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Better student mobility:

HRK signs agreement on collaboration in higher education with Ukraine

A new agreement intended to improve student mobility between universities in Germany and Ukraine has been concluded by the German Rectors' Conference (HRK) and the Union of Rectors of Higher Educational Institutions of Ukraine.

"The agreement has been signed at a time when the higher education system in Ukraine is experiencing serious upheaval," said HRK Vice-President Prof. Dr. Eleonore Weber who led the German delegation. "We hope that it will contribute to positive developments in our partner institutions there." The HRK and its Ukrainian counterpart have settled on regulations which will recognise students' performance and qualifications. This accord updates a 1998 agreement to take account of changes to the degree structure in Germany that have been made since then.

The agreement was signed in Warsaw at a meeting of the Rectors' Conferences of Ukraine, Poland and Germany. The delegates discussed current developments in research and higher education policy in all three countries, but made particular reference to Ukraine where a new Higher Education Law passed in September that sets the country on course for integration in the European Higher Education Area and thus in Western European science structures.

To support partner institutions in Ukraine in the difficult political and economic situation which currently prevails there, the Rectors' Conferences agreed to adapt their collaboration to the current requirements, by extending bilateral cooperation between universities and building up trilateral networks. Universities in the three countries lost no time and concluded the first agreement in Warsaw. The Ukrainian Rectors' Conference also indicated a requirement for help to build up an effective quality assurance system at Ukrainian universities.

The event was supported by the ministries of science in Germany and Poland. The German and the Ukrainian ambassadors were present at the signing ceremony.

Further Information:

Agreement for Cooperation in Higher Education