



## THE RESOLUTION OF INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM “ON THE WAY TO A HEALTHY SOCIETY: A HUMANISTIC DIMENSION”

The participants of the International Symposium have come together to consider the ways to address the needs of the disabled person and her/his inclusion in modern society according to the theme «Inclusion of people with disabilities» / «Inklusion von Menschen mit Behinderung». This is the working theme according to which the cooperation of Lviv Polytechnic National University (Ukraine) started with the Julius Maximilian University of Würzburg (Germany), with other Ukrainian institutions also involved since then. The collaboration between the German and Ukrainian partners is carried out within the framework of «The Eastern Partnership» general initiative of the Federal Foreign Office of Germany, **the sponsor**.

In 2015, under the German-Ukrainian initiative, International “Integration” Centre for Professional Partnerships (hereinafter – “Integration” Centre) was established at Lviv Polytechnic National University. In 2017, largely due to the German-Ukrainian cooperation, “No Limits” Services of Accessibility to Learning Opportunities (hereinafter – “No Limits” Accessibility Services) were incorporated into the structure of the “Integration” Centre. The close contacts between the “Integration” Centre and KIS (Contact and Information Service Center for students with disabilities and chronic illnesses, Würzburg University) are established and maintained.

The “Integration” Centre coordinates the development of “No Limits” partnership network in Ukraine. The Ukrainian immediate partners in the area of inclusion of people with disabilities are:

- Bohdan Khmelnytsky National University of Cherkasy;
- Cherkasy Regional Institute of postgraduate education of pedagogical employees;
- Interregional Academy of Personnel Management (IAPM), Kyiv;
- Lviv Special Boarding School #100 for the blind and visually impaired;
- “Invasport”, Lviv Regional Centre;
- Dzherelo Children’s Rehabilitation Centre, Lviv; and
- Caritas of Sambir-Drohobych Diocese, Lviv region.

The partners of Lviv Polytechnic from outside Ukraine in the area of inclusion of people with disabilities, including the Julius Maximilian University of Würzburg (Germany), are:

- ❑ The University of Manitoba, Canadian Centre on Disability Studies (CCDS), & Thompson Rivers University (*Canada*);
- ❑ European Federation of Adapted Physical Activity (EUFAPA);
- ❑ University of Coimbra (*Portugal*);
- ❑ Latvian Academy of Sport Education (*Latvia*); and
- ❑ The State Agency for the Prevention of Alcohol-Related Problems, Warsaw (PARPA), University College of Enterprise and Administration, Lublin (*Poland*).

The International Symposium has provided the venue for all the partners to come together and discuss the issues of common interest according to the theme “Inclusion of people with disabilities”. The discussions as held have exhibited the joint, interdisciplinary effort of representatives of the following fields of knowledge and practice:

- ❑ Inclusion via Education and Sports
- ❑ Adapted Physical Activity (APA)
- ❑ Adaptive IT technologies
- ❑ Intersectionality & Inclusion
- ❑ Social Work
- ❑ Public Health. Health care & Health promotion
- ❑ Mental Health Care
- ❑ Prevention of Alcohol-Related Problems



The participants have reached **the agreement** to proceed with further development of “No Limits” partnership network at local, regional, national, and international levels as a resource of *search, application, and further dissemination* of innovative strategies, technologies and expertise to meet the needs of persons with disabilities and chronic illnesses, in the system of higher education of Ukraine in particular.

To address the needs of persons with disabilities and health promotion in Ukraine the following joint **recommendations** are developed:

- ❑ To consider “No Limits” partnership network as a huge resource and support of the development of inclusive culture and inclusive society in Ukraine. Further steps to involve more Ukrainian partners, including other Ukrainian universities are to be taken;

- ❑ To promote the implementation of inclusive education policy, in higher education in particular, “No Limits” Accessibility Services at Lviv Polytechnic take on a strategic task to become a pattern for other universities in Ukraine to follow, from the point of view of applying innovative inclusive technologies in higher education in particular;

- ❑ To support further practical application of APA technologies in Ukraine;

- ❑ To promote active application of research, evidence-based practice in particular, in all pertinent areas;

- ❑ To introduce new competence-based specializations in Social Work, involving APA and Mental Health Care specifically, relying specifically on European Standards in Adapted Physical Activity (EUSAPA). Some options of new competence-based specializations are:

- ❑ Socio-medical support,

- ❑ Therapy studies: Physical therapy. Behavioral therapy.  
Addiction therapy, etc.,

- ❑ Social rehabilitation, &

- ❑ Mental health care;

- ❑ To consolidate joint efforts within “No Limits” partnership network in promoting the development and application of mobile technologies for spatial orientation and other adaptive IT-devices.

To achieve the above, particular attention is to be drawn to active cooperation of professionals of a multidisciplinary team, *at the local level in particular*. Given this, further development of local “No Limits” partnerships acquires key importance.

The **RESOLUTION** of INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM “ON THE WAY TO A HEALTHY SOCIETY: A HUMANISTIC DIMENSION” is recommended to be brought to the attention of mass media as well as all stakeholders, and is placed on the site of the International “Integration” Centre for Professional Partnerships at:

<http://www.lp.edu.ua/en/integration>