Netherlands, access to the mediation profession is regulated decentral through the relevant organizations. Currently, the main such organization is the Mediation Federation of the Netherlands, which maintains a register of certified mediators.

The quality standards of mediation services set by the Netherlands Mediation Federation and the principles of control over the provision of these services are the reason that registered mediators are in high demand in the market for alternative dispute resolution.

The Register of Mediators of the Netherlands Mediation Federation is recognized and used by the Dutch Judicial Council and the Netherlands Legal Aid Commission. In addition, only mediators registered with the Mediation Federation of the Netherlands can work in the court referral system.

The following steps for accessing the mediation profession are described: studying a basic course in mediation at an educational institution recognized by the Dutch Mediation Federation, an examination in mediation theory assessing mediator skills at the independent Examen bureau Intop, and obtaining a Certificate of Appropriate Behavior.

Link: <https://law.chnu.edu.ua/dostup-do-profesii-mediatora-v-niderlandakh/>





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