

Neisse University Announces its 10th Anniversary

The academic year 2010/2011 marks the 10th anniversary of the inception of the Neisse University Project, a three-year English language bachelor's program in Information and Communication Management representing a trilateral cooperation between Euro-region Neisse institutions of higher learning including the Technical University of Liberec in the Czech Republic, the University of Applied Sciences Zittau/Görlitz in Germany, and the Wrocław University of Technology based at its branch in Jelenia Gora, Poland. On the occasion of this notable event, a brief review of the program's history to date outlining its accomplishments and developments merits consideration.

The formulation of "the Virtual Neisse University Project" was conceptualized on 17.11.1997 and then on 19.6.1999, the Bologna Declaration for Establishing a European Higher Education Area was approved. Since its inauguration in 2001, the international higher education network of Neisse University has proved its long-term stability by effectively securing a program of study for students who attend each of the three universities for one year. The graduates not only acquire professional qualifications, but also proficiency in English, Polish, German and Czech. During their studies, they gain international contacts and friendships, deep insight into three significantly different academic systems and enhanced intercultural competence all of which will serve them invaluable throughout their careers. Over 150 alumni verify the quality of this unique university program that has been ahead of its time providing a highly complex form of mobility, while other universities have endeavored with varying degrees of success to develop one of the most consequential components of students' higher education – study abroad.

The international network of Neisse University is an exceptional project that required years of preparation including the formidable challenge of transcending legal and administrative obstacles across cultures. Nevertheless, the role it plays as a consortium of three universities from three distinct countries joining forces to realize the common goal of a study program that has thrived a decade of considerable achievement is a beneficial contribution to higher education in the European area. Therefore, striving to advance its continued growth with ever-increasing innovation is a prospect all those responsible for the project certainly share.

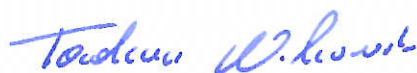
This occasion, above all, yields the opportunity to thank all the valuable contributors to the Neisse University project without whom all its benefits and rewards would never be possible. Cooperation from all Neisse University supporters for the betterment of education in the European area will always be welcomed with open arms.



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