


Partner Presentation Form

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Fields of action :

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Description of the organisation

Palacký University Olomouc is the second oldest university in the Czech Republic, comprises seven faculties, 22000+ students, major research and teaching university in the region. Faculty of Health Sciences is the youngest faculty, founded in 2008. Currently with some 800 students in 15 non-medical healthcare programmes such as Nursing, Midwifery, Physiotherapy, etc. The faculty offers under-, graduate, and post-graduate programmes distributed among eight specialized departments.

Experience of the organization in previous European projects

The staff has been involved in several EU funded research projects, yet the two recent Erasmus+ projects are HELP (2014-1-ESO1-KA203-004735, help-theproject.eu, as a project partner) and HELP2 (2018-1-CZ01-KA203-048150, help2project.eu, as the project coordinator). Both projects focused on English and German for healthcare.

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

We have experience in teaching nutrition and obesitology to both under- and graduate students. Hana Stritecka is a fully qualified nutritionist and expert in the field. Sarka Vevodova's research deals with communication, psychology and counselling. Lukas Merz has been long involved in the production of education materials for e-learning and blended learning.

Contributions that can be provided to the project

We believe we have a good access to the project target groups: lecturers/trainers in HE in nutrition/dietetics, diabetology, pediatrics, communication, physiotherapy, physical education and weight management. These include the staff and their contacts across study programmes at the university. We have a solid cooperation with the Faculty Medicine, Faculty of Physical Culture and University Hospital Olomouc. We have extensive experience creating online content for online and blended learning: both previous Erasmus+ projects outputs were based in LMS Moodle, Lukas Merz is the faculty Moodle coordinator and provides methodological support in creating the content. We have experts in physiotherapy and nutrition, as well as communication and psychology.

Reasons of involvement in the project

We are interested in the project focus, find it topical, useful, and important. We also think we can be of help to the project team: we have the skills, resources, and contacts that are necessary. We have already cooperated with partners from Romania and Lithuania and we believe we can create a good team to bring the project to a successful achievement.

Contact Person's Experience and Expertise

Ing. Hana Střítecká, Ph.D., is a certified nutritional therapist, graduated from the University of Chemical Technology in Pardubice. She has been active in the field of physiology, process food hygiene and human nutrition. Works as a nutrition therapist in Hradec Králové with focus on obesity and food quality. She works as an Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Military Health at the University of Defence. She is the director and expert guarantor of the civic association FÉR potravina, z.s. and coordinator of clinical trials at the Center for Nutritional Disorders. She worked in accredited courses of the Nutrition Advisor Dexter Academy, Nutris and Welko and in courses in the field of childhood obesitology organized by the Czech Medical Chamber. She has published in IF journals on several public web portals focused on nutrition. She has been active in various media and publicity projects, collaborated with respected popular magazines and journals. She completed several certified courses on obesity, etiopathogenesis, prevention and influencing, work in nutrition counselling and courses of the Ministry of Education, and Postgraduate training in obesity (Institute of Endocrinology, Prague). She is a member of numerous professional societies and a reviewer and member of editorial boards.

Mgr. Šárka Vévodová, Ph.D. studied psychology at the Faculty of Arts, Palacký University in Olomouc, she obtained a Ph.D. in clinical psychology. He works as an assistant professor at FZV UP in Olomouc where she teaches clinical and social psychology, communication, ethics and psychotherapy. Her research focuses mainly on the topics of burnout syndrome in healthcare and the quality of life of patients. She is also systematically educated in psychosomatics. She has been working at UPOL for many years as the head of Department of Humanities and Social Sciences and runs a psychological counselling centre for students. She has been involved in several research grants and international projects.

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Mgr. Lukáš Merz, Ph.D. - studied English and German philology. Works as a senior lecturer at the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences at the Faculty of Health Sciences. He has extensive work experience with ESL and ESP for healthcare and medicine, translation and localisation. He has been involved in translation and validation of standardized questionnaires. He is in charge of the language training across the healthcare specialties at the faculty. He is the coordinator an Erasmus+ HELP2 project (2018-1-CZ01-KA203-048150). In the project, he works as a researcher and content developer. He works closely with the faculty's Foreign department and has established a wide network of partners with universities and organisations in Europe (through Erasmus and ENNE). He is member of the EALTHY. He holds a Ph.D. from Palacký University in Olomouc.