



Testimony on the Erasmus International Credit Mobility project between the Peter the Great Saint-Petersburg Polytechnic University (Russia) and the Polytechnic Institute of Bragança (Portugal)

For a number of decades Peter the Great St. Petersburg Polytechnic University (SPbPU) has been enjoying successful international cooperation in the field of education and research with a range of foreign higher educational and research institutions, including programs in the framework of the Erasmus Mobility Plus project.

SPbPU key priorities are internationalization and increasing effectiveness of education and research at the university by means of advanced world experience implementation and taking into account national traditions of fundamental university education. At the moment one of the main strategic priorities for the SPbPU is the implementation of double degree programs both at the Master and Bachelor levels. Such program, a double degree program in Master level, is now being implemented with the Polytechnic Institute of Bragança.

During the ICM week the opportunities for future cooperation with IPB were discussed. In the framework of Erasmus Mobility Plus Program we have only one DD Master program but SPbPU would like to continue such a successful collaboration with Polytechnic Institute of Bragança. Such cooperation is beneficial for our university for the following reasons.

Firstly, two of our students were able to stay in Bragança and do collaborative research with professors from IPB which resulted in producing two good quality MS theses. An article written together by one of our students and her co-supervisors was accepted by the Portuguese conference Regional Helix2017 and will be presented there by the student.

Secondly, during the visit of our staff (3 people) in May 14-20th, it was possible to discuss the process of co-supervising theses and peculiarity of oral defenses in detail; this will help all of us to avoid misunderstandings in the future. Further, during the visit two of our professors had face to face meetings with IPB professors and had a lot of chances to discuss further scientific collaboration. The MS topics for future students were discussed; opportunities to co supervise PhDs were mentioned.

During the ICM week there were many opportunities to meet colleagues from other countries – this provides many opportunities for further internationalization. It was also very important for us (and we were very happy about it) to see Bragança and the region, get to know its history and nature, enjoy the landscapes. Our knowledge and great emotions will encourage our students to apply for their MS DD in Bragança in the future.

Our cooperation with IPB is still at the initial stage, but we hope that in the nearest future we will be able to expand joint cooperation in scientific and educational terms.

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