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# Ukrainian-Bavarian Conference on Digital Education

23 – 24 June 2022

at the University of Bayreuth and online via Zoom (hybrid format)

## Concept

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The aim of the Ukrainian-Bavarian Conference on Digital Education is to spread knowledge on contemporary IT concepts and instruments in education.

Due to the ongoing Russian attacks on Ukraine the conference will be particularly directed to researchers and university managers from Ukraine who presently live in Bavaria. In addition, academics from Ukraine may participate online as speakers or visitors.

As far as possible, the conference will take place as a face-to-face meeting in Bayreuth. In addition, the plenary sessions will be accessible online as well (hybrid format).

As a consequence of the war in Ukraine, digital education has gained an additional meaning for keeping up the teaching process of Ukrainian universities.

The University of Bayreuth supports the German-Ukrainian exchange on the digitization of teaching-learning processes with two projects. The DAAD-funded Learnopolis+ project is working with partners in Lviv, Ternopil, and Vinnytsia (Donetsk) to develop Massive Open Online Courses for the qualification of university teachers. Under the framework of UTTERLY (Erasmus+ KA2), competence standards, curricula, and certification processes in this area are established. Important results of the DAAD funded Learnopolis project will be presented at the conference as well as good practice examples from other Ukrainian and Bavarian universities.

The conference will be combined with a reception of scholarship holders from Central, Eastern and Southeastern Europe who do a master course or PhD in Bavaria funded by the Free State of Bavaria. The scholarship holders will speak about their experience with digital studying during the pandemic in Bavaria or their home countries. In this way they will give the university teachers new ideas for improving digital higher education and make the conference student-centered.

On the second day, the participants will join small and interactive working groups where they will share their experience with digital education and learn from each other. The topics will be based on suggestions made by the participants themselves.

In the interactive counseling sessions, peers will support each other in finding solutions for concrete problems or challenges – in the counseling among peers they are called “cases”. In every session there will be a peer who suggests a case, a moderator and several advisors. In the next session, the roles will

be changed, so all participants should be willing to take on different roles. The moderator coordinates the counseling session and summarizes the most important results.

The peer-to-peer counseling does not aim at finding the one and only solution, but at providing peers with new ideas and possible courses of action as well as a different perception of their case.

## **The Organizers**

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### **University of Bayreuth**

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Under the framework of UTTERLY (Erasmus+ KA2), competence standards, curricula, and certification processes in this area are established. The goal of this project is to contribute to the modernization of the higher education system in Ukraine by establishing regional centers and a Ukrainian network for teaching excellence in higher education.

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### **BAYHOST (Bavarian Academic Center for Central, Eastern and Southeastern Europe)**

The Bavarian Academic Center for Central, Eastern and Southeastern Europe (BAYHOST) promotes academic exchange between Bavaria and countries in Central, Eastern and Southeastern Europe. BAYHOST supports Bavarian universities and universities of applied science through its specific competencies; by supporting their collaboration with academic organizations in its partner countries and by establishing new partnerships.

The promotion of cooperation in research and teaching as well as the distribution of knowledge about the higher education system in Ukraine form a focus of BAYHOST's work.

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