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<b>Description of the organisation</b>
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Lithuanian University of Educational Sciences is a major teacher training institution in Lithuania. With the start of its activity in 1935, its primary goal has been to educate a highly qualified professional in the chosen field of science and a professional teacher who is able to successfully operate in the fast-changing society, knowledgeable about the abilities and skills obtained and professionally active in the national educational institutions of different types as well as in different contexts of international co-operation. University offers undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate studies in humanities, social sciences, physical science, biomedicine and technologies. There are over 6000 students at the University presently. The University staff comprises 500 members of academic staff: Professors (Doctors and Habilitated Doctors), Associate Professors (Doctors), Lecturers and Assistant Lecturers.

University has 7 faculties and 1 institute:

- Faculty of Sciences and Technology
- Faculty of History
- Faculty of Lithuanian Philology
- Faculty of Education Sciences
- Faculty of Philology
- Faculty of Sports and Health Education
- Faculty of Social Education
- Professional Competence Development Institute

Other departments of the University:

- Directorate for Development and Relations :International Relations Office; Public Relations Office; Culture Centre, Strategic Planning Office
- Directorate for Research and Innovation :Research Office; Project and Innovation Office; Publishing House
- Directorate of Academic Affairs
- Directorate of Human Resources
- Directorate for Accounting
- Directorate for Economy
- IT Office
- Legal Affairs and Public Purchase Centre

Lithuanian University of Educational Sciences is a public institution of higher education of the Republic of Lithuania. The University is a public legal entity, operating as a public institution. The University engages in all levels of study programs taking into account the needs of the state and the labour market, and the needs of a person's continuous improvement goals to acquire the necessary qualification, according to universally recognized standards. The University, in implementing its activity goals, performs the following functions:

- provides conditions to attain a university education based on scientific research;
- encourages the advancement of science and technologies;
- organizes studies;
- provides conditions for a person to raise the level of his current qualification and to develop competences
- develops basic and applicatory scientific research, necessary for the unity of studies and science;
- based on scientific research, creates new study programs, joint study programs with foreign universities and university international networks;
- provides University-activity area appropriate services to state institutions and other subjects, according to the order outlined in legal acts;
- engages in scientific research based on practical expertise, meeting the needs of people, society and the state;
- in cooperation with society and economic partners, prepares and implements research and other projects, with which is cultivated a comprehensively educated, ethically responsible, creative personality, encouraging a person's, society's and the country's and its regions development;
- under the guidance of strong leadership principles, seeks European and global university partnerships, takes part in international university networks;
- propagates humanistic ideas, scientific knowledge, fosters the identity of the nation and the Lithuanian state, democratic processes within society and the life of the state; encourages the implementation of globally, widely-recognized advanced science, studies and management standards.

Major research area in the Lithuanian University of Educational Sciences is education research.

### **Experience of the organization in previous European projects**

Lithuanian university of educational sciences has participated with the financial support of the Community programs- Leonardo da Vinci, Grundtvig, Erasmus Academic Networks in the following projects: „Quality Improvement of Subject-teacher Training by Updating First Study Cycle Programs in Vilnius Pedagogical University“, „Quality Improvement of Teacher Training by Updating First Study Cycle Programs in Vilnius Pedagogical University; „Qualification improvement and skill training of administrative staff of Vilnius Pedagogical university“; „Strategic Development and Structure Optimization of Vilnius Pedagogical University“; „The development and realization of the models based on shaping high school students' attitude towards career and observation of career; career masters' qualification improvement and the creation of means intended for them“; „Development of Social and Youth Workers Cultural Competences, Applied Emotional Literacy and Social Inclusion“, „Enhancing Knowledge: Workers Adult Learning Solutions (EKWALS)“; „MELIOR (Quality measuring tool in training)“; „Science Teacher Education Advanced Methods“; „Science for Consumers, „Development of School Management in the Baltic Region“; „Experience Sharing of a Norwegian Education Institution in Consumer Public Spirit Area“; „Skill Training of Social Area Professionals“; “Learning at the Hearth”.

### **Experience and Expertise of the organization in the project's subject area**

University teachers - experts have experience in doing research work related to early school leaving prevention, in vocational guidance, in designing training programs for school counsellors and teachers. University teachers have been involved in many international projects focusing on school management and teacher training. In the framework of the European projects implemented by the University and foreign partners special programs were designed for vocational guidance specialists.

### **Contributions that can be provided to the project**

Designing special programs, modules for vocational guidance specialists and teachers working with early school leavers, designing and implementing personalized guidance services to motivate students at risk of early school leaving to complete their studies, creating tools for counsellors and teachers for identification of students potentials. University will contribute with its teachers' expertise in creating intellectual tools and testing them; will involve secondary and vocational schools into the activities of the project; will exchange experience and expertise in dealing with students at risk of early school leaving, in bringing business world closer to school; will disseminate the project activities and will assure its sustainability in Lithuania.

### **Reasons of involvement in the project**

University is training in-service teachers of secondary and vocational schools and gets feedback from them about lack of methodological and practical support for the teachers and counsellors working with early school leavers, for vocational guidance specialists. Schools need closer cooperation with business world in order to motivate learners to continue their studies and to choose the career. This project provides good opportunities for designing special intellectual tools for teachers and counsellors. The Lithuanian university of educational sciences is willing to contribute with its expertise and to be a part of the team creating intellectual tools. The tools created within the framework of the project will help to determine early school leavers and drop - outs individual competences and their abilities, will help teachers and consultants to take appropriate prevention

measures, to use new methodologies, to gain experience from foreign partners, will enhance their competences in consulting and guiding students to choose a profession. The percentage of early school leavers will decrease, cooperation between schools and business companies will become more efficient, vocational guidance system will gain stability and purposeful course.

### **Contact Person's Experience and Expertise**

**Irena Navickienė**, head of Language teaching centre at Professional competence development institute of the University; coordinator of international and national projects, Lecturer - consultant of educational and book publishing company PEARSON (United Kingdom) for the Baltics; vicepresident of Language teachers' association of Lithuania.

Irena Navickienė has been involved as a project planner and coordinator in several international projects funded by the European Commission focusing on teacher training, intercultural competence building, early school leaving prevention. Her experience in designing teacher training programs, HR and project management exceeds 25 years. She has developed partnerships with many educational institutions in foreign countries and Embassies residing in Lithuania. She is an external evaluator of the projects funded by the Lithuanian Education Exchanges Support Foundation.