



# Higher Education in Turbulent Times: Towards European Networking and Integration

International conference

16<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Vytautas Magnus University, The Lithuanian President Office and The Embassy of Ukraine in Lithuania cordially invites you to participate in the international conference “Education in Turbulent Times: towards European networking and integration”. The conference will be organized on 16 November 2023 in a hybrid way and devoted to the field of Education:

- New opportunities for higher education institutions in co-creating the European Education and Research Area
- New Higher Education Curriculum
- Innovative and Inclusive Pedagogies

The overall aim of the conference is to share and discuss opportunities for higher education institutions from Ukraine and the EU member states how European networks and programmes could support a smoother integration of Ukrainian higher education institutions into the European Education and Research Area.

**Target groups:** Higher education institutions from Ukraine, Lithuania and EU member states, policy makers, representatives of Diplomatic missions, Institutes of Culture and Youth organisations

**Venue:** The conference would take place in a hybrid mode. The onsite sessions will take place at VMU Education Academy, Ševčenkos str. 31.

Online link will be provided for participants upon registration.

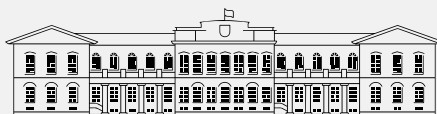
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## The Programme

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<b>10:00–10:15</b>	<b>Opening</b> Juozas Augutis, Rector of Vytautas Magnus University Video greeting of The First Lady of Lithuania Mrs. Diana Nausėdienė Petro Bešta, The Ambassador of Ukraine to Lithuania Marius Vaščega, European Commission Representative in Lithuania
<b>10:15–12:00</b>	<b>New Opportunities for Higher Education Institutions in Co-Creating the European Education and Research Area</b>
<b>10:15–10:30</b>	Gintautas Jakštas, Minister of Education, Science and Sports (Lithuania)
<b>10:30–10:45</b>	Representative of The Ministry of Education and Science (Ukraine)
<b>10:45–11:15</b>	<i>European Universities initiative and its implications on the development of higher education in Europe.</i> Mr. Svein Hullstein, Policy Officer, European Commission, Directorate-General for Education and Culture
<b>11:15–12:00</b>	Panel discussion Moderator: prof. Ineta Dabašinskienė, Vytautas Magnus University <i>Ukrainian universities voice:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Eurointegration perspectives for Ukrainian HE institutions</li><li>– Changes in the Research and Development system in Ukraine</li><li>– Higher education in the oppression times</li><li>– Ukrainian universities in European Universities Alliances</li></ul>
<b>12:00–12:30</b>	Coffee break
<b>12:30–13:30</b>	<b>Digital Transformation for the New Higher Education Curriculum</b>
<b>12:30–12:50</b>	<i>European Digital Education Plan and its potential for Higher Education.</i> Francesca Maltauro, Deputy-Head of Unit – Digital Education, DG EAC – Education, Youth, Sport and Culture, European Commission
<b>12:50–13:10</b>	<i>European digital (micro-)credentials and their role in knowledge, skill and qualification recognition.</i> Ildiko Mazar, Solutions Specific Knowledge Leader
<b>13:10–13:30</b>	<i>Could AI help our educational progress?</i> Lidija Kralj, Educational Analyst and Adviser, Expert on AI and data in education in European Commission, UNESCO and Council of Europe workgroups, EduConLK.
<b>13:30–14:00</b>	Coffee break
<b>14:00–15:20</b>	<b>Innovative and Inclusive Pedagogies</b>
<b>14:00–14:20</b>	<i>Rethinking the higher education curricula for the younger generations.</i> Renato Operti, UNESCO IBE expert (Switzerland)
<b>14:20–14:40</b>	<i>Mental health and psychological challenges in higher education.</i> Rytis Pakrošnis (Lithuania, VMU), Paulius Vaitiekus (Lithuanian National Union of Students)
<b>14:40–15:00</b>	<i>Pedagogical perspectives in higher education - how to anticipate the diverse needs of the future.</i> Visiting professor Suvi Lakala, University of Lapland (Finland)
<b>15:00–15:20</b>	<i>The future of international tertiary education to 2037.</i> Ona Vyšniauskaitė, (Lithuania, British Council Country director)
<b>15:20–15:30</b>	Short break
<b>15:30–16:30</b>	<b>Discussion of a Roadmap for Further Steps</b>
	Discussion of further steps and initiatives to support the integration of Ukrainian higher education into the European Education and Research Area.