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ALCIDE DE GASPERI UNIVERSITY  
OF EUROREGIONAL ECONOMY  
IN JÓZEFÓW**



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## Introduction

The motto of the Alcide De Gasperi University of Euroregional Economy in Józefów: **Only if united we are strong**, comes from the political will of Alcide de Gasperi, one of the founding fathers of the European Union (formerly the European Communities). **Only if united we are strong**, spoken by Alcide de Gasperi during the 5th Congress of the Christian Democratic Party in June 1954, referred to both Italy and the uniting Europe. However, it is worth quoting the full content of his statement, which is: **Only if united we are strong, only if we are strong, will we be free**. Alcide de Gasperi thus pointed out that freedom has a primarily collective dimension. Only a united society is strong and free. Only in such a society, the individual is going to be free and safe.

The idea of Alcide de Gasperi also refers to the community created by each university, its students as well as academic, and administrative staff. The history of the University of Józefów is proof of this. The adversities which were faced by the University during these twenty years did not break it, but on the contrary – strengthened it. Proof of this is the integrated academic community, made up of domestic and foreign students, researchers, and as well as academic and administrative staff. United, we are strong and at the same time free in gaining new qualifications and self-realization.

*The origins of the University date back to 18<sup>th</sup> November 2002, when it was entered into the register of non-public universities. The small group of around 40 students grew rapidly. In the top moment, the University had over 2,500 students. Alcide De Gasperi University of Euroregional Economy in Józefów, during these twenty years has gained great recognition, permanently entering the sub-Warsaw, Polish and international landscape.*

*This Memorial Book is the history of people and events, building a strong and free community. The heritage of our university includes, associated with it for many years, experienced and competent research and teaching staff, administrative staff, students, and graduates. During these 20 years, WSGE in Józefów established numerous foreign contacts and organized national and international scientific conferences. The university is also often chosen by foreign students for the implementation of the European Erasmus + program.*

*Alcide De Gasperi University of Euroregional Economy in Józefów has been cooperating for many years with the closer and more distant socio-economic environment, organizing economic forums or implementing a local economic recovery program. The most important, however, there is the scientific cooperation of the University with numerous domestic and foreign universities, which resulted in the creation of an informal association of these universities – Eurofur.*

*There is nothing else for us to do but wish the readers a pleasant reading. We invite you to discover history written by people and events.*

*Dr hab. Magdalena Sitek,  
prof. WSGE  
Rector of WSGE*



## The history of the twenty years of the existence of the Alcide De Gasperi University of Euroregional Economy in Józefów

The Alcide De Gasperi University of Euroregional Economy in Józefów was established on the basis of the decision of the Minister of National Education and Sports DSW-3-4001-689/ TT/02 of 18th November 2002 and entered into the register of non-public universities under number 115 (currently no. 257). Since 27th September 2004, Alcide De Gasperi – an outstanding Italian and European political leader has been pointed as the University's patron. Alcide De Gasperi along with Konrad Adenauer and Robert Schuman, is considered as one of the founders of a united Europe. Hence, by the decision of the Minister (DSW-3-4001-855 TT/04), the University changed its name to the Alcide De Gasperi University of Euroregional Economy in Józefów.

Professor Bronisław Sitek were the originator of the establishment of the University in Józefów and Jan Jakimowicz, MSc. was the first founder of the University. Since 2013, the founder of the University is a limited liability company – **Edukacja**, whose president was mgr inż. Jan Jakimowicz, and currently this function is performed by prof. Bronisław Sitek. The first Rector of WSGE was prof. Stanisław Pikulski, who held his office in 2002-2006. The position



of vice-rector was taken by dr Magdalena Sitek. Dr hab. Wincenty Bednarek was the second rector. He held his office in 2008-2014. The third rector was Dr Tadeusz Graca, who held his office in the years 2014-2020. At that time, the vice-rector was dr hab. Magdalena Sitek. Currently, from 2020, the rector's office is held by dr hab. Magdalena Sitek. The rector is supported in her activities by two vice-rectors: dr hab. Małgorzata Such-Pyrgiel and dr Iwona Florek. There is a Patronage Council at the University, whose members are representatives of local governments, business, non-governmental organizations, and educational institutions. From the beginning of the Patronage Council, it is from 2012, its chairperson is Mr. Romuald Sadowski.

Alcide De Gasperi University of Euroregional Economy in Jozefow, for twenty years of its existence, in cooperation with the environment, has achieved many educational and scientific successes which cannot be described in this book. Nevertheless, in a short form, all these events will be presented so that the people who created them will not be forgotten.

The academic staff working at WSGE have a high scientific factor. This is evidenced by numerous monographs, articles published in various leading national and foreign magazines, and numerous conferences organized in Józefów, in other places in Poland as well as abroad. WSGE has been cooperating for years with universities such as: Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University, University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn, University of Rzeszow, University of Zielona Góra, John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, Police Academy in Szczytno, Main School of Fire Service, University of Bari, Comenius University in Bratislava, University of Kosice, Jaume I University in Castellon de la Plana, University of Valencia, University of Gran Canaria, Milton Friedman University in Budapest, University of Tirana, University of Klaipeda, or Cukurova University of Adana. Almost from the very beginning of its existence, WSGE has been scientifically cooperating closely with the Józef Tuliszkowski Scientific and Research Center for Fire Protection – National Research Institute in Józefów and with the National Center for Nuclear Research in Świerk. The university has its own publishing house, which is on the ministerial list, and therefore is included on the list of scientific publishing houses. Since 2006, the University has been running its own journal in the field of social sciences – *Journal of Modern Science*, which has for years enjoyed high scientific prestige and a high score for the

publication of the articles. Currently, it is also on the ministerial list and is one of the highest-scored magazines in Poland (100 points). The journal is indexed in the leading in Europe and in the world databases of scientific journals.

The university has repeatedly organized open lectures on currently weighty topics. It is worth mentioning the lecture done by Professor Robert Gwiazdowski on social retirement as well as the lecture given by Bronisław Komorowski, later President of the Republic of Poland, presenting the conditions for the formation of the Constitution of the Republic of Poland in 1997. The university organizes open lectures for students at local secondary schools, with which it has been cooperating from the very beginning.

The beginnings of the premises, as well as staff, or in attracting students were quite modest. Thanks to the kindness of the director of Primary School no. 1 in Józefów – Ms. Małgorzata Żywek, MA, the first classes were conducted in one school room. In the next academic year, the number of students exceeded 100, and because of this, more rooms were needed. Therefore, in 2004, the university rented a property at Sienkiewicz Street no. 2. After the building was renovated and adapted to the conditions of the university, the facility was usable by the WSGE until 2017. At that time, the facility was undergoing further renovations, adapting to the needs of students. In the commune area, the University built a hall with three large auditoriums. Currently, WSGE is located in three of its own buildings: at Sienkiewicz Street no. 4, at Sienkiewicz Street no. 9 and at Skorupki Street no. 2 in Józefów.

The university operates in the city of Józefów and in the branch in Mińsk Mazowiecki. This branch was established on the basis of the Father Józef Majka University of Social Sciences in Mińsk Mazowiecki, which was taken over by WSGE in 2016.

In the first period, there was one organizational unit at the University – the Faculty of Administration and Humanities. From 1st September 2005, the WSGE already had a two-department structure. On the basis of the Rector's Decree No. 10/2008 of 7th October 2008, the University's organizational units established by Decree No. 15/2005 of 1st September 2005 were transformed. The Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences changed its name to **the Faculty of Pedagogy**, whose dean was dr Krzysztof Dziurzyński, and the Faculty of Administration was changed into **the Faculty of Social Sciences**, where the function of the

dean was taken by dr Małgorzata Such-Pyrgiel. The Faculty of Pedagogy was assigned the field of “pedagogy” at the first and second cycle level, while to the Faculty of Social Sciences was assigned two fields of study at the level of first cycle studies: “administration and environmental protection”, and two fields at the level of first and second cycle studies: “internal security and management”. Then, on the basis of the founder’s Resolution No. 5/2019 of 17th September 2019, due to the necessity of adjusting to the needs of conducting education in accordance with the new Act – so called the Constitution for Science, the faculty structure of the University was abolished, just like it was at the beginning of the WSGE. The nature of the courses of study has also changed, which, after the statutory changes in 2011 and 2018, was gradually transformed from general-academic profiles into studies with a practical profile.

From 2002, the University conducted first-cycle studies, and from 2008, also second-cycle studies. “Administration” was the very first field of study, launched with the establishment of WSGE. This field of study dominated the didactic offer until 2003. From October 2003, on the basis of the decision of the Minister of National Education and Sport, new fields of study were launched: “pedagogy” DSW-3-4003/594/JP/03 and “political science” DSW-3-4003-837/JP/03, in 2004: “management” DSW-3-4003-629/JP/04, and in 2006 the WSGE was granted permission to conduct an engineering course in “environmental protection” DSW-3-4003-117/06. In October 2007, pursuant to the decision of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education DSW-2-06-003-389/07, the University was authorized to conduct first-cycle studies in the field of “internal security”, and in July 2008, by the decision of DSW-2-02-4003-95/08, authorization to conduct second-cycle studies in the field of “pedagogy”. Then in December 2010, by decision MNiSW-DNS-WUN-6022-12308-2/IŻ/10, the WSGE got authorization to conduct second-cycle studies in the field of “internal security”. From 25th July 2013, on the basis of the decision of DKN.ZNU.6022.146.2013.EK.3, the University began to conduct the studies in the field: “clerical law”. As a result of the acquisition of the Father Józef Majka University of Social Sciences in Mińsk Mazowiecki, the Alcide De Gasperi University of Euroregional Economy obtained the right to conduct education in the fields of “mechatronics” and “sociology” in the first-degree studies. From 2019, the university runs uniform master’s studies in the field of “preschool and early school education”, and by

the decision of DSW.WNN.5014.219.2020.6.AKO of 29th September 2020, it was again authorized to conduct first-cycle studies in the field of “pedagogy”.

Over the years, the educational offer of the University was modified, and a decision was made to terminate some fields of study, in which enrolment was relatively low, such as: “environmental protection”, “political science”, “mechatronics”, “sociology” and “clerical law”. Currently, the University conducts first-cycle studies in the field of administration, and first and second-cycle studies in the fields of: pedagogy, management, and internal security, as well as uniform master’s studies in the field of preschool and early school education.

In each field of study run by the University, specializations (majors of study) are created, tailored to the needs of the modern labour market. Postgraduate studies are also a crucial element of the educational offer of WSGE. Postgraduate studies in pedagogy have been the most popular for years.

In the initial phase of its operation, the University conducted full-time and part-time studies in Polish. Currently, foreign students also study full-time studies (in the field of “management” of the 1st and 2nd degree).

In its 20-year history of operation, the University has already educated over 8,000 graduates.

The condition of the University is evidenced by its dynamic development and improvement of the teaching infrastructure. In recent years, WSGE has obtained resources from the European Union funds, as well as from the Ministry of Science and other managing institutions, including the International Visegrad Fund. Funds from the projects to a considerable extent, made it possible to equip the university with the latest teaching aids, used to conduct classes both stationary and remotely. Each classroom has been equipped with an interactive board, cameras, and professional multimedia equipment, allowing for distance learning. As part of the programs implemented by the University, a virtual shooting range and a virtual crime scene were purchased, as well as equipment for students to learn foreign languages (SITA). Also, from project funds, the University’s buildings were adapted to the needs of people with disabilities. Thus, the WSGE is among the universities in Poland well-equipped with teaching aids and modern educational solutions.

The university has implemented or is implementing projects to educate students, but also people from the socio-economic environment, including

children and youth from primary schools, in the field of new digital competences, critical thinking and problem solving.

The university has been engaged and is engaged in cooperation with the local community. The initiative in this area was modelled on the Economic Forum organized annually by the Euro-Centrum Science and Technology Park in Katowice and by its president, Roman Trzaskalik. One of the manifestations of this activity is the initiation of a series of annual events, which is the Economic Forum of the Otwock District. The forum has been organized since 2012 together with the Otwock District, communes of this district, representatives of the business world, non-governmental organizations, and schools. The University began the implementation of this task with head of district – Bogumiła Więckowska (staroste 2010-2014) and Paweł Rupniewski (deputy staroste 2014-2018), continuing this cooperation to this day with the current authorities of the Otwock District – Staroste Krzysztof Angielniak. The aim of the Economic Forum is to integrate the business world, non-governmental organizations with local authorities. During the Economic Forums, the best business activists and non-governmental organizations of the Otwock District are awarded. A measurable effect of the organization of the Economic Forum was the implementation of the Local Economic Recovery Program in 2016-2018, as a result of which four projects for the revitalization of the district were selected and implemented in several municipalities.

The celebrations of the 20th anniversary of the University's existence are a continuation of the earlier celebrations of the 10th (2012) and 15th (2017) years of the University. However, these are not the only cultural events periodically organized by WSGE. During its existence, the University has repeatedly organized juveniles, sports competitions, carnival balls, festivals, bicycle rallies, barbecues for students and their families, both in Józefów and in Mińsk Mazowiecki. In this regard, the University cooperated, among others, Religious Order of Schoenstatt Fathers their provincial, Father Arkadiusz Sosna. In addition, the University was present at various types of socio-cultural events organized by local governments or other organizations of Otwock and Minsk Mazowiecki districts.



## University authorities

The Rector is a one-person body of the University and manages its work with the help of vice-rectors who perform managerial functions on the basis of the Rector's appointment in selected areas.

### Current WSGE authorities

**dr hab. Magdalena Sitek, prof. WSGE**

*Rector of the University*





**dr hab. Małgorzata Such-Pyrgiel, prof. WSGE**

Vice-Rector for education and evaluation of research, for student matter,  
education in branch location and cooperation with the environment

**dr Iwona Florek**

Prorektor ds. kontaktów międzynarodowych,  
nauki i ewaluacji kształcenia

**Former Rectors and Deans of the University****prof. dr hab. Stanisław Pikulski**

Rector in 2002-2007

**dr hab. Wincenty Bednarek, prof. WSGE**

Rector in 2008-2014

**dr Tadeusz Graca, prof. WSGE**

Rector in 2014 – 2020

**dr Czesław Parka**

Dean of the Faculty of Administration and Humanities in 2002–2005 and  
Dean of the Faculty of Administration in 2006–2007

**dr Joanna Kłobukowska**

Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in 2005-2006

**dr Katarzyna Ferszt-Piłat**

Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in 2007

**dr Mirosław Grelik**

Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences (formerly the Faculty of  
Administration) in 2007–2009

**dr Mirosława Raczkowska-Lipińska**

Dean of the Faculty of Education in 2008-2011

**prof. dr hab. Witold Pokruszyński**

Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences in 2009-2012 and Vice-Rector for  
Didactic Affairs and Development in 2012-2014

**dr Krzysztof Dziurzyński**

Dean of the Faculty of Pedagogy in 2013-2014 and Vice-Dean of the Faculty  
of Social Sciences in 2014-2015

**dr Wacław Brzęk**

Rector's Proxy for Research in 2011–2012 and Dean of the Faculty of Social  
Sciences in 2012-2013

**dr Grzegorz Winogrodzki**

Vice-Dean for Organizational Affairs at the Faculty of Social Sciences in  
2016-2018

**dr hab. Małgorzata Such-Pyrgiel**

Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences in 2013 – 2019



## University Senate

The Senate is a collegiate body of the University representing its community. The term of office of the senate is 4 years. The senate is composed of the rector, the founder's representative, 5 representatives of academic teachers, 1 administrative employee, 2 student representatives. The vice-rectors, the rector's proxy and other guests invited by the rector take part in the senate's sessions in an advisory capacity.

### *The current composition of the University Senate*

#### **President of the Senate**

Rector – dr hab. Magdalena Sitek, prof. WSGE

#### **Founder's representative**

mgr Marta Bojaruniec

#### **Representatives of academic teachers**

dr Leszek Goździewski

dr Aleksandra Szejniuk

dr Aleksandra Lukasek

mgr Artur Banaszak

mgr Wioleta Wieczorek-Płochocka

#### **Representative of employees who are not academic teachers**

mgr Ilona Dawidowicz

#### **Student representatives**

Kinga Błachnio

Agnieszka Chwierut



## University administration

The administration of the University consists of organizational units created to ensure conditions for the implementation of the legal and statutory tasks of the University, in particular research and teaching, as well as for the social and living matters of employees and students.

The most important administrative units of the University together with their representatives:



#### **Rector's office**

mgr Joanna Majewska

#### **Education Service Office**

- **Manager**

Beata Zawadka

- **Student Affairs Specialist**

Dominika Mucha

#### Education Service Office – WSGE Branch in Mińsk Mazowiecki

- *Student Affairs Specialist*

Olga Szczęsna

#### Career's Office

- *Manager*

dr hab. Małgorzata Such-Pyrgiel

#### International Relations and English Studies Office

- *Rector's Proxy for Foreign Studies*

mgr Marta Bojaruniec

mgr Artur Banaszak

#### Office for People with Disabilities

- *Rector's Proxy for people with disabilities*

mgr Artur Banaszak

#### Accounting department

- *Chief accountant*

Magdalena Kuklis

#### Cash register

Edyta Banaszak

#### Human Resources department

mgr Marta Bojaruniec

mgr Urszula Anisiewicz

#### Department of Projects and International Exchange (Erasmus+)

dr Iwona Florek

mgr Ilona Dawidowicz

#### Department of Postgraduate Studies

- *Head of specialist education and postgraduate studies*

mgr Ilona Dawidowicz

#### Patronage Council

- *Vice-rector for cooperation with the environment*

dr hab. Małgorzata Such-Pyrgiel, prof. WSGE

#### Library and Archive

mgr Joanna Majewska

#### WSGE Publishing House

Grzegorz Wójcicki

#### IT department

mgr Przemysław Górski

#### The Personal Data Protection Inspector of the WSGE

inż. Wojciech Sitek

#### Technical Employees

Janusz Bukanowski



## Research and teaching Staff

Alcide De Gasperi University of Euroregional Economy in Józefów is celebrating its porcelain jubilee (XX years anniversary). Over the course of these twenty years, the face of the teaching staff has changed. Currently, a large group of lecturers are selected, well-prepared, experienced specialists, representing many scientific disciplines. The high quality of the staff is evidenced by the numerous awards and distinctions which the WSGE employees have received in recent years.





## Research and teaching staff in the academic year 2021/22



**Dr hab. Magdalena Sitek, prof. WSGE** – habilitated doctor of humanities in the field of international relations and habilitated Doctor of Legal Sciences in the field of law. Currently, she is the Rector at the Alcide De Gasperi University of Euroregional Economy. Member of the Advisory Board of the Minister of Education and Science for the program “*Development of scientific journals*”. Prof. dr hab. Magdalena Sitek has scientific interests in the field of universally understood law, in particular in the field of human rights. She organizes and participates in numerous national and international scientific conferences (Italy, Slovakia, Spain, Lithuania, Hungary), participated in international internships. She is the editor-in-chief and reviewer of scientific journals and a member of the International Advisory Council of the scientific journal: *International Journal of Society Researches*. She conducted research and grant programs, mainly financed from EU funds. Her rich scientific achievements include numerous monographic publications, chapters in monographs, scientific articles in journals and editorial work on the issues of law, human rights, the functioning of the EU, ecology, and tourism.

**Dr hab. Małgorzata Such – Pyrgiel, prof. WSGE** – habilitated doctor in the field of social sciences in the discipline of sociological sciences. Currently, at WSGE, she is the vice-rector for education and evaluation of research, for student matter, education in branch location and cooperation with the environment, previously she was the Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences. She is an expert in the Working Group of Digital Identity and Trust Services at the Chancellery of the Prime Minister of the Council of Ministers in the Department for Digital Identity and New Technologies, as well as a member of the Polish Accreditation Committee, appointed by the Minister of Education and Science. She is the President of the Association of Ecological and Social Initiatives (SIES) and the member of the supervisory body of the Into the Future Foundation. He is the leader of the EU research project Fluence – an online big data marketing data analysis system, the aim of which is to carry out R&D works leading to the development of an innovative analytical platform based on artificial intelligence and machine learning. Her research interests focus on the sociology of contemporary societies, digital transformation, artificial intelligence and modern technologies and their impact on humans and society. She is an author of numerous monographic publications and scientific articles, member of the editorial boards of scientific journals. She is an academic teacher conducting classes in subjects related to the universally understood sociology as well as the methodology of scientific research. Repeatedly awarded by the Rector of the university for research and teaching achievements. Involved in activities for the benefit of the local community, she cooperates with local governments, enterprises, and many associations.

**Dr hab. Piotr Benedykt Zientarski, prof. WSGE** – habilitated Doctor of Legal Sciences, senator of the Republic of Poland. Lecturer of legal and administrative subjects. From 2007, he was an uninterrupted Senator of the Republic of Poland (three terms). In the 7th term Senate, he was the chairperson of the Ethics and Senatorial Affairs Committee and the chairperson of the Legislative Committee (he also performs this function in the 8th term Senate). He represents the Senate of the Republic of Poland in the National Council of the Judiciary. He is involved in social and cultural activities for the local community and charity for children, people with disabilities and the excluded. He is an active member of many societies and associations, including The Polish

Community Association and the Club of Catholic Intelligentsia. He is the founder and first president of the Lions Club Koszalin, as well as several times president of the Lions International 121-Polska region. Currently, he is the president of the Father Cardinal Ignacy Jeż Association in Koszalin. He has been awarded many times for professional and social activities, including The Advocate for Merit (the highest corporate award), the Medal of the Minister of Justice for merits to the justice system, the Gold Cross of Merit, the Merit Cultural Activist badge, the Gold Badge of the Polish Association of the Blind, the Children's Friend award, the Western Pomeranian Golden Griffin, the Medal of Merit for Koszalin. The main scientific interests of the Senator include issues related to constitutional law, public international law, and European legal systems.

**Dr Barbara Antczak** – doctor of economic sciences in the field of management sciences. She is an author of several EU projects under the Leonardo da Vinci program in cooperation with various countries (e.g., the Netherlands, Germany, Spain, Norway). The main scientific interests of her include consumer market research, forms of statistical presentation, modern marketing, and PR tools. For many years she was the director of the School Complex in Warsaw. She is a lecturer with many years of teaching experience in various institutions. At the WSGE, she took care of student's scientific and research clubs. It is also the organizer and co-organizer of numerous scientific conferences. She was awarded three times with the award of the Minister of National Education, twice with the award of the President of the Capital City of Warsaw, with the Medal of the National Education Commission and the Gold Medal for Long Service.

**Dr Mirosława Brasławska-Haque** – doctor of humanities in the field of pedagogy, completed many courses and trainings in the field of therapeutic work with children and adolescents. She has devoted her academic and professional career to pedagogy, including, in particular, special education. She actively participates in scientific conferences, and she is also the author of several dozen scientific articles.

**Dr Maciej Ciesielski** – Doctor of Social Sciences in the field of sociology and he is the lawyer. Lecturer with vast theoretical and practical knowledge in the field of state security, security sociology and the sociology of law. At the WSGE,

he conducts classes in the field of public security, ICT security and cryptology as well as international humanitarian law.

**Dr Jacek Charatynowicz** – Doctor of Social Sciences in the discipline of security sciences. His principal areas of interest include: the impact of modern technologies on the security of the financial market, the occurrence of the phenomenon of *black swans* in economic activities, issues related to organized crime. In addition, he participated in numerous scientific conferences in the field of security, and he is also the author of many publications. He has numerous awards of the Minister of the Interior and the Silver Medal for Long Service awarded by the President of the Republic of Poland.

**Dr Iwona Florek** – Doctor of Social Sciences in the discipline of legal sciences. Currently, at the WSGE, she is the vice-rector for international contacts, research, and education evaluation. Her scientific interests include issues related to human rights, tourism, and ecology in its various aspects, including human rights in the field of tourism and sustainable development. She was the organizer and co-organizer as well as an active participant in numerous national and international conferences organized both in Poland and abroad (e.g., in Italy, France and Hungary). She is a member of the International Advisory Council of the scientific journal *International Journal of Society Researches* – OPUS (Turkey). She takes part in various projects and scientific and research programs. She participated in international internships under the Erasmus + program. She has extensive scientific achievements as well as teaching and professional experience. She conducts classes with students in Polish and English in areas related to law and tourism.

**Dr Leszek Goździewski** – Doctor of Social Sciences in the field of defence sciences. He was an employee at the District Police Headquarters in Ciechanów, where he was responsible for managing a team of people in the prevention, road traffic, criminal departments, and the department for combating economic crime. He was also responsible for conducting training for social workers on domestic violence, designer drugs and the Blue Card procedure. He conducted lectures and trainings for teachers on reacting to cases of having and remaining under the influence of psychoactive substances. At the WSGE, he conducts classes in the field of security. He is the author of many publications in the field of security, defence, and protection of civilians.



**Dr Waldemar Grądzki** – Doctor of Social Sciences in the discipline of pedagogy. He is a certified teacher with extensive professional experience in the field of education management, he was, inter alia, Head of the Department of New Technologies in Education at the Department of Increasing Educational Opportunities at the Ministry of National Education, as well as the Director of the Department of Curricula and Textbooks at the Ministry of National Education. Throughout his professional career, he deepens his knowledge by taking part in numerous courses, trainings, and subsequent postgraduate studies.

**Dr Anna Krajewska** – doctor of humanities in the field of pedagogy. She is an educator with many years of professional experience. Her particular scientific interest is clinical psychology. The research conducted by her also covers issues related to the theory of education, general pedagogy, and the history of pedagogical thought. She devoted a lot of her work to educational institutions (family and school) and innovative concepts related to the *new schools* movement. Dr Anna Krajewska, apart from scientific and research work, devotes herself to working with children, acting as an educator at the State Orphanage.

**Dr Ewa Lubina** – doctor of humanities in the field of pedagogy. Lecturer with extensive professional experience. In her work, as a pedagogue of the method of psychological and pedagogical help, she conducts methodological workshops and training for teachers, parents, and educators. Additionally, she is a specialist in the field of Polish philology. Currently, at the WSGE, she conducts classes related to the methodology of Polish language education.

**Dr Aleksandra Lukasek** – doctor of humanities in the field of pedagogy. she has extensive professional experience, both in the field of education and beyond. In her career, in addition to experience as a lecturer at universities, she was and still is a family and school mediator (Partners Polska Mediation Center), for many years (2001-2012) she was a court probation officer at the District Court for Warsaw Mokotów, and also ran numerous trainings for educators and teachers as well as colony managers, both in the field of mediation and the organization of leisure activities.

**Dr Sylwester Smoleński** – Doctor of Social Sciences in the discipline of defence sciences. The main research interests of his are focused on internal security, cybersecurity, and police work. Author of many publications in the field

of crisis management, defence preparations, police, and military cooperation. Assistant professor at WSGE in Józefów and chief specialist at the Department of Risk Assessment and Planning at RCB (2014-2016), substantive expert of teams supervising the implementation of NCBiR projects (2012-2016) – project manager on the border of terrorism, training in crisis response, financed by Swiss funds.

**Dr Aleksandra Szejniuk** – doctor of economic sciences in the discipline of management sciences. Author of many scientific publications in the field of management, controlling, corporate social responsibility and human resource management. For many years, she has been the Chairwoman of the Organizing Committee of the international management conference organized by the WSGE. Doctor Szejniuk is involved in social activities for the Orphanage in Białoleka and Otwock. At the WSGE, she is taking care for the VOX HUMANA Scientific student's club.

**Dr Tomasz Talar** – doctor in the field of social sciences in the discipline of legal sciences. His scientific interests include legal and financial aspects of the activities of enterprises and companies, with particular emphasis on accounting, accounting principles and the tax system. He is the author of many scientific publications in the field of corporate finance, financial accounting, and the overall impact of the value of money on business operations. The lecturer has didactic experience in the field of subjects related to business financing, creating business plans, creating financial forecasts and in the field of accounting. He also has professional experience in the field of accounting and financial balance sheets. He is also a certified accountant (certificate of the Ministry of Finance), a member of the Accountants Association in Poland and holds the Chief Accountant Certificate according to the IFAC international standards.

**Mgr Urszula Anisiewicz** – educated in economics and law. She completed a series of training courses aimed at improving her professional qualifications. Her research interests focus on issues related to running a business, entrepreneurship, business ethics and environmental protection. She also works in the human resources department.

**Mgr Marta Bojaruniec** – she is currently preparing her doctoral dissertation on the phenomenon of violence against women and children. She is passionate about issues related to the protection of children's rights. She is the author of

several scientific articles and chapters in collective monographs. Her teaching experience is based on participation in many scientific conferences. She connected her professional career with the University of Euroregional Economy, where she currently serves as the rector's proxy for foreign studies and runs the human resources department.

**Mgr Artur Banaszak** – lecturer with pedagogical preparation (certified teacher degree). The main scientific interests of Artur Banaszak are social aspects related to educational systems as well as social policy and social security. Currently, he is preparing a doctoral dissertation on: *Educational values of Catholic Social Science in contemporary systems and models of education and upbringing*. He received many awards, including the award of the Kuyavian-Pomeranian Education Superintendent (2016). At the WSGE he conducts classes in the field of social policy and pedagogy, also in English. He is a member of the International Advisory Council of the scientific journal: *International Journal of Society Researches* – OPUS (Turkey), and he is a member of the editorial team of the *Journal of Modern Science* – WSGE in Józefów and a member of organizational committees and a participant of national and foreign scientific conferences. He completed several internships (including the Batei Bel University in Banska Bystrzyca and the University of Klaipeda).

**Mgr Bożena Ignut** – bases her teaching experience both on education in the field of special education and psychology, as well as extensive professional experience. She completed a series of training courses aimed at improving her professional qualifications. She currently runs a private psychotherapeutic office at Hospice Caritas. In her professional career, she dealt with, inter alia, conducting training in the field of crisis and trauma, depressive disorders, she was a member of the Board of the Polish Society for Research on Traumatic Stress, as well as an educator in a rehabilitation centre. For many years, she conducted training in the State Fire Service on occupational stress and worked as a therapist educator.

**Mgr Hanna Lewandowska** – lecturer with pedagogical preparation (contract teacher degree). Her research interests focus on issues related to working with children and supporting their development. She deepens her knowledge by taking part in many trainings and courses in the field of pedagogy and speech therapy. Currently, she is preparing a doctoral dissertation on the border of two

disciplines of science: pedagogy and sociology, on the digital competences of teachers.

**Mgr Małgorzata Miazek** – a lecturer with extensive professional experience in working with difficult youth and children with special educational needs. For many years, she has been working at the Youth Sociotherapy Center *Jędrus* in Józefów, acting as the deputy director for education, at the same time conducting classes with children and adolescents in auditory attention training, memory and concentration training, and other psychological and pedagogical classes. Since 2004, she has been the president of the Board of the *Moje Miejsce* – Association of Multidirectional Help for Children and Family in Józefów, which was established on her initiative. In 2006-2008, she took up the position of a judge in the Family and Juvenile Department of the District Court in Otwock.

**Mgr Wioletta Wieczorek – Płochocka** – lecturer with many years of professional experience, since 2011 she has been running an Advisory and Training Center as part of her own business. She is a specialist in the field of special education, surdopedagogy, typhlopedagogy and oligophrenopedagogy as well as education and rehabilitation of people with the autism spectrum. She focuses her scientific interests on working with children with special educational needs. She deepens her knowledge by taking part in many trainings and courses in the field of pedagogy. At the WSGE, she conducts classes in the universally understood scope of pedagogy. Currently, she is preparing a doctoral dissertation on Psychotropic addiction in children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD).

**Mgr Małgorzata Wielądek** – she has pedagogical education in the field of speech therapy, surdopedagogy, typhlopedagogy and education of people with intellectual disabilities. Her scientific interests include special education, work with children with special educational needs, organization of psychological and pedagogical help, educational law, supporting the development of preschool children, as well as innovative work methods in preschool education. She is a participant of many scientific conferences; she has completed a number of additional training courses to support her professional work. She has many years of professional experience working as a teacher of preschool education and oligophrenopedagogy (work since 2007). In her professional career, she also worked as an educator in a therapeutic club (2007-2012).

The Alcide De Gasperi University of Euroregional Economy in Jozefow, apart

from the academic staff, cooperates with many specialists, practitioners, and people from the world of science and business. In the academic year 2021/22, classes at the WSGE were conducted, among others, by: prof. dr hab. Bronisław Sitek, dr Iwona Bąbiak, dr Sebastian Bentkowski, dr Tomasz Binek, mgr Renata Bronisz, dr hab. Stanisław Bułajewski, mgr Dorota Charkiewicz, mgr Rafał Czarnecki, dr Terasa Gądek-Hawlana, dr Piotr Goruk-Górski, dr hab. Janusz Gudowski, mgr Piotr Hulewicz, mgr Beata Jakoniuk-Wojcieszak, mgr Rafał Jaroszewski, mgr Katarzyna Kaszuba, mgr Łukasz Kostecki, mgr Beata Kozyra, mgr Joanna Krakowiecka, mgr Anna Kramek-Machuta, dr Mikołaj Kukowski, mgr Karolina Kukuła, mgr Wojciech Kukuła, mgr Sebastian Lech, dr Nicolas Levi, lic. Sebastian Lipiński, mgr Aurelia Łuczyńska, mgr Piotr Maciejewski, mgr Tomasz Majda, dr Czesław Marcinkowski, mgr Marlena Marszałek, dr Tomasz Michałowski, mgr Agnieszka Mika, dr Kamil Miszewski, mgr Krystyna Mrozek, dr Muhammad Kamran Khan, mgr Emilia Nielepko, mgr Daniel Niezdropa, mgr Sylwia Pacholek-Dąbek, dr Krystyna Palonka-Pulikowska, mgr Tomasz Płochocki, mgr Ewa Pudłowska, dr Marta Romanowska, mgr Edyta Rosińska – Wielec, dr Sarfraz Mudassira, dr hab. Paweł Sitek, eng. Wojciech Sitek, dr Sofia Sokolova, mgr Yana Sokolovska, mgr Sylwia Suchocka, mgr Oliwia Szewczyk, mgr Grzegorz Świecarz, mgr Beata Magdalena Witkowska, dr Magdalena Witkowska-Krzymowska, mgr Dorota Wodnicka, dr Wioletta Wróbel-Delagacz, mgr Katarzyna Zaraś, mgr Agnieszka Zdunik, mgr Maciej Zygmunt, mgr Adam Życzkowski.



## The University's strategy and mission

The University of Euroregional Economy is a vocational university with an established research and scientific position in Mazovia. The university combines tradition with modernity. It alludes to the history and rich traditions of the city of Józefów and the entire region. The University co-creates the scientific, cultural, social, and economic potential of the Otwock district. The mission of the University of Euroregional Economy is to educate students to meet the needs of the information society and knowledge economy, capable of creating new pedagogical, economic, social, and cultural values. The WSGE educates students in the spirit of respect for the values of human rights, democratic principles, and ethical values. Students at our university should respect people, heritage, and society. The university shapes the personality of students and their actions in the sense of identification, attachment and sympathy to their own nation and state, the rule of law, duty, and responsibility, as well as respect and tolerance towards representatives of a different culture, political views, and religious beliefs.

The main goal of the WSGE is to educate students in accordance with the rules and standards applicable in Poland and Europe. The study programs at WSGE meet the requirements specified in the Polish Qualifications Framework and the assumptions of an innovative economy. Moreover, the education of students is supported by national and international projects. The university



conducts first-cycle and second-cycle studies in the fields of social sciences. The curriculum content implemented in all fields of study takes into account, in particular, the current state of knowledge and research methodology in the field of social sciences and the disciplines to which individual fields of study have been assigned. The teaching methods are student-oriented, motivate them to actively participate in the teaching and learning process and enable them, among other things, to thoroughly prepare for employment in the contemporary, dynamically changing labour market. The didactics is the essence of the University as a place of transferring knowledge, skills, competences, and academic values to the next generations of students, oriented to the needs of the socio-economic environment, including in particular the professional labour market.

Education at WSGE is strongly related to the research conducted at the university. This is achieved, among other things, by involving students in the work of research teams and personalizing the education path, as well as by placing their bachelor's and master's theses in the field of scientific research carried out at the university. Every year, the University hosts numerous seminars, symposia, and scientific conferences, both nationally and internationally, and the best diploma theses are awarded in the WSGE Rector Competition and submitted to numerous external competitions.

In recent years, the following diploma theses have been awarded the main prizes and distinctions:

## 2022

- Distinction – Sebastian Lech, MA in the competition for the best master's thesis in the field of public procurement. The competition was organized by the Public Procurement Office and the Faculty of Law and Administration of the Jagiellonian University. The master's degree thesis titled *Public-private partnership as a formula for conducting investments by public procurers. Current state and long-term development perspective* was written under the supervision of dr hab. Małgorzata Such-Pyrgiel. The fact of receiving this award is confirmed by the Resolution of the

Competition Commission for the best master's thesis in the field of public procurement of 8th July 2022.

## 2021

- Grand Prix – Sebastian Lech, MA, thesis titled *Public-private partnership as a formula for conducting investments by public ordering parties. The current state and long-term development perspective*, written under the supervision of dr hab. Małgorzata Such-Pyrgiel.
- Distinction – Agnieszka Łubian, MA, thesis titled *Protection of the state border of the Republic of Poland at border crossings against terrorist threats*, written under the supervision of dr Czesław Marcinkowski.
- Distinction – Iwona Padzik, MA, thesis titled *Autoaggression as a problem among children and adolescents*, written under the supervision of dr Wioletta Wróbel-Delegacz.
- Distinction – lic. Malwina Zawadka, thesis titled *Premises and conditions for professional development of a woman – manager*, written under the supervision of dr Tomasz Talar.

## 2020

- Grand Prix – Dominik Wargocki, MA, thesis titled *The phenomenon of cyberbullying among high school students: conditions, forms, consequences. A comparative study*. written under the supervision of dr Aleksandra Lukasek.
- Distinction – lic. Iwona Baran, thesis titles *The influence of educators on the development and functioning of children with autism*, written under the supervision of dr Waldemar Grądzki.
- Distinction – Piotr Sokołowski, MA, thesis titled *The impact of drunk drivers on road traffic safety of the capital city of Warsaw*, written under the supervision of dr Leszek Goździewski.
- Distinction – lic. Utkarsh Tejas Dave, thesis titled *Mumbai Dabbawalas – Life under a dark bubble of management*, written under the supervision of dr Iwona Florek.



- Distinction – Adrianna Gwara, MA, thesis titled *The role of parents in the upbringing and therapy of a child with sensory integration disorders*, written under the supervision of **dr Tadeusz Graca**.

## 2019

- Grand Prix – Justyna Chudzińska, MA, thesis titled *The role of communication in effective organization management on the example of Lagardere Travel Retail*, written under the supervision of dr Aleksandra Szejniuk.
- Distinction – Wioletta Nurzyńska, MA, thesis titled *Influence of TV commercials on emotions and behaviour of preschool children*, written under the supervision of dr Mirosława Braśławska-Haque.
- Distinction – Jolanta Płochocka, MA, thesis titled *The feeling of empathy of youths staying in youth educational centres*, written under the direction of dr Aleksandra Lukasek.

## 2018

- Grand Prix – Iwona Prywata, MA, thesis titled *A dyslexic student in a foreign language lesson on the example of French language*, written under the supervision of dr Małgorzata Kaniewska.
- Distinction – Wioletta Woźniak-Kubuj, MA, thesis entitled *The role of motivation in human resource management on the example of Exatel SA*, written under the supervision of dr Aleksandra Szejniuk.
- Distinction – Iwona Kielak, MA, thesis titled *Development of social competences of children at the stage of preschool education*, written under the supervision of Dr. Tomasz Wierchowski.

## 2017

- Main prize – lic. Abdumalik Ashurov, thesis titled *The banking system of Tajikistan*, written under the supervision of dr Nicolas Levi.
- Distinction – Beata Łuczak, MA, thesis titled *Staff retention in terms of human capital management on the example of Sheraton and Westin hotels*,

written under the supervision of dr Aleksandra Szejniuk.

- Distinction – Mirosław Dąbrowski, MA, thesis titled *Supervision over the financial market*, written under the supervision of dr Paweł Sitek.

## 2016

- The main prize – lic. Paweł Martyniak, thesis titled *Analysis and evaluation of the incentive system at Fackelmann Polska Sp. z o.o. Case study*, written under the supervision of dr Małgorzata Such-Pyrgiel.

From the very beginning of the existence of WSGE, education of students is related to the needs of the socio-economic environment. The university is open to the needs of the labour market, identified through research, cooperation with local governments, economic entities, non-governmental organizations, educational units, and research institutes. This is reflected in the particular fields of study, especially those with a practical profile, and the scopes implemented within them. Such study programs are dominated by subjects with content consistent with the state of practice in the areas of professional and economic activity relevant to a given field of study.

Through its activities, WSGE responds to the needs of the modern labour market in micro – and macro-social terms





## Educational offer

University of Euroregional Economy Alcide De Gasperi in Józefów conducts education at first – and second-degree studies as well as uniform master's studies. The university has a wide range of postgraduate studies, courses, trainings, and workshops. Every year, extending its educational offer, the University responds to the needs of the labour market, local governments, business entities and non-governmental organizations. The current educational offer includes the following fields of study:

**Administration** at the level of first-cycle studies with a practical profile, in the major in:

- finances and public administration,
- customs and tax administration,
- administration of business,
- administration of social services.

**Internal security** at the level of first-cycle studies with a general-academic profile, in the major in:

- public safety with police training,
- cyberspace security specialist,

- detectiveist studies and protection of people and property.

**Internal security** at the level of first-cycle studies with a practical profile, in the major in:

- public safety with police training,
- cyberspace security specialist,
- detectiveist studies and protection of people and property.

**Internal security** at the second-cycle studies with a practical profile, in the major in:

- safe business management,
- safety administration,
- cyberspace security specialist.

**Pedagogy** at the level of first-cycle studies with a practical profile, in the major in:

- resocialization pedagogy
- corrective pedagogy (pedagogical therapy).

**Pedagogy** at the level of second-cycle studies with a general academic profile, in the major in:

- preschool and early childhood education with pedagogical therapy,
- resocialization pedagogy with legal custody,
- resocialization pedagogy with pedagogical therapy.

**Management** at the level of first-cycle studies with a general academic profile, in the major in:

- business administration,
- human resource management,
- hotel and tourism management

**Management** at the level of second-cycle studies with a practical profile, in the major in:

- business administration,
- human resource management,
- hospitality and tourism management

**Pre-school and early school education** at the level of uniform master's studies with a practical profile.

## Postgraduate studies

- Sociotherapy,
- Education and rehabilitation of people with intellectual disabilities (oligophrenopedagogy),
- Education and therapy of people with autism spectrum disorders,
- Early support for child development,
- Pedagogical therapy,
- Pedagogical preparation,
- History,
- Speech therapy,
- Art therapy in school and early childhood education and with a child with special educational needs,
- Art therapy in care and educational work and resocialization,
- Library studies
- Chemistry,
- Music and art at school,
- Clinical psychology for teachers,
- Psychological and pedagogical assistance in an educational institution,
- Early English language teaching,
- Civics,
- Education to live in a family with sexual education,
- Public procurement,
- Management of the educational institution,
- Human Resource Management,
- Occupational Health and Safety,
- Project management,
- Administration of information security.

## Training courses

- Fairy-tale therapy,
- Diagnosis and assessment of the functioning of children with developmental deficits, based on the psychoeducational profile of PEP-R,
- Film education at school – education through viewing,
- Electronic public procurement,
- Recorder (flute) – a school instrument, methods of learning to play quickly and effectively,
- How to speak effectively?
- Crisis intervention,
- Stimulation of speech development in preschool children,
- Persuasion and manipulation – how to effectively protect against it?
- Working with a child with difficult behaviours,
- Basics of behavioural therapy,
- Learning math while having fun,
- Image creation – the art of self-presentation,
- Economic mediation,
- Constructing an individual educational and therapeutic plan (IPET),
- School mediation,
- Projection methods,
- Activating methods at school,
- 1st and 2nd level hand therapy,
- Social skills training,
- Introduction to mediation,
- Cooperation with parents in a modern school,
- Child development in the norm and in the pathology with focus on music therapy,
- Painting with movement, sound, speech – music and movement illustrations to artistic music.

The university also organizes courses, trainings and postgraduate studies tailored to the individual requirements and needs of the institution.





## Cooperation with secondary schools, universities, and the socio-economic environment

The university has been cooperating with secondary schools almost from the beginning of its existence. It organizes educational meetings for young people, including open lectures and knowledge contests. Together with District Youth Cultural Center in Otwock, the University organized scientific picnics and meetings with science, during which workshops for young people, were conducted by representatives of the world of science and media, as well as business trainers and mentors, invited by WSGE. Since 2017, such workshops have been conducted by, among others: Beata Jakoniuk-Wojcieszak – program director of TVP Info, Łukasz Kostecki, MA – psychologist, trainer, HR advisor and consultant, inspector dr Michał Stępiński – director of the Anti-Terrorist Operations Bureau of the Police Headquarters.

These activities are undertaken in cooperation with the University's environment units. The aim of cooperation with secondary schools is to build a positive image of the University in the awareness of local youth, through good knowledge of the profile of its activities and drawing attention to important problems faced by young people in the modern digital society. In this way, the WSGE also realizes its bond with the region and fulfills its mission related to the popularization of knowledge and science.

Through a wide educational offer addressed to people of all ages who, at

various stages of their career development, want to get additional education or improve their skills and competences in a selected area, the University offers a wide range of courses, postgraduate studies, and training, thanks to which it implements the idea of learning throughout life, and in different dimensions, which is the foundation of the vision of a modern knowledge society.

Cooperation with the socio-economic environment is also expressed in undertaking many interesting initiatives. The implementation and support of research, projects and events is based on a tripartite partnership: science, administration and business, an example of which is, among others, the cyclical organization together with the District in Otwock and the District Labour Office of the Economic Forum of the Otwock District, which contributes to social cohesion and solidarity. The WSGE was also the initiator and co-organizer of the Local Economic Revival of the Otwock District program implemented in years 2016-2018. The cooperation of the University with the social and economic environment plays a particularly significant role in the development of the local labour market and entrepreneurs, our university, but also the Otwock District as well as the particular municipalities. The areas of cooperation also include the issues of joint raising of funds from European funds and the organization of scientific events.

### Calendar of the most notable events

- September 2018 – 3rd Family Science Picnic in Otwock – a stand with educational elements organized by students of WSGE pedagogy;
- March 2019 – School Fair in Mińsk Mazowiecki;
- April 2019 – Easter Market in Piaseczno – a stand with decorative elements and painting faces for children, organized by students of WSGE pedagogy;
- April 2019 – Easter meeting at the Wawer Cultural Center – culinary presentation organized by WSGE foreign students from India;
- 20th May 2019 – Family picnic in Urzeczce, organized by WSGE foreign students (India) – presentation of Indian culture;
- 16th October 2019 – Job fair for WSGE students;



- December 2019 – Charity campaign – collection for a rehabilitation mattress for the needy prepared by WSGE foreign students – Indian cuisine dishes;
- 20th December 2019 – Meeting of foreign students in traditional dresses (India) with primary school students in Brzeziny;
- 22nd December 2019 – Christmas Eve meeting students in Mińsk Mazowiecki;
- March / April 2020 – *#wsge* campaign – lectures on YouTube given by WSGE lecturers on the topic related to pandemic Covid-19;
- 30th June 2020 – *#ganszyncallenge* charity action for Kubuś – push-ups and squats made by students and employees of WSGE;
- 29th May 2020 – *Veteran's Day* open exhibition at WSGE, organized by dr Czesław Marcinkowski, for students of internal security;
- 22nd July 2020 – Book fair *#oddamniename* – doublets, from the WSGE library;
- 28th August 2021 – 1st Family Picnic of WSGE – charity campaign for Teoś Górski, concert of bands associated with WSGE – for students, graduates, and residents of the city of Jozefow;
- 28th August 2021 – 1st WSGE Bicycle Rally *#kręcimy dla Teosia* – for students and residents of the city of Józefów and Mińsk Mazowiecki (route Józefów – Mińsk Mazowiecki – Józefów);
- December 2021 – Christmas carols, and Christmas songs competition for kindergarten's children from the Mińsk Mazowiecki District;
- 18th February 2022 – Masquerade ball for students, graduates, and employees of WSGE with a charity campaign for Teoś Górski.



## Cooperation with organizations

- Polish Economic Society – honorary president prof. dr hab. Elżbieta Mączyńska.
- Scientific Federation WSB-DSW WSB University in Gdańsk.
- Fahrenheit University Association – University of Gdańsk.
- Józef Tuliszkowski Scientific and Research Centre for Fire Protection – National Research Institute in Józefów.
- European Business Club Poland Association – President Janusz Cieślak, MA.
- Journal „Przegląd Organizacji” – prof. dr hab. Stanisław Brzeziński.
- Employment Office in Otwock – director Danuta Wolska-Rzewuska.
- Association of Ecological and Social Initiatives SIES.
- Into the Future Foundation.
- Association of Polish Computer Scientists (SIP).

The Alcide De Gasperi University of Euroregional Economy in Jozefow cooperates with many Polish and foreign universities, both in the field of research and science as well as in the field of education, by organizing joint conferences, ventures and research projects, as well as by consulting and co-creating new scopes of studies which take into account the current state of knowledge in the disciplines to which individual fields of study are assigned and oriented to the needs of the socio-economic environment, including especially the professional labour market.

**Among many universities, some of them should be mentioned:**

- University of Economics and Humanities in Warsaw
- John Paul II Academy of Applied Sciences, Biała Podlaska
- Catholic University of Lublin
- Warsaw University of Life Sciences
- Main School of Fire Service in Warsaw
- Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw
- University of Gdansk
- University of Natural Sciences and Humanities in Siedlce
- University of Rzeszow
- University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn
- University of Warsaw
- Warsaw University of Business
- WSB University
- University of Management in Warsaw
- Police Academy in Szczytno

**Partner foreign universities:**

- Adana Science and Technology University, Adana, Turkey
- Adiyaman University, Turkey
- Aksaray University, Aksaray, Turkey
- Çukurova University, Adana, Turkey
- Czechryń Economic and Legal College of the Uman National University of Horticulture, Ukraine
- Danubius University, Sladkovicovo, Slovakia
- Firat University, Elazig, Turkey
- Goce Delcev University in Stip, Stip, Macedonia
- ISAG-European Business School, Porto, Portugal
- Karabuk University School of Foreign Language, Karabük, Turkey
- Karamanoglu Mehmetbey Universitesi, Karaman, Turkey
- Klaipėdos Universitetas, Klaipėda, Lithuania
- Lum Jean Monnet, Casamassima, Italy
- Mediterranean University of Albania
- Milton Friedman University, Budapest, Hungary

- New Bulgarian University, Sofia, Bulgaria
- Osmaniye Korkut Ata University, Osmaniye, Turkey
- Polytechnic Institute of Cavado and Ave IPCA, Barcelos, Portugal
- Institute of Retraining and Professional Development of the National Pedagogical University of M.P. Dragomanov, Ukraine
- Šolski Center Slovenj Gradec, Višja Stokovna Šola/School Centre Slovenj Gradec, Higer Vocational College, Slovenj Gradec, Slovenia
- Sumy National Agrarian University, Ukraine
- Szegedi Tudományegyetem, Szeged, Hungary
- Universidad de Granada, Granada, Spain
- Universidad de Las Palmas De Gran Canaria, Las Palmas De Gran Canaria, Spain
- Università degli studi di Bari Aldo Moro, Bari, Italy
- Università degli studi di Cassino e Del Lazio Meridionale, Cassino, Italy
- Università degli studi di Genova, Genova, Italy
- Università degli Studi Internazionali di Roma, Roma, Italy
- Universitat de Valencia, Valencia, Spain
- Universitat Jaume I De Castellon, Castellon De La Plana, Spain
- Universitatea 1 Decembrie 1918, Alba Iulia, Romania
- Universitatea Spiru Haret Organizatie, Bucuresti, Romania
- University of National and World Economy, Sofia, Bulgaria
- Univerzita Mateja Bela v Banskej Bystrici, Banská Bystrica, Slovakia
- Univerzita Pavla Josifa Safarika v Kosicach, Kosice, Slovakia
- Veleučiliste VERN, Zagreb, Croatia
- Vysoka skola ekonomie a managementu, Praha, Czech Republic
- WISDOM College University, Albania

The university autonomously carries out its tasks in accordance with the principle of freedom of education, artistic creativity, scientific research and the publication of their results. Its activities take into account the full respect of international standards of ethics and good practices in the field of education and scientific activity, taking into account the special importance of the social responsibility of science.



## Patronage Council in the 2020-2024 term

The Patronage Council is the Rector's opinion-making and advisory body. It achieves its goals by proposing directions of activity, as well as creating the image of the university and initiating joint ventures in the socio-economic environment, including in particular:

- supporting the University in matters related to scientific and didactic development, including consultancy in the monitoring and evaluation of study programs, specialist education, postgraduate studies as well as courses and training;
- commissioning of WSGE research topics free of charge in accordance with the needs of various organizations, institutions and units;
- assistance in organizing internships for students and funding students with awards for the best diploma thesis or research report;

After the death in 2020 of the founder of the Patronage Council, **Rector Tadeusz Graca**, the Vice-Rector dr hab. Małgorzata Such-Pyrgiel is responsible for the coordination of the cooperation between University and Patronage Council.

## The current composition of the Patronage Council



### Chairperson

- Romuald Sadowski – *former director of the Youth Hostel and Juvenile Detention Center in Warsaw-Falenica*

### Members:

- Bożena Barbachowska – *financial Director of Certus Technologie Budowlane Sp. z o.o.,*
- Andrzej Martusiewicz – *president of the National Association of Professional Probation Officers,*
- Małgorzata Miazek – *deputy director of the Sociotherapy Center "Jędrus",*
- Ryszard Sawa – *president of the non-profit organization: "Friendly Entrepreneur in Poland Foundation",*
- Roman Trzaskalik – *president of the Management Board of the Science and Technology Park Euro-Centrum Sp. z o.o.,*
- Paweł Rupniewski – *owner of the RupArt Design Office, deputy starost of the Otwock District,*



- Danuta Wolska-Rzewuska – *director of the District Employment Office in Otwock,*
- Zenon Czyżewski – *director of the Youth Correctional Facility in Mrozy,*
- Anna Gadzała – *director of the Orphanage in Siennica,*
- Joanna Papińska – *director of the High School in Mińsk Mazowiecki,*
- Tomasz Płochocki – *director of the Complex of Vocational Schools no. 2 in Mińsk Mazowiecki,*
- Anna Rosłaniec – *secretary of the municipality in Wiązowna,*
- Natalia Bartyzel – *director of the Music School in Józefów,*
- Arkadiusz Piętka – *Police commander from Józefów,*
- Karolina Zowczak – *mayor of the Osieck municipality,*
- Zygmunt Niedziółka – *president of the Management Board of Jazz-pol s.c.,*
- Grzegorz Bocian – *owner of the Legal Adviser Office – Grzegorz Bocian,*
- Stefan Traczyk – *councilor of the Sejmik of the Mazowieckie Voivodeship,*
- Wojciech Jodko – *member of the board of the Self-help Association Bursa H. Ch. Kofoed,*
- Jacek Czech – *plenipotentiary for the cybersecurity strategy of Thales Polska,*
- Jolanta Czarnecka – *director of the Romulad Traugutt Primary School No. 2 in Józefów,*
- Jarosław Adamczuk – *director of the Family Support Center in Warsaw,*
- Izabela Popławska – *director of the Extraordinary School in Józefów.*



## The view (opinions) at the University through the eyes of members of the Patronage Council

### The university through the eyes of the chairperson of the Patronage Council – Romuald Sadowski

*From my over 51 years of professional work in social resocialization facilities with difficult (criminal) youth, I have learned that one of the main conditions for the effective resocialization of this youth is the close and wide cooperation of the facility with the external environment, in other words – the greater the integration, the greater facility effectiveness.*

*In the years 1992–2019, I was the director of the Youth Hostel and Juvenile Detention Center in Warsaw-Falenica, where earlier, in the years 1976–1987, I was the head of schools, and later the head of the boarding school. Together with the staff of this facility, over the next years, we have been systematically and persistently working on providing the pupils with the best educational atmosphere. We were building their **new house** with them, and we tried to give this house a **soul**, as it was in the song by Alicja Majewska: It is not hard to build a new house. The trick is to make this house to have*

*a soul. The fruitful cooperation with the Alcide De Gasperi University of Euroregional Economy in Józefów was and still is especially important in creating the soul of the **Falenicki House**.*

*My cooperation with the University began with its establishment. Already in the first years of operation of the Alcide De Gasperi University of Euroregional Economy in Józefów, eight employees of the Falenica's institution started their studies there and successfully completed them. It is worth noting that one person graduated from two master's degrees, and two others have held responsible managerial positions for many years. They are extremely valuable employees.*

*Graduates greatly appreciate the studies completed at WSGE in Józefów. In a brief survey I conducted on this subject, in June this year, all respondents answered positively to the question Is the knowledge (skills) obtained during the studies at WSGE in Józefów useful to you in your professional work and in your personal life?*

*The answers given were, inter alia, as follows:*

*I often use the acquired knowledge when resolving conflicts between pupils. I know how I can talk to them, how to explain, and how to help them solve their problems;*

*The knowledge provided at this University is reliable, concise, and interesting, it reaches the students. Completing my studies gave me an exceptionally good start into the future;*

*The knowledge obtained during the studies at the WSGE is extremely useful in professional work.*

*To the question: How do you recall your studies at WSGE in Józefów? Which of the employees of this University would you like to distinguish, for what reason?, all respondents spoke with appreciation and gratitude about the individual employees of the University, emphasizing their kindness and commitment to conducting classes. I am quoting a few statements on this subject:*

*I remember the late **Rector Tadeusz Graca** and his kindness, wisdom, and knowledge in the field of pedagogy;*

*I have incredibly good memories of my studies at WSGE. I give a distinction to Professor Stanisław Pikulski for his skills in transferring knowledge and for his warmth towards students, as well as to Professor Bronisław Sitek; dr Aleksandra Lukasek – a lecturer who with passion and interest conducted classes with examples which were experienced by her during her professional work;*

*I have incredibly good memories of my studies at the WSGE University. I would distinguish my bachelor's thesis supervisor, Prof. Stanisław Pikulski for his patience and the ability to impart knowledge;*

*I have rather good memories of my studies at WSGE in Józefów. Most of the lecturers gave remarkably interesting lectures. The most appreciated for the remarkably interesting lectures is Prof. dr hab. Bronisław Sitek;*

*I remember it well and with sentiment. Interesting lectures, exercises, especially related to resocialization and work with difficult youth. I have the fondest memories of the lecturer – Aleksandra Lukasek and her great classes – workshops on pedagogical therapy and resocialization, and **Tadeusz Graca** – Rector and lecturer, the best supervisor who devoted attention and time to students, passionate about pedagogy.*

*To the question: What would you like to change / supplement in the study program? one person replied: There should be more practical than theoretical classes. The other students see no need for changes.*

*The WSGE graduates expressed their appreciation for the lecturers, emphasizing that after graduation they could always individually ask each of them for advice or help. I would like to emphasize that I, as the director of the facility, could count on kind support for my activities until my retirement in January 2019. With special gratitude I keep in my memory and heart the cooperation with the prematurely deceased Rector – **Dr Tadeusz Graca**. For many years, the employees and students at the University have been actively supporting the Falenica institution in all areas of its activity. Many students, even after completing their internships, help their pupils in many ways. The following students deserve special mention: Agnieszka Więsik, Marta Bąk, Justyna Starosz, Monika Marciniak, Joanna Bonisławska, Joanna Ćwiklak, Anna Karendys, who during their student internships established close relations with the pupils and employees of the facility, delighted*

*with the educational atmosphere and under the guidance of Dr Krzysztof Dziurzyński, developed a wonderful monograph of the “Falenicki House”. The university has published this monograph twice in the form of a book titled “Juvenile shelter and juvenile detention centre in Falenica 1959 – 2014. Monograph of the facility”.*

*Extremely valuable material contained in this study are, among others, the interviews with former pupils. The voluntary participation of several students in the therapeutic group together with the pupils turned out to be a particularly valuable experience during the ongoing internships. The group was led by an experienced therapist. The University employees participated in all notable events of the “Falenica House” – celebrated anniversaries and jubilees.*

*It should also be mentioned that the University’s lecturers conducted many remarkably interesting trainings for our Pedagogical Council as part of their cooperation, and several our employees took part with me in most of the conferences organized by the University. Moreover, “Falenicki House” had the honour of being the patron of several such events, and I had the pleasure of giving my lectures there. I have also participated many times in the meetings of the University’s Pedagogues Science Club, sharing my experience and knowledge as a practitioner. I find the meeting at which I was accompanied by a former pupil of the Falenica facility as particularly interesting. I met many times with students at the University, telling them about my professional experiences. These were interesting meetings with mutual benefit.*

*The cooperation of the WSGE in Józefów with the Youth Hostel and the Juvenile Detention Center in Falenica is also of a different – very practical and useful nature. I mean “the drinking water well in South Sudan”, which was built with funds obtained thanks to the joint activities of our institution and the University. We are incredibly pleased that we contributed to its creation.*

*The history of “our well” dates back to 2011, when, together with the students, we took the initiative to collect wastepaper as part of the nationwide program “We are building wells in South Sudan”. WSGE employees and students actively joined the campaign and collected significant amounts of*

*wastepaper for this purpose. Together, we collected wastepaper, for which we received the amount of PLN 32,361.20. We donated this money to the fundraising organizers. The cost of building one such well, a few years ago, was about PLN 30,000, so I can say that one well in Sudan is actually **ours**. In the introductory part, I wrote about the need for cooperation of each resocialization facility with the external environment. In my opinion, a model example of such cooperation is the cooperation between the University of Józefów and our “Falenica House”, which translated measurably into the educational atmosphere of the institution. We have created for the pupils, as they often emphasized, their second home – a home with a soul. A home better than their real home, where they often experienced poverty, hunger, and violence.*

*The facility in Falenica has been highly appreciated by the supreme authorities. It is also positively presented in the mass media. The reason for this is the fact that the analysis carried out about the live of former pupils of the Falenica Juvenile Detention Center show that their return to crime rate is less than 10%, which is much below the national average – although, in my opinion, it is still about 10% too much!*

*At the end of my professional career, I was honoured to receive the Order of the Smile, an award given by the International Chapter of the Order of the Smile at the request of children. In my case, the students from Falenica applied for the award of the Order. A part of this Order belongs to the Józefów University. I would like to thank to University’s employees for their excellent cooperation during the period when I was the director.*

*Currently, having the status of a retired educator, I still support the former students of the Center in Falenica and other institutions where I previously worked. Dozens of former pupils of our resocialization centres stay connected with me. Some want to boast about their achievements, others feel sorry for their fate, and still others ask for help, which I provide as far as I can. I am still active in several non-governmental organizations – for example: a member of the board of the Self-help Association H. Ch. Kofoed “Bursa”. As part of this Association, we have been running a dormitory at Lniana Street in Warsaw for thirty homeless people.*



*Social activity in the Patronage Council of WSGE in Józefów is a great honour for me. I work, however, with the University, which is at the vanguard of Polish science. The Patronage Council consists of members with recognized professional and scientific achievements and high social reputation. Above all, however, they are people with high morale, acting with great commitment, not only for their institutions, organizations, and enterprises, but also for the University of Józefów. From time to time, the composition of the Council is expanded with new members, and meetings are held at least six times a year.*

*The Council gives opinions on plans and study programs for the next academic years, reports the need to establish new fields of study, reads the summary of each academic year, gets acquainted with matters related to the beginning of each new academic year, gets acquainted with the state of preparations for notable events reports its comments and suggestions. Members of the Council actively participate in the life and activities of the University.*

***On behalf of the entire Patronage Council and my own, on the occasion of the Jubilee, I would like to express my best and most heartfelt thanks to all employees of the University for the so far cooperation, wishing you many more wonderful anniversaries and jubilees in the spirit of Alcide De Gasperi – the patron of the University.***

*Romuald Sadowski*

Their reflections on the Jubilee of the University were also expressed in writing by: Małgorzata Miazek – long-time director of the Youth Socioterapy Center *Jędrus*, working voluntarily in many organizations, and Andrzej Martusiewicz – founder of the Polish judicial guardianship system, currently president of the Probare Foundation and a member of many other social organizations. I emphasize with particular esteem that these people participated in all meetings of the Council.

## The university through the eyes of Małgorzata Miazek – a member of the Patronage Council

*One by one, the images move in my memory like frames of a colourful film. I see in them, saturated with passion and intense emotions activities of people associated with our university, working for it and for the spreading of science.*

*With the Alcide De Gasperi University of Euroregional Economy in Jozefow, I have been associated since 2007. During this time, our university has seen crowds of students, many of them have fulfilled their profession and achieved success. It would not be possible if it were not for the wonderful, kind, energetic and dedicated people who manage this institution. During the 15 years of my work at this university, as an academic teacher, as well as a member of the Patronage Council, I have often witnessed struggles with various problems. It is not easy to manage an institution which is not wanted by the authorities of the city who do not understand what a gift that raises the prestige of the city, as well as a light for its inhabitants and the surrounding area, can be a science centre in its area. And these were the beginnings ... I will not focus here on the reasons for this fact, I just want to say that the great determination, flexibility, and willingness to change of the employees and people managing the University gave us all hope that despite various difficulties, the University will develop and grow, as well as enable others to develop, become a guide for other people and institutions willing to develop. Open up new worlds and give you new opportunities. Become – in short – an authority.*

*The University authorities and its employees are constantly open to new experiences and desired changes. This is evidenced not only by the numerous organized conferences, symposia, research, interesting new courses of education, implemented interesting EU projects or several types of local actions and events, but also, and perhaps most of all, attempts to integrate scientific, business, and local government administration through innovative forms in our area. The proof of this are Economic Forums and the informal New Economy Club. These activities are undertaken in cooperation with the District Office in Otwock and the District Employment Office in Otwock.*

*This is a process that will, of course, take time, but the very fact that the universities have initiated this process proves that its authorities think in the long-term and that they look at the problems of the region from a bird's eye view. The Alcide De Gasperi University of Euroregional Economy is slowly becoming a model for other unhurried institutions in our Otwock district, as well as an important partner for scientific institutions in the country and abroad. This is how I see it.*

*When I moved to Józefów in 1979, the town of Józefów was drowning in forests, there were several small shops, a church, and an almost inactive community centre, which was only revived and modernized by the late Izabella Skrzyniarz, the director. The most characteristic of this town were the groups of young people wandering about or hanging out in the groves, dead bored. Today, there are only groves left from the forest, and there are plenty of shops, including several large-size ones. It is good, at least, that there is still an efficiently operating Municipal Cultural Center and a sports and recreation complex, and fortunately a very well-functioning University, which has become a centre of initiatives and influences leading the City of Józefów out of the provincial area.*

*In my opinion, it is indisputable that the creativity of the University's employees is growing in importance as a consequence of the unique, because extremely warm, friendly, and supportive atmosphere in the university environment. This warmth and understanding of other people's needs translates directly into the attitude towards students. They are absolutely respected and appreciated. They can work creatively and scientifically under the watchful eye of great staff, and the best are also appreciated financially. There is something ... extraordinary in these interpersonal relations of the university environment, perhaps it is simply a deep respect for other people. I have experienced it personally, I have met many wonderful people here, willing not only to cooperate, but above all helpful people. Some of them have already passed away, like the late Rector Tadeusz Graca, an outstanding educator, extraordinary personality and, in human terms, an exceptionally good person. He radiated warmth, didactically and emotionally support, built positive bonds between people. Not only his associates miss him, but also his students. Sometimes we pray for his soul, but in fact I have the*

*impression that he watches over us, makes sure that the values created by him, and the institution do not get lost in the crazy rush of successive changes in the present day.*

*Despite many obstacles, such as the demographic decline, the lockdown caused by the pandemic, or multiple inspections and evaluations, no one was discouraged from work. On the contrary, they motivated to continue, more hard work. Thus, the University has not only survived, but is becoming a stronger and stronger predictor of the values spreading science day by day, setting an example for other institutions, especially educational ones, from the surrounding area. My almost twenty years of experience as the principal of the Primary School at the Youth Sociotherapy Center in Józefów, as well as the ten years' experience of the president of the Multidirectional Help for Children and Family Association give me grounds to believe that there are still many challenges ahead of education, and I see that the University meets these challenges. Therefore, I believe that the establishment and operation of the Alcide De Gasperi University of Euroregional Economy in our city of Józefów is the best that this city could meet.*

*In recent years, WSGE has strengthened the premises and teaching facilities, equipped laboratories, and created fantastic conditions for undertaking new educational, research and teaching tasks. This University is absolutely open to new challenges, and its extraordinarily strong point is its pulsating, one might say, approach to the labour market. This pulsatility enables quick, accurate and anticipated meeting the competency needs of employers. The second, extremely strong side is undertaking and promoting all activities popularizing science. These are just two strengths which – and there are definitely more of them – shape the image of an institution worthy of the 21st century.*

*Małgorzata Miazek*

## A letter from Andrzej Martusiewicz – president of the National Association of Professional Probation Officers

*Ladies and Gentlemen,*

*I am glad that I was able to accompany you over the years, participating in the works of the Program Council at the Alcide De Gasperi University of Euroregional Economy in Józefów. What is unique, what I remember especially, is the flexibility of adjusting the profile of the field of study to the needs of the labour market, but above all, the pro-social nature of the University's participation in the life of the local community. Various initiatives of the University's management and its employees are aimed at supporting the cooperation of local government at various levels of the Otwock District with business and undertaking various initiatives – this business inspires activities in joint social initiatives. Promoting projects that integrate the local community in tackling difficult social problems, such as, for example, cooperation with probation officers or the Juvenile Detention Center. Also taking up a specialized field of study of personnel training for future employees dealing with resocialization.*

*I participated in several conferences in the Parliament of the Republic of Poland, in which, the professors at this University helped to generalize the problems related to the sustainable development of local government in our country, using the experience gained in the external cooperation of this University with the local community.*

*Working together, I met many scientists and collaborators who, with great passion and wisdom, taking advantage of the various activities of the University and the opportunities it creates, strove, and strive for the dignified development of their **Little Homeland**, while seeing the **Polish Perspective**. I wish this University of further sustainable development, and I wish the employees further professional success and personal well-being.*

*Andrzej Martusiewicz*



## Student life at WSGE and cooperation with graduates

At WSGE, student life revolves mainly around education and learning, but also many other interesting initiatives, including charity. There are three scientific clubs at the University: in the field of pedagogy, there is the *Pedagog* club – a very active group acting under the direction of Dr Aleksandra Lukasek and Hanna Lewandowska, MA, in the field of management and administration there is the *Vox Humana* club operating under the leadership of Dr Aleksandra Szejniuk, and in the field of internal security, *Safe Zone* club, which brings together students of I and II studies, chaired by Dr Leszek Goździewski.

### Scientific Club of Students of Pedagogy *Pedagog*

It has been operating since the beginning of the University's existence. Its activity is focused on interdisciplinary research on the development of education and the search for modern solutions in education. Members of the club develop their interests, deepening their knowledge and gaining new skills through participation in scientific conferences, participation in training, webinars, and workshops on pedagogical issues.

The main goal of the *Pedagog* Student Club is to develop scientific interests



among students of pedagogy, broaden the range of their competences, popularize the latest achievements and trends in pedagogical fields so that graduates of the University of Euroregional Economy are specialists ready to undertake innovative activities in the field of didactics, pedagogical therapy, and resocialization.

The activity of the Club is also expressed in the free exchange of views and pedagogical experience, which allows to build an atmosphere of cooperation and mutual support in professional work, also after graduation. Due to the fact that the functioning of the Club is based on drawing knowledge from the sources of pedagogy, psychology, methodology and social sciences, its members have the opportunity to join a number of local events organized by the WSGE.

From the inaugural meeting with prof. dr hab. Marta Bogdanowicz, the Pedagogy Students' Club *Pedagog* had the honour of hosting many outstanding educators and other types of specialists at its meetings. In the current academic year, its members had the opportunity to participate in several important conferences, including: *XIII National Scientific Conference – Digital security: from global to local problems. The state, society, and human being*, organized in cooperation with the Main School of Fire Service in Warsaw; *National Conference – Development of the quality of life of people with disabilities in the digital age. Inclusion or Exclusion?*, organized in cooperation with the Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University; *4th International Scientific Conference – Social activity for prisoners and their families*, organized in cooperation with the Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University; *International Scientific Conference – Christian Values in Digital Society* under the honorary patronage of the Minister of Education and Science and the Rector of the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin; *III National Scientific Conference in the series Child and Family – The process of education and upbringing – post-pandemic transformation* and scientific symposium – *Resocialization in practice – original impact projects*, organized in cooperation with the Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University.

Students from the Club also had the opportunity to participate in the workshops: *Cyber Disruptions – Cyber Addictions in the Age of a Pandemic. Phenomenon-determinants-diagnosis – therapy and prevention of addictions – how are the mechanisms of addiction and how to prevent it*; take a qualification course, *Social Skills Training*, and a sign language course, participate in *Stress Management*

workshops and co-organize a charity picnic at the University as well as take part in the *6th Family Science Picnic in Minsk Mazowiecki*.

Detailed reports on the activities of the Pedagogical Club were published by the publishing house of the Alcide De Gasperi University of Euroregional Economy, in the journal *Journal of Modern Science* no. 3/22/2014; 3/26/2015; 1/32/2017.

## Interdisciplinary Science Club *Vox Humana*

The Science Club in the field of Management gathers students who are particularly interested in issues related primarily to human resource management. It is a student initiative addressed to students of all faculties of the WSGE.

The aim of the Club is primarily to promote the issues of personnel management in various aspects, by expanding the theoretical knowledge of students, getting to know the professional market in this field. During meetings with invited guests, methods of using theoretical knowledge in practice are presented. The club supports the development of students' skills in the field of human resource management and the development of personal skills to work in a team. In addition, members of the Club have the opportunity to use the vast knowledge and experience of the scientific staff of WSGE, as well as representatives of the business world.

In the last academic year, several meetings of the Club took place. One of them was focused on *CSR – fashion or necessity*. Ms Ewa Gimalska – a representative of the Institute of Labour and Social Affairs, a contact manager and the organizer of the Human Resource Management Leader competition was invited. The importance and the need to promote Polish solutions in this field were emphasized. Mr. Piotr Krasnodębski was the special guest at the next meeting of the *Vox Humana* Science Club. He introduced the audience to the subject *Entrepreneurship – from start to mature enterprise*. He founded his own company, which deals with individual foiling of cars. It turned out that the idea was extremely accurate and perfectly filled the gap on the market in Poland and abroad. Our guest gave our students a valuable remark that it is worth pursuing your own dreams.

During the next meeting, we took part in the settlement of the *Start-up* – Eagle of Innovation Competition, organized by the *Rzeczpospolita* newspaper in Warsaw, at Prosta 51 Street. A debate with experts was organized there, entitled: *The most prospective young companies – a recipe for a good start*. We had the opportunity to talk to young entrepreneurs who, both on the Polish and foreign market, are successful despite the pandemic. The club also hosted a coaching trainer, Ms. Magdalena Wojtczak-Grela. The essence of the presentation was the showing ways of conducting a personal training with an employee of a given organization. Need to look for strengths and weaknesses. In order to show how important, it is in the life of every human being to find the right workplace, we invited to the next meeting Ms. Karolina Zowczak, who is the Head of the Osieck municipality. Thanks to it, we got to know the problems faced by the Office on a daily basis. In addition, we got to know the method of managing officials, as well as the methods of contacting applicants and ways of solving problems of the municipality.

The members of the Scientific Club were also involved in the organization of a scientific conference on management entitled *Digital society and the concepts of managing an organization* in which they also participated in large numbers. Students of the Club also willingly participate in charity activities for those in need and organized the *Give Children a Smile* campaign, during this campaign they collected funds that allowed to finance the equipment of rooms for children and to give sweets to the youngest.

### Science club *Safe zone*

It is an initiative that brings together students of internal security. As part of the research club, students participated in many open lectures. In recent years, despite the pandemic, it was possible to organize scientific events with the participation of eminent representatives of the world of science and business.

The first of the invited speakers was Professor Marian Cieślarczyk from the Military University of Technology in Warsaw, who gave an open lecture: *The importance of the safety culture of physical and legal entities during the covid-19 pandemic*. Security, as an elementary need of every human being, is subject to

dynamic changes and broadly understood evolution, under the influence of the changing geopolitical situation and emerging new threats. On the basis of the thesis formulated in this way, the professor analysed the factors and circumstances directly and indirectly influencing the shaping of appropriate attitudes, adequate to the risk, scale, and effects of occurring or possible threats. The analysis carried out included references to the activities of state structures, as well as attitudes and mental perception of threats. The lecture was a reference to the present situation of the Covid – 19 pandemic, and thus related to the real threat, the role of state organs in the fight against the danger and attitudes presented by the society. After the lecture, there was a discussion with the participation of students.

The next meeting concerned military security, sovereignty and the inviolability of borders that determine national security in Central Europe. These issues were discussed in detail and presented in the lecture: *Safety in theoretical approach* by dr hab. Andrzej Czupryński, a long-term lecturer at the National Defence Academy in Warsaw (currently the War Studies University). In his speech, he characterized the security environment, factors influencing the initiation of an armed conflict and the aftermath, describing the conflict in terms of a local, regional and world conflict. The reflection was based on Russia's attack on Ukraine and the consequences for the security of the countries in the region. Analysing the situation, he mentioned the mistakes made by the international community for many years, as well as the subdued reactions to the occupation of the Crimean Peninsula in 2014. Due to the fact that the students serve in the Polish Army and other services, it generated a remarkably interesting discussion in the areas of assistance to refugees, Ukraine's political and military support, as well as the need for state entities to adapt to the new and dynamic situation in connection with missile attacks on targets located near the Polish border.

At the next meeting, members of the scientific club had the opportunity to listen to a lecture given by Dr Rafał Kochańczyk, the Provincial Police Commander in Opole, academic lecturer, and author of many scientific publications in the field of security. The lecture was entitled: *On the need for research on security and public order*. During the meeting, the speaker discussed the issue of security and public order as a pillar of internal security. The implementation of tasks



in this area focuses mainly on activities undertaken by the Police: securing state ceremonies, mass events, assemblies, restoring order in connection with the threat to security in the public sphere, as well as participation in actions saving human life, health, and property, determine the internal security of each state. The accuracy of decisions made in this area must result from the assessment of the risk of the occurrence of negative phenomena of their evolution, as well as the emergence of new ones, detrimental to security and public order. Acquiring fresh data allows us to take appropriate precautionary measures as part of prevention. Due to the fact that students at our university serve, among others, in the Police, this issue aroused the interest of many listeners.



## The WSGE through the eyes of students and graduates

**Paulina Szymańska-Gwara** – group leader (field of studies: administration)

*Today's world makes us constantly expand our knowledge and improve our skills. All achievements in the professional and private spheres require constant development of the worldview and acquisition of additional competences. The Alcide De Gasperi University of Euroregional Economy with a twenty-year tradition provides the highest quality opportunities for scientific, personal, and professional development of students. Studying at this university enables professional acquisition of substantive knowledge in the field of the proposed faculties, but also practically prepares them for the profession. The professionalism of this scientist, qualified staff of lecturers and employees as well as a unique approach to the student's needs and interests open up career development paths. Adaptation of the methodology of classes, additional courses, trainings, conferences give the opportunity to improve one's qualifications.*

*It is worth studying at the Alcide De Gasperi University of Euroregional Economy based in Józefów and Mińsk Mazowiecki due to the convenience of studying on Fridays and Saturdays and the arranged schedule of lectures and practical classes in such a way as to reduce unnecessary breaks between classes while respecting the valuable private time of students. The selection of the faculty of lecturers is also convincing, who in addition to transferring*



knowledge in the field of the subject in accordance with scientific guidelines, diversify the discussed issues with their own professional experience. Citing examples from everyday life makes it much easier to understand concepts that may seem difficult by nature. The education offered by universities is useful not only in part of the professional life of students, but it also facilitates dealing with all current matters in private life and illustrates the ability to independently interpret regulations in each field.

A crucial element is the rapid adaptation of the university to the external situation. In recent years, the education system has struggled with the epidemiological situation in the country and in the world. The university quickly and conveniently adapted to the prevailing conditions, transforming the stationary learning system into a remote one, without reducing the high level of teaching and knowledge transfer. The quick reaction of the university authorities allowed for the safe reorganization of classes, to the benefit of the students. A convenient form of getting credits and an understandable form of presenting subject syllabuses is a great advantage, facilitating the preparation for final exams. A great advantage is also a friendly atmosphere in relations between lecturers and students, as well as the willingness to offer help and mutual cooperation. The advantages include the possibility of studying people who live at a considerable distance from the seat of the university, thanks to maintaining the possibility of participating in online classes, the distance is not a barrier to joining the group of WSGE students. The positive side of the university is also its cooperation with various units, organizations, and external institutions, thanks to which there are opportunities to participate in internships for students, and even to find employment. The words of the outstanding Polish writer Stefan Żeromski, who wrote that Science is like an immense sea. The more you drink it, the thirstier you are. Someday you will know what delight it is. Only learn what is strength in you to taste it, they encourage you to constantly expand your wisdom. Regardless of age, social status, or place of residence, it is worth broadening your horizons and taking advantage of the development opportunity offered by the University of Euroregional Economy.

Being a graduate of the University of Euroregional Economy in the field of first-cycle studies Administration, I express great admiration for the

involvement in the development of the University and for helping students discover their professional career path and develop their knowledge base. Studying at this university is not only about obtaining a professional title and gaining the necessary knowledge, but also help in awakening internal interest in new scientific fields. With full awareness, already having some baggage of experience in various areas of life, I recommend studying at WSGE. I encourage people of all age groups to develop their scientific potential at the university with a group of outstanding scientists who transfer their knowledge with great determination. It is worth joining the student community, which is unique, full of energy and ideas. For many graduates, studying at WSGE has become a dream come true of obtaining a professional title, but it also opened the way to work in prestigious institutions.

Paulina Szymańska-Gwara

**Mgr Beata Duthel** – group leader (field of studies: pedagogy)

When creating this post, I will quote M. Grzegorzewska *The better the teacher, the better the world and the better life of every human being ...* I have met teachers with passion who arouse student's interests, stimulate thinking and expressions. One of such people is Dr Anna Krajewska. She is an exceptionally committed teacher, an open person who is a friend to the student. She is Attentive to other people, able to see what is most hidden. I cannot diminish the role of my auxiliary supervisor – Mr. Artur Banaszak. After the first class, I knew that I wanted to go further with this energy. Open mind, ethics, unparalleled modesty, sense of humor.... and a great passion for teaching.

Great optimism, wonderful experience, honesty of relations – this is a brief description of Ms. Małgosia Wielądek. I want to be such a teacher.

Knowledge, professionalism, preparation for classes worth following. Students call her a hypnotist ... We are talking about Ms. Hanna Lewandowska.

Getting to know the secrets of therapy with Ms. Małgorzata Miazek is an extraordinary pleasure. Ms. Małgosia's warm smile is a **universal language of kindness**.

*Organized, taking care of everyone together and individually, having a good word for everyone, open to suggestions, impressive in every respect – this is Professor Małgorzata Such – Pyrgiel.*

*WSGE is a place where dreams come true – it is here that I, my friends, and colleagues gained knowledge and received a master's degree. I found a friendship here, I felt appreciated by my friends. It is amazing to hear from people studying with me that I was supportive.*

*John Green said that People create places and places create people – this is also the case of WSGE universities.*

*Thank you for being able to be part of the people who make up this place.*

*Beata Duthel*

**Rafał Walentek** – deputy chairperson of the student government

*(field of studies: internal security)*

#### **Which university should I choose?**

*This is probably the biggest dilemma faced by high school students and adults, regardless of the desired direction of development. Personally, I think that you can study at any university, it is just a matter of will and commitment. It is nothing new when some universities compete with each other by offering, for example, better conditions for development, a pleasant atmosphere, or a great campus. Of course, it is also important to take into account the distance from home, especially if someone is working professionally and has a family.*

*There are many universities in Mazovia that educate students in various fields. Starting with medical and polytechnic studies, military academies, and ending with social sciences and fine arts. It can be said that the Mazovian scientific base is good and allows young people to acquire new knowledge, skills, and competences. Human potential is also important. Our region is full of ambitious and creative young people who want to develop and improve their skills.*

*Theoretically, the mechanism is quite simple. A young person, but also an adult who wants to start learning, makes a conscious and well-thought-out decision in choosing the right field of study. But why did I choose to study at the University of Euroregional Economy?*

*First of all, there is a very friendly, you could even say family atmosphere here. You can always count on the help and favour of lecturers. Classes are conducted by people who are passionate about a specific topic. You can see a great commitment to informing us about new products. The lecturers at this university are reliable, competent, friendly, some are even funny, have developed empathy, and when students cannot attend lectures or practical classes, they help and contact us, which is very important when studying. Knowledge is transferred in a very accessible and diverse way, and students have the opportunity to choose many different scopes of study (specializations). It is a university that offers the possibility of independent search for knowledge, activation in various areas and awakening creativity.*

*Secondly, I especially appreciate the opportunity to participate in well-organized conferences and seminars, sometimes at the national or even international level, or in a wide selection of student research groups. Perhaps the University's facilities will interest future students. Recently, VR glasses have been purchased as part of the science club to carry out some of the classes using modern teaching methods. It is a particularly good purchase, especially since we can use them for classes during classes in forensics and criminology.*

*Thirdly, the university has a particularly convenient location close to Warsaw. Both the headquarters in Józefów and branch office in Mińsk Mazowiecki are located not far from the motorway thanks to which students coming to classes from various parts of Warsaw or sub-Warsaw towns have great access. Fourthly, one of the most important advantages for me was the organization of classes – mainly on Fridays and Saturdays, and thus free Sundays, which can be devoted to the family, for my own hobby or rest.*

*Fifth, WSGE, compared to other universities in the region, offers relatively low tuition fees, with the possibility of paying in instalments.*

*Another advantage is the diverse types of scholarships and allowances for students, as well as the opportunity to participate in several types of campaigns and charity actions.*

*As our university specializes in education for the needs of the labour market (including pre-school education, internal security, and others), studying at the University of Euroregional Economy helps to increase employment*

*opportunities or promotion. By gathering new experiences, through lectures and exercises, we acquire skills that create opportunities for comprehensive development and shaping of personality, as well as gaining professional experience, especially during apprenticeships, which are an integral part of the studies. The study program is structured in such a way that the graduates' skills correspond to the current and future challenges of the labour market. Also, the ladies in the dean's office are nice, they always help to solve any problems.*

*For me, studies are the time to return to my youth, because I am already a mature man and only now I can my academic dreams. I find many good people here and I think it is because of the atmosphere at the University.*

***I recommend WSGE to all those who dream of raising their qualifications and acquiring new knowledge and skills, because this university is perfect for such people. You can even proudly say:***

***Because acquiring knowledge at the University of Euroregional Economy is a pleasure, not a tedious duty.***

*Rafał Walentek*

**Katarzyna Straś** – president of the student government (field of studies: administration)

*At WSGE, my natural talents developed and in the first semester I became the leader of my study group and the Chairperson of the Student Self-Government Council. I met wonderful, inspiring lecturers and established professional and numerous private contacts.*

*I trust that graduating from this university with the highest grades will support the development of my professional career so far.*

*Katarzyna Straś*

**Sebastian Lech** – a graduate of administration and management

*With the Alcide de Gasperi University of Euroregional Economy in Jozefow I have been involved since 2007, when as a first-year undergraduate student in the field of Management, I came to the Józefów university, wanting to gain*

*new skills and higher education, so desired on the market. The history of my studies is the history of breakups and returns, dictated by the current needs of personal and professional development. It can be said that I studied in instalments, completing my first – and second-degree studies after many years of breaks. Each time I saw at the University a chance to get a better job, better money, and better prospects. In other words, I saw it not as a cost of tuition and a waste of time, but an investment in myself and a better future. The common denominator of my studies was the person of the thesis supervisor, Professor Małgorzata Such-Pyrgiel. The culmination of our cooperation was the honourable award of Her Magnificence Rector for the best diploma thesis in the 2020/2021 academic year. My master's thesis was also submitted to the competition organized by the Public Procurement Office for the best master's thesis in the field of public procurement and public-private partnership.*

*At WSGE I experienced many positive things. I have seen development this university. I fondly remember the delicious napoleons and other cakes in the student canteen located in the building of the current Primary School No. 2, the construction of a new seat and the organization of a new branch of the University in Józefów, the evolution of the continuous improvement of education conditions. I experienced the need to study and graduate remotely due to the COVID – 19 pandemic. Organizing classes, conducting exams, courses and current affairs online was an unprecedented challenge for everyone.*

*I met many valuable and beautiful people who, just like me, wanted to develop and gain new skills. I stay connected with some of them to this day. I keep my classes in mind with dr inż. Tadeusz Truchanowicz, who created wonderful handwritten materials for students. I keep some of my notes until today. I remember classes with Dr Aleksandra Szejniuk, who can create a special bond with students. I appreciated the lightness of speech and the sharing of professional experience by Dr Wojciech Niklas.*

*An undoubted advantage of studying at WSGE is the possibility of combining it with professional work. I also took advantage of the opportunity to obtain valuable certificates, including European Certificate of Business Competence*



*EBCL, certificate of content marketing. I believe that the timetable and the study program enable development and provide an opportunity that is worth taking advantage of.*

*My story is not over yet. The summer semester of the 2021/2022 academic year was the first in which I had the pleasure and honour to conduct classes for students. I am sure I have not said the last word yet. I have many ideas in my head, and I want to participate in the further development of the University.*

Sebastian Lech

We are pleased to announce that the thesis titled Public-private partnership as a formula for conducting investments by public ordering parties. The current state and long-term development perspective, by Sebastian Lech, written under the supervision of dr hab. Małgorzata Such-Pyrgiel got the distinction in this competition. The fact of receiving this award is confirmed by the Resolution of the Competition Jury for the best master's thesis in the field of public procurement of 8th July 2022.



## Material aid for students

The university supports students not only in the learning process, but also, as far as possible and in accordance with applicable law, in the area of material assistance and makes all possible efforts in the area of satisfying their needs. Based on the stakeholders' comments, these activities are adjusted to the needs of students.

There is a BON (Office of Persons with Disabilities) at the University. All students who report to the University that they have a disability are registered in the BON – part of the USOS system, where their data, degree and type of disability and the validity of the document (certificate) confirming the fact of disability are included. This allows for the identification of disabled students and their needs, and the proper adaptation of conditions to the abilities of individual people. There is also the Rector's Plenipotentiary for Persons with Disabilities, who constantly monitors the situation of people with disabilities and, if necessary, takes the necessary support measures for these students.

The university also provides students with support in the form of financial benefits, provided as financial aid in the form of scholarships and allowances. In accordance with the Regulations for the awarding and determining the amount of benefits to students of the Alcide De Gasperi University of Euroregional Economy in Józefów, the student is entitled to the following benefits: social scholarship, special scholarship for people with disabilities, random allowance, and the Rector's scholarship. In addition, the regulations provide for the



Rector's scholarships for people with special sports, artistic or scientific achievements. An example may be the benefits paid to our students for winning the Polish Championship medal, the Olympic medal, scientific publications, active participation in national and international scientific conferences or artistic achievements in the field of theatre. Student representatives take an active part in the process of establishing the rules for providing benefits, determining the allocation of funds for benefits and in the process of awarding benefits.

Over the past few years, WSGE students have received such scholarships several times, which undoubtedly distinguishes the university from the educational market of universities in Mazovia.



## Characteristics and effects of scientific activity

One of the most important goals of the operation of the Alcide De Gasperi University of Euroregional Economy in Józefów), next to teaching is conducting scientific activity, providing research services, and transferring knowledge and technology to the economy. It is fully in line with the WSGE Development Strategy, primarily in the field of scientific research, enriching intellectual capital and promoting cooperation with the socio-economic environment.

The implementation of the above goal is possible thanks to the continuous improvement of the quality of scientific research, its interdisciplinarity and internationalization so that it is at the highest possible level.

The need to establish the *WSGE Publishing House* resulted from the high research activity of our employees, which required the spreading of information about their scientific achievements. The publishing goal of WSGE is to publish high-quality publications. The WSGE Publishing House was included in the list of publishers issuing the reviewed scientific monographs of the Minister of Education and Science. The journal *Journal of Modern Science*, published by WSGE Publishing House, was included in the list of scientific journals of the Minister of Education and Science and on the A list of scientific journals of the Italian National Agency for the Evaluation of Universities and Research Institutes (ANVUR).

In 2016, the University established the second scientific journal *Intercultural*



*Communication* the aim of which was to provide an international platform supporting the exchange of basic and applied experiences in the field of intercultural communication in the areas of social sciences and humanities.

WSGE actively strives for participation in programs and competitions supporting the process of increasing scientific excellence. It also strives to constantly update the content of education programs in the fields of study and specializations so as to enable students to obtain unique, valuable qualifications which guarantee success in the constantly changing labour market.

Every year, research and teaching staff submit research topics. The scientific activity of WSGE employees is being spread during lectures open to students and speeches at conferences, both in the country and around the world.



## Publishing House

Publishing House of the Alcide De Gasperi University of Euroregional Economy was established by the order of the Rector of WSGE No. 17/2004 of 31st December 2004. The publishing house is an integral university unit.

Publications include books and scientific monographs, as well as textbooks, scientific notebooks and thematic guides to subjects developed by scientists. Many-authored monographs published after scientific conferences organized by WSGE are also very popular.

All published works are available in electronic form on the publisher's website: [www.wydawnictwo.wsge.edu.pl](http://www.wydawnictwo.wsge.edu.pl).

The scientific journal *Journal of Modern Science* (ISSN 1734-2031), established by the University Authorities, has been published continuously since 2005.

It includes studies covering the exchange of knowledge and experience about new phenomena in the field of humanities and social sciences. Global and local changes in the area of the modern world, transformations in the organization of society management processes as well as broadly defined culture and security are the issues of published studies.

The authors are Polish and world specialists in the fields of humanities and social sciences; in the discipline of philosophy, in particular: philosophy of pedagogy, social philosophy, philosophy of security, philosophy of psychology and ethics, philosophy of law, philosophy of religion, philosophy of economy and management, and in the discipline of the science of culture and religion.

On the basis of the decision of the Minister of Education and Science



(announcement of 1st December 2021), scientific articles published in the *Journal of Modern Science* are awarded 100 points to the authors' scientific achievements.

All articles undergo a review process (minimum two *blind reviews*) and contain abstracts and keywords in English, in accordance with global standards. In order to counteract plagiarism, each work is also subjected to examination by a professional anti-plagiarism system.

The *Journal of Modern Science* is indexed by the global database of scientific journals ICI World of Journals, which annually, on the basis of a multidimensional process of parametric evaluation, announces the ICV (Index Copernicus Value) index, which reflects the level of the journal's development and the strength of its impact on the world of science. Since 2019, the ICV index is 100, which proves the transparency of activities and the reliable performance of editorial services. The journal is also indexed in the following databases: CEEOL, CEJSH, DOAJ, ARIANTA, URLICHWEB, Crossref and Google Scholar.

It should be emphasized that the *Journal of Modern Science* is an Open Access journal licensed under the CC-BY-SA license, and full versions of all published items are available at [www.jomswsge.com](http://www.jomswsge.com).

The coordinated activities of the Scientific Council and the Editorial Team are aimed at adjusting the journal's standards to the requirements of the Web of Science and Scopus databases, which is the next stage in its development.

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The whole, as in the case of the *Journal of Modern Science*, is open access material (license CC-BY-SA), and the archival, and current versions, are available on the journal's website [www.icwsge.com](http://www.icwsge.com).



## Publishing achievements

Scientific publications are issued by Alcide De Gasperi University of Euroregional Economy in Jozefow Publishing House. Publishing items until 2017 were listed in the jubilee book titled *15 years of the Alcide De Gasperi University of Euroregional Economy* released in 2017.



## 2017

- *15 lat Wyższej Szkoły Gospodarki Euroregionalnej im. Alcide De Gasperi w Józefowie*, red. M. Sitek, T. Graca, I. Florek, U. Kraszewska
- *Diversity management in the v4 countries as an answer for demographic changes*, monografia wieloautorska
- *Edukacja humanistyczna w kontekście technicyzacji w XXI wieku. W poszukiwaniu pedagogicznej równowagi*, red. T. Graca
- *Etyczno-prawne aspekty zmian klimatycznych*, Małgorzata Kaniewska
- *Human rights between needs and possibilities*, red. Magdalena Sitek, Antonio Felice Uricchio, Iwona Florek
- *Imitacja w wybranych koncepcjach i kontekstach społeczno-kulturowych*, Kateryna Novikova
- *Organizacje pozarządowe w systemie bezpieczeństwa państwa*, Grzegorz Winogrodzki
- *Polemologia a obronność i bezpieczeństwo*, Łukasz Roman
- *Potrzeby jako współczesny determinant treści praw człowieka*, red. Elżbieta Ura, Bronisław Sitek i Tadeusz Graca
- *Prawne i kryminologiczne aspekty zakazu prowadzenia działalności gospodarczej*, Marcin Mamiński
- *Wydawanie aktów administracyjnych jako forma prawna realizacji zadań samorządu terytorialnego*, red. Magdalena Sitek, Elżbieta Feret, Jarosław Dobkowski, Igor Palus
- *Intercultural Communication* – scientific and didactic journal of the Alcide De Gasperi University of Euroregional Economy – numbers: 2/2017, 3/2017
- *Journal of Modern Science* – scientific and didactic journal of the Alcide De Gasperi University of Euroregional Economy – numbers: 1/32/2017, 2/33/2017, 3/34/2017, 4/35/2017

## 2018

- *From human rights to essential rights*, red. Magdalena Sitek, Laura Tafaro, Michele Indellicato

- *Nowoczesne metody komunikacji w marketingu i public relations*, Barbara Antczak, Anna Antczak
- *Prawa człowieka w funkcjonowaniu administracji publicznej* red. Ferdinando Parente, Bronisław Sitek i Iwona Florek
- *Społeczne i ekonomiczne aspekty zarządzania w organizacjach przyszłości*, red. Magdalena Sitek, Małgorzata Such-Pyrgiel
- *Społeczny wymiar życia singli. Studium socjologiczne*, Małgorzata Such-Pyrgiel
- *Szkice pedagogiczne. Dylematy juwentologii*, red. Joanna Wyleżałek, Małgorzata Such-Pyrgiel
- *Wykorzystanie nowoczesnych narzędzi informatycznych w identyfikacji zagrożeń*, red. Łukasz Roman, Krzysztof Krassowski, Stanisław Sagan, Dariusz Wróblewski
- *Zarządzanie kryzysowe w świetle transgranicznych zagrożeń Polski*, Barbara Mróz
- *Zjawisko korupcji i przestępczości korupcyjnej w Polsce w latach 1997–2014* Wybrane przykłady, pomiary i badania, Paweł Chodak
- *Intercultural Communication* – scientific and didactic journal of the Alcide De Gasperi University of Euroregional Economy – numbers: 4/2018, 5/2018
- *Journal of Modern Science* – scientific and didactic journal of the Alcide De Gasperi University of Euroregional Economy – numbers: 1/36/2018, 2/37/2018, 3/38/2018, 4/39/2018

## 2019

- *Pedagogika i komunikacja społeczna w obliczu wyzwań XXI wieku*, red. Piotr Taras
- *Zastosowanie metod i procedur analizy statystycznej w procesach i zjawiskach społeczno-ekonomicznych nie taki diabeł straszny...*, Barbara Antczak
- *Intercultural Communication* – scientific and didactic journal of the Alcide De Gasperi University of Euroregional Economy – numbers: 6/2019
- *Journal of Modern Science* – scientific and didactic journal of the Alcide De Gasperi University of Euroregional Economy – numbers: 1/40/2019, 2/41/2019, 3/42/2019, 4/43/2019



## 2020

- *Journal of Modern Science* – czasopismo naukowo-dydaktyczne Wyższej Szkoły Gospodarki Euroregionalnej, 1/44/2020, 2/45/2022

## 2021

- *Funkcjonowanie dziecka we współczesnym świecie. Współpraca z rodziną. Wyzwania, zagrożenia, perspektywy*, red. Aleksandra Lukasek, Anna Fidelus
- *Human Rights–Evolution in the digital era*, red. Magdalena Sitek, Jaime Bonet Navarro
- *Human Rights–From reality to the virtual world*, red. Iwona Florek, Ildikó Laki
- *Pedagogical challenges of modern education in the context of blended learning*, Sofia Sokolova
- *Social communications in business environment*, red. Sofia Sokolova, Iryna Ivanova
- *Journal of Modern Science* – scientific and didactic journal of the Alcide De Gasperi University of Euroregional Economy – numbers: 1/46/2021, 2/47/2021

## 2022

- *Prawnokarna i kryminologiczna problematyka działania na szkodę spółki kapitałowej*, Paweł Gołębiewski
- *Współczesne kierunki transformacji organizacji – wybrane aspekty zmian*, red. Konrad Michalski, Aleksandra Szejniuk
- *Journal of Modern Science* – scientific and didactic journal of the Alcide De Gasperi University of Euroregional Economy – numbers: 1/48/2022



## Conferences



The organization of scientific conferences is one of the most important areas of activity of the Alcide De Gasperi University of Euroregional Economy in Jozefow. Their aim is to show both theoretical and practical aspects of selected research problems and phenomena in a multidisciplinary approach. The topics discussed are part of the growing demand in the field of digital solutions in the international, state, social and individual spheres. The conferences are dedicated to a wide scientific community, an interdisciplinary group of experts and practitioners, local government officials and representatives of state administration for whom the topic of changes in contemporary societies in the



social, economic, legal, and educational aspects is very actual and vital. It is worth adding that the papers presented at the conferences, as well as scientific articles or chapters in monographs based on them, reflect the current state of knowledge and research methodology in the field of social sciences.

Below is a list of conferences organized in the last 5 years, broken down into particular disciplines.

### Conferences on pedagogy

- 26.04.2022 – 3rd National Scientific Conference in the series *Child and Family – The process of education and upbringing – post-pandemic transformation*;
- 27.04.2021 – 2nd Pedagogical Conference in the series *Child and Family – Child functioning in the modern world. Cooperation with the family. Challenges, threats, prospects*;
- 15.04.2019 – National Pedagogical Conference – *Child and family in difficult situations. Contemporary dilemmas and challenges*;
- 25.04.2018 – 5th International Scientific Conference – *The sense of adolescence and youth. In search of (un) possible strategies for educating and educating young people in postmodern conditions*;
- 25.04.2017 – IV International Scientific Conference – *Humanities education in the technical civilization of the 21st century. In search of a pedagogical balance*;
- 20.04.2016 – 3rd International Scientific Conference – *Good practices in education and the quality of education and upbringing of children, adolescents, and adults*.

### Intercultural communication conferences

- 28-29.02.2020 – International Scientific Conference – *Modern Trends in Intercultural Communication: Psychological and Pedagogical Aspects of Higher Medical Education and Pedagogical Therapy*;

- 20.12.2018 – III International Scientific Conference – *Modern Trends in Intercultural Communication: State and Human Security*;
- 27.12.2018 – IV International Scientific Conference – *Modern Trends in Intercultural Communication: Social and Humanistic Aspects*;
- 22.12.2017 – International conference – *Modern Trends in Intercultural Communication*.

### Conferences on management and quality sciences

- 25.05.2022 – International Scientific Conference – *Digital Societies and Organizational Management Concepts*, in co-organization with CNBOP-PIB and other scientific institutions, under the Honorary Patronage of the Polish Economic Society and the Association of the European Business Club Poland;
- 25.05.2021 – International Scientific Conference – *Contemporary concepts and methods of managing organizations and administrative units – a vision of the future*, in co-organization with the Warsaw University of Life Sciences, the Warsaw School of Business, the University of Banking in Warsaw, the National University of Life Sciences and Environmental Sciences of Ukraine in Kyiv (Ukraine), Osmaniye Korkut Ata University (Turkey), Eurofur Research Group;
- 22.05.2019 – Scientific Conference *Management 4.0. New challenges for the organization*, co-organizers: prof. dr hab. dr h. c. Bogdan Klepacki – Warsaw University of Life Sciences, dr Bożenna Barbachowska – Higher School of Management and Marketing in Sochaczew, dr hab. n. med. Maciej Słodki, prof. PWSZ, Rector of PWSZ – State Higher Vocational School in Płock;
- 23.05.2018 – Scientific Conference *Management in the 21st century. Social and economic aspects of management in organizations of the future*, co-organizers: SGGW, Vistula Academy of Finance and Business. Speakers: dr hab. Tomasz Ochowski, University of Warsaw, prof. Elżbieta Szymańska – SGGW, dr Bożenna Barbachowska, University of Management in Warsaw.

## Conferences on safety and sociological sciences

- 22.11.2021 – XIII National Scientific Conference – *Digital security: from global to local problems. State, society and human being*, co-organizer: Main School of Fire Service in Warsaw;
- 19.11.2020 – XII International Scientific Conference – *Human being, Society and Security in the time of Digital Transformation – Creating Cyberculture*;
- 24.10.2019 – National Scientific Conference – *Poland in UN Peacekeeping Missions*, organizers: UN Peacekeeping Veterans Association, Marshal Józef Piłsudski Central Military Library, Alcide De Gasperi University of Euroregional Economy in Józefów;
- 25.10.2018 – XI National Conference – *Information Technologies in creating a culture of cyberspace – an element of digital security*, co-organizers: National Center for Nuclear Research in Świerk, Scientific and Research Center for Fire Protection – State Research Institute in Józefów.

## Legal Science Conferences – Human Rights

The cycle of international conferences on the protection of human rights has been continued since 2002. Alcide De Gasperi University of Euroregional Economy in Jozefow has been the main organizer of the conference since 2015. Co-organizers and co-hosts are: WSGE, Milton Friedman University in Budapest (Hungary), University 'Aldo Moro' in Bari (Italy), CEDICLO, Interdepartmental Center of the University of Bari (Italy), Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Rzeszow, University in Valencia (Spain), University Jaume I in Castellon De La Plana (Spain), University of Economics and Humanities in Warsaw, State University of Pope John Paul II in Biała Podlaska, University of Warmia and Mazury, Mediterranean University of Tirana (Albania), Sumy National Agrarian University (Ukraine), Danubius University (Slovakia), Institute of Legal Sciences of the University of Zielona Góra, Wisdom College University (Albania), Firat University (Turkey), Research Group AbCD Horizon-Seeds-Uniba (Italy), Eurofur Research Group;

- 24.06.2022 – VII International Conference on Human Rights – *Smart*

*development – Human rights as a guarantee of smart, sustainable, and inclusive growth*, conference organized at Milton Friedman University in Budapest;

- 11.06.2021 – VI International Conference on Human Rights – *Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Human Rights*;
- 22.06.2020 – Scientific Conference *Human rights in the time of crisis: state – society – technology – security*, online conference;
- 03.06.2019 – V International Conference on Human Rights – *Communication, Mass Media, and Human Rights*;
- 01.06.2018 – International Conference on Human Rights – *From Human Rights to Essential Rights*. Conference organized at Aldo Moro University in Bari;
- 01.06.2017 r. – International Conference on Human Rights – *The needs as the contemporary determinant of the content of human rights*.







## Projects

The university in Józefów has been implementing a number of projects co-financed from European funds for many years. The European Union funds obtained by the University come from the Knowledge – Education – Development Program. The aim of the program is to support the education of students and young scientists. The implemented projects allow, among others to modify the educational offer at the University so that it meets the expectations of the modern labour market as much as possible.

In the years 2018-2022, two projects were implemented at the University under the name: We show students the way to a career (POWR.03.01.00-00-B045/1), which assumed strengthening the potential of the University's Academic Career Office in providing high-quality services supporting the professional activity of graduates through better preparation of students to enter the labour market thanks to the diagnosis of managerial, social and professional competences as well as professional predispositions; individual career counselling; workshops developing competences regarding job search methods and preparation for the recruitment process, setting up and running a business, soft skills, including self-presentation and interpersonal communication; workshops shaping entrepreneurial attitudes (discovering and stimulating entrepreneurial potential and / or creating a business idea); organization of job fairs.

The second project: University of Euroregional Economy for young people (POWR.03.01.00-00-U071/17) was aimed at familiarizing young people from Otwock district schools with the subject of ecology, caring for the planet,

implementing good habits and expanding knowledge in the field of natural sciences; strengthening analytical skills, critical thinking and problem-solving in young people through a series of classes related to combating crime, self-preparation of a website by the participants (using purchased tablets and appropriate software), shaping awareness and an appropriate scope of knowledge about the risks resulting from improper use Internet resources and information technology, as well as increasing educational competences among teachers of schools in the Otwock district.

The project *The University of Euroregional Economy as a university of the future* (POWR.03.05.00-00-z063/17) implemented in 2018-2022 gave the opportunity to improve the quality of education at the University by enabling students to undergo internships, study visits, vocational training, modification of study programs, involvement lecturers from abroad, and enabled training and internships for university teaching staff, training for administrative and managerial staff, purchase and updating of IT tools. Thanks to the above-mentioned activities, the WSGE improved the quality of education and student service, increasing their chances on the labour market and encouraging them to further education. Through the project covering many levels of the University's operation, it was possible to take a comprehensive approach to increasing the qualitative level of activities provided by the University, by influencing not only directly on students, but also on the University's employees and infrastructure.

Since 2019, the University has been running a project entitled *The integrated development program of the University of Euroregional Economy* (POWR.03.05.00-00-Z028/18), which will last until 2023, its main goal is to strengthen the University's potential through the implementation of a comprehensive program aimed at improving the quality of educational services, increasing the competences, qualifications and practical skills of students and representatives of management, teaching and administrative staff as well as implementation of IT tools for university management. In addition, the project allowed for equipping university laboratories with modern devices supporting the education process, for example: Virtual Crime Scene, Virtual Shooting Range, professional criminalistic suitcases.

*Qualified staff for the modern business services sector* (POWR.03.01.00-00-O002/19) is a project that is implemented in the period 2020-2022, and



its goal is to raise the competences of Management and Administration students, corresponding to the needs of the economy, labour market and society knowledge, thanks to the modification of education programs in an innovative formula, leading to the acquisition of market qualifications, functioning in the Integrated Qualifications Register. As part of this project, the IT classroom was equipped with the latest computer equipment and a 3D printer.

The latest project carried out at the University is ***The WSGE, a university available for people with disabilities*** (POWR.03.05.00-00-a015/20), implemented from 2021, assumes an increase in the availability of the University of Euroregional Economy for people with disabilities and the implementation of activities increasing the awareness and competences of university staff and students. As part of the design activities, the WSGE building will be architecturally adapted to the needs of people with disabilities. The project involves the addition of a lift shaft with a passenger lift, adaptation of toilets, new parking spaces, construction of a volleyball court and an outdoor gym. The project also assumes adjusting the recruitment process and the education process by implementing modern tools to support the education process. WSGE was equipped with modern equipment facilitating the implementation of education for people with disabilities. The project also provides for increasing the qualifications and competences of teaching and administrative staff in the field of supporting and educating people with disabilities.

In addition to the EU programs, in 2021, the University was qualified to participate in the project established by the Minister of Education and Science entitled ***Support for non-public universities in the field of conducting classes with the use of distance learning methods and techniques***. The subject of the project is to support the process of distance learning in non-public universities by purchasing technical equipment, making the presentation of content during classes more attractive, conducting remote class and providing technical support. As part of the support, videoconference kits, licenses for PREZI software along with training in the use of this tool and tablets needed for classes were purchased.

All activities undertaken as part of the projects concern, among others: improving the competences of students and teaching staff, management staff, implementation of internships, study visits, improving of the university

infrastructure, creation of a simulation studio or equipping the studio with new teaching aids.

In addition to the above projects, the University has also implemented research and development projects. The first of them, entitled ***Development of an innovative solution for opinion polls via a network of digital TV decoders***, (RPMA.01.02.00-14-7176/16), under the Regional Operational Program of the Mazowieckie Voivodeship for 2014-2020, financed by the Mazovian Unit for the Implementation of EU Programs. As part of the planned tasks, the concept of social research using a digital television terminal was developed. The scope of the substantive work included, among others: analysis of the possibility of conducting research through a new medium, analysis of the methods of selecting the scope and sample size in the study, analysis of possible scopes of research using an innovative tool, characteristics of research tools, as well as the development of the concept of research tools / applications. Project implementation time: October 2016 – March 2018.

The second research and development project was titled ***Development of an innovative solution to carry out the recruitment process via a network of digital television set-top boxes***, (RPMA.01.02.00-14-6186/16), under the Regional Operational Program of the Mazowieckie Voivodeship for 2014-2020, financed by Mazovian Unit for the Implementation of EU Programs. As part of the project, the concept of social research using a cable TV terminal and the concept of a recruitment tool was developed. Project implementation time: December 2017 – June 2018.

The results of both projects were published in the form of articles in highly scored scientific journals.



## Open lectures in 2018-2022

The tradition of WSGE is to organize lectures open to a wide audience. They are not only Polish and English-speaking students of the WSGE, but also the socio-economic environment, including high school students, parents, teachers and entrepreneurs, representatives of the world of science and administration. Those lectures concern current and important social and economic problems, on the border of several scientific disciplines, which are also devoted to research carried out at the University.

### List of lectures carried out in 2018-2022

- 14-16.06.2018 – **prof. Peter Terem**, Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica, *The importance of international organizations and alliances, Slovakia's foreign policy and security ties to USA, The EU's directions and the role of Slovakia, Cooperation of V4-Visegrad Group in the EU, The Slovak Presidency of the Council of the EU in the second half of the year of 2016;*
- 01 – 04.05.2018 – **dr Faruk Turk** – Karamanoglu Mehmetbey University, *Teaching English as a second language;*
- 25-27.04.2018 – **Mr Serkan Boyraz and Mr Ertan Altınsoy** Aksaray University, *Current issues, and methods on language teaching;*
- 28-29.10.2019 – **prof. Şebnem ADA** from Karamanoglu Mehmetbey University. *Independent Auditing in Turkey;*

- 28-29.10.2019 – **prof. Şerkan ADA** from Karamanoglu Mehmetbey University, *Current topics in management information systems;*
- 28.01-1.02.2019 – **dr Cansu Dagsuyu** from Adana Science and Technology University, *Introduction to Inventory Management, Inventory Management Techniques, Economic Order Quantity, Inventory Management Techniques, Modern Inventory Management Approaches;*
- 06-10.05.2019 – **prof. Jose Varela** – ISAG – Instituto Superior de Administracao e Gestao, *Hospitality Management, Wine tourism;*
- 3.02.2020 – **mgr Łukasz Kostecki**, *Building self-esteem, Creative problem solving, Stress management strategies;*
- 28.01.2021 – **Emilia Durka**, *Qualifications and skills necessary in the work of a school pedagogue;*
- 09.04.2021 – **dr hab. Maciej Rzewuski, prof. UWM**, *Digital inheritance;*
- 7-11.12.2021 – **Irvin Faniko, PhD** – University College of Wisdom of Tirana, *Some basic notions, and principles of Roman law in the contemporary age;*
- 11-12.04.2022 – **dr Emine KARAÇAYIR** from 'Karamoğlu Mehmetbey Üniversitesi, Turkey, – „Financial planning and investment, financial markets and institutions, financial markets and institutions in Turkey”;
- 24-27.05.2022 – **Assist. Professor Fatma Okur Çakıcı** – Karamanoğlu Mehmetbey University, Turkey, *Political Science;*
- 24-27. 05.2022 – **Assoc. Professor A. Burhan Çakıcı** – Karamanoğlu Mehmetbey University, *Organizational justice;*
- 23-27.05.2022 – **Prof. Necmi Düşünceli** from Aksaray University, Turkey, *Polymeric materials, and their mechanical properties;*
- 25.05-2.06.2022 – **Mr Mehmet Ali Mersin, PhD.** from Aksaray University, Turkey *Mathematics, and computer science;*
- 23-25.05.2022 – **Mr Talip Arsu, PhD** from Aksaray University, Turkey, *Multi-Criteria Decision Making (MCDM) Methods;*
- 13-15.06.2022 – **prof. Ali Ayata** from Karamanoglu Mehmetbey University, Turkey, *EU's Neighborhood Enlargement Policy;*
- 13-15.06.2022 – **Assoc. Prof. Yigit Anil Guzelipek** from Karamanoglu Mehmetbey University, Turkey, *Political History in the 20. Century;*
- 27-30.06.2022 – **Müge Sağlam Bezgin PhD.** from Karamanoglu Mehmetbey University, Turkey, *Business finance.*





## International Relations Office

The Alcide De Gasperi University of Euroregional Economy in Jozefow pays particular attention to the internationalization of the education process, as well as the diversification of the directions of acquiring candidates for studies. During the 10-year operation of the Foreign Relations Office, WSGE recruited mainly students from Asia, including countries such as India, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri-Lanka, Bangladesh, as well as Ukraine, Uzbekistan, and Tajikistan. In recent years, the share of students from African countries, including in particular Rwanda, Kenya, Nigeria, Côte d'Ivoire, and the Congo, has significantly increased. Studies in English are conducted in the field of Management, mainly in the MBA and BBA specializations, as well as Hospitality and Tourism Management. According to the University authorities, these fields of study give foreign students of WSGE the opportunity to find employment in Poland or Europe to the greatest extent, and above all increase their chances of making a career on the domestic labour market. It is worth emphasizing that foreign students are generally satisfied with the efficient operation of distance learning at WSGE, which also enables them to participate in classes while they are still waiting for the result of the visa application. The main challenge of the University of Euroregional Economy in the area of international studies is the process of finding suitable candidates for studies who will meet the high visa requirements of the Schengen Area. The constant presence of foreigners on the list of people admitted to studies and the uninterrupted conduct of studies in English proves the ability of WSGE to adapt to the requirements set by both

the Polish and European legislators. And the University authorities wish to constantly expand the limits of the University's reach and thus reach the farthest corners of the world with the educational offer.





# 20 YEARS



## Erasmus+

Alcide De Gasperi University of Euroregional Economy has been participating in the Erasmus program (formerly Socrates-Erasmus, then LLP Erasmus, now Erasmus +) since 2004.

WSGE has made great progress in the arena of international universities, and its activities are focused on establishing cooperation with universities – both from EU and non-EU countries. The internationalization strategy is about expanding partnerships with stakeholders both in the EU and worldwide on student and staff mobility, curriculum development, knowledge alliances, conducting joint research, publishing research results, and creating joint initiatives. That is why we work closely with the National Agency of the Erasmus + Program to provide our students and employees with the necessary information and assistance in this regard.

Moreover, one of the goals set by the WSGE management staff is to increase the number of foreign students. In addition, as the language of instruction and administration is Polish and English, our university makes sure that each incoming student receives the required support to make the most of the study time.

WSGE attaches great importance to offering training opportunities to our students. Each student receives full support in terms of going abroad. WSGE makes every effort to ensure the successful implementation of the Bologna Process in our institution. The ECTS scoring system is used at the University, which ensures transparency and full recognition in higher education institutions.



Each of the five priorities of the EU Modernization Agenda forms the basis of the WSGE modernization and development strategy, which can be followed on the website. WSGE is aware of the Europe 2020 Strategy and considers it necessary and important to participate in the Erasmus + program, which in turn is to have a positive impact on the quality and modernization possibilities of our institution.

**Priority 1:** WSGE considers it necessary for students and researchers to engage in international study / training programs, which in turn helps our institution to develop a modernization strategy. By participating in the Erasmus + WSGE program, which offers all its courses in English and already has strong links with the business sectors, it aims to attract more students and researchers from all over Europe and neighbouring regions to study and work at our institution.

**Priority 2:** WSGE focuses on offering high-quality education / training corresponding to the needs of the labour market in the region.

**Priority 3:** WSGE is aware of the fact that activities related to learning mobility and cross-border partnerships between universities and enterprises allow for high-quality and sustainable interaction, which in turn has a positive impact on the quality of our education.

**Priority 4:** WSGE works with the local business sector and serves the local economy to better meet the needs of the labour market in the region. It also commits to participating in Knowledge Alliances and Strategic Partnerships in program countries, and to modernize and improve its curriculum by integrating research and innovation results into its curriculum.

**Priority 5:** The program will allow our institution to strengthen its management by promoting a more effective fund and human resource management system.



## Career's Office

The university runs a Career Office, the task of which is to follow the career of graduates after finishing the studies, including in terms of their preparation for their profession, degree of professional activation and compliance of education with their profession. The WSGE graduates are employed in public administration units, educational institutions, security bodies and agencies, as well as in the private sector, educational, therapeutic and resocialization centres. The result of education at WSGE is also independence in starting one's own business. The university is preparing a training offer for graduates, including trainings, courses, postgraduate studies, or job fairs.

Another type of maintaining contacts with graduates is the organization of various events, including graduate balls, thanks to which they are informed about the current activities of the University and the most important events in its life. The head of the Career Office is a sociologist dr hab. Małgorzata Such-Pyrgiel.

Another area of the Career Office's activity is monitoring the quality of education at WSGE in all fields of study. As part of this procedure, the Office conducts a lecturer appraisal survey twice a year and an administration appraisal survey once a year. Conclusions from the conducted research are used to improve the quality of education, as well as the level of service to this process at the University.





## Teaching and research infrastructure

At present, the University of Euroregional Economy runs its statutory activity in a complex consisting of three buildings.



In September 2011, a three-floor building located at Sienkiewicza Street 4 with a total area of 1,350 m<sup>2</sup>. In the building there are the place for university authorities with the administration, in addition, there is a Senate room (30 seats, multimedia board, computer) and 7 modern multimedia rooms and lecture halls, including: room 23 (25 seats, multimedia board, computer); room no. 20 (40 seats, multimedia board, computer); room no. 19 (40 seats, multimedia board, computer); room no. 34 a (30 seats, multimedia board, computer); room no. 34 b (40 seats, multimedia board, computer); room no. 15/16 (80 seats, multimedia board, computer, audio set); room 31 – IT laboratory (15 seats, multimedia board, computer); in addition, there is also a library with a reading room. The building provides permanent access to wireless Internet. Students have open access to 5 computers in the library.

The second building, with a total area of 550 m<sup>2</sup>, is a three-floor building located at Skorupki 2 Street, put into use in 2015. There are 8 classrooms in it, including room no. 1 (28 seats, multimedia board, computer); room 3 (65 seats, multimedia board, computer); room no. 13 (27 seats, multimedia board, computer); room no. 15 (55 seats, multimedia board, computer); room No. 16 (48 seats, multimedia board, computer); room no. 21 (35 seats, multimedia board, computer); room no. 22 (24 seats, multimedia board, computer); room 23 (30 seats, multimedia board, computer).

The third building, with a total area of 480 m<sup>2</sup>, is a two-floor building located at Sienkiewicza Street 9, put into the use in the summer of 2017. There are 5 classrooms, including room 1 (39 seats, multimedia board, computer); room no. 3 (54 seats, multimedia board, computer); room 4 (22 seats, multimedia board, computer); room 5 (38 seats, projector board, computer, overhead projector); room 6 (40 seats, multimedia board, computer) and additionally a social room and an archive. Each room has access to multimedia devices and constant access to the Internet.

Due to students with disabilities, the University has introduced facilities in the field of infrastructure and equipment of rooms adapted to these people in the form of driveways to buildings, lecture halls on the ground floor (5 rooms), the possibility of using computer keyboards for the visually impaired and partially sighted, a Braille notebook with a speech synthesizer, a Braille printer, Prisma – a stationary writing magnifier, a device that replaces a computer mouse.



The University buildings are surrounded by large, well-developed, and fenced squares. On the property there are: free parking lot for university employees and students, a sports field, and a place to rest at tables and garden benches.



Three didactic buildings are located in Józefów very close to communication lines, it means: KM, SKM, ZTM (bus and train communication means) and private bus lines. The buildings are situated in three different places away from the Michalin railway station (a district of Józefów city): building C and B – 1000 m, building SK – 270 m. Buildings C and B (Sienkiewicza Street no. 4 and no. 9) are situated away from the building of SK (Skorupki Street no. 2) about 700m.

The university uses IT systems: USOS (University's system of service for students), MS 365 Office Platform with all applications, the Moodle e-learning platform, the RAMZES accounting system, the RAKS HR system, the LIBRARY systems, the system related to the implementation of the Erasmus program: MT +, on-line FRSE, OLS, systems related to the functioning of higher education in Poland: POL-on, OSF OPI, Repository, MEWA, SOWA and others.

Thinking about the field of Pedagogy, the university purchased the PRAKSJA program, which supports the therapy of aphasia, dysarthria, facial nerve palsy and voice emission exercises. The program includes approximately four hundred films and three hundred special exercises selected for improving the speech of people with aphatic and dysarthric disorders. In addition, students, as part

of using the reading room in the library, can use the SITA language teaching program (including English, Italian, German, Spanish).

WSGE pays special attention to the development of students' competences, and this has been the direction of the University's development since its inception. These competences are shaped, inter alia, by thanks to the use of modern methods and techniques of education, necessary for the needs of fields of study with a practical profile, including distance learning tools and techniques (e-learning resources). The university has implemented an IT system dedicated to distance learning. E-learning resources are used for the needs of part-time studies supported by e-learning and are a complementary element, used for the needs of traditional studies. In the case of conducting classes using distance learning techniques, WSGE lecturers also use interactive solutions. One of such solutions are virtual boards installed in all University's teaching rooms. As part of the Microsoft 365 package, the Microsoft Teams solution package is used for distance learning. As part of the particular teams, the lecturers, students and university staff can share their experience, communicate with each other, ask questions about the didactic process, take part in training courses to improve the didactic workshop or use the knowledge repository containing training materials (including recordings from completed training courses, teaching guides, step-by step instructions, etc.).



## Library

At the time of establishing the Alcide De Gasperi University of Euroregional Economy in Józefów, a library was also established. Today, after twenty years of operation, it continues to develop, replenish its collections, establish cooperation with partners, encourage new readers to use its resources and promote reading, culture and the digital world of information and science.

In the years 2003-2011, the WSGE Library was located in Józefów at Sienkiewicza Street no. 2, in quite modest rooms. Since September 2011, the seat of the library has been located in the building at Sienkiewicza Street no. 4. In the spacious room there are modern sliding shelves which are able to accommodate the increasingly richer collections.

This place, fully using modern information and digital technologies, provides a reading zone for students as well as for research and teaching staff. The library is equipped with computer stations. It is possible to use the free Internet access throughout the entire academic campus.

The library is a unit which performs a scientific and didactic function, has a rich and gradually increasing collection of books, enriched by books obtained through own purchase, gifts from other libraries, associations, foundations, organizations and from private persons, authors as well as from the exchange of publications with other universities. For 20 years of operation, we have managed to establish cooperation in the exchange of our own publications with over fifty libraries all over Poland. This cooperation allowed for the promotion of the library and the WSGE Publishing House in the scientific

community and made it possible to obtain many new publications. Currently, our book collection consists of about 27,000 inventory items, which include books, scientific notebooks, albums, and special collections in the form of CDs. The achievements of the WSGE Publishing House as well as subscribed journals, which are thus more easily accessible to students, are presented in glass windows and on shelves.

The collection includes books necessary for the didactic process in all fields of study conducted by the University. We collect items, including in pedagogy, sociology, psychology, administration, law, marketing, management, hotel industry, international relations, history, security, environmental protection. All our collections are fully developed in the E-library program, and the catalogues are available online on the University's website. Each reader can remotely access their account, place an order for a book or check the return date. Library users can take advantage of SITA language courses (English, German, Italian, Spanish). Traditional printed collections are complemented by electronic resources on the IBUK Libra portal, the resources of which include about six hundred electronic titles. The library also gained access to the ACADEMICA Digital Library of Scientific Publications – a program implemented by the National Library, and to the Virtual Library of Science (WBN) – a purchase and sharing program of global knowledge resources in the form of electronic journals, books, and databases for Polish academic and scientific institutions.

For the sake of users with disability, to enable them to use the library resources, two Embraille Braille printers, one Perkins Smart Braille electronic Braille machine and special electrically height-adjustable desks were purchased. Our university joined the project enabling blind, visually impaired and other disabled students to read materials in black print format and established cooperation with the University of Warsaw as a partner university. As part of the cooperation, it is possible to use the resources collected by other universities as well as make materials adapted to the students' own needs available in the Academic Digital Library.

The library has its place on the University's website and actively participates in the promotion of reading in social media on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.



The library space with such extensive and multidimensional access to science resources encourages visitors to visit it and gain extensive and up-to-date knowledge, and the friendly employees of this place are always ready to help the readers.



## EUROFUR

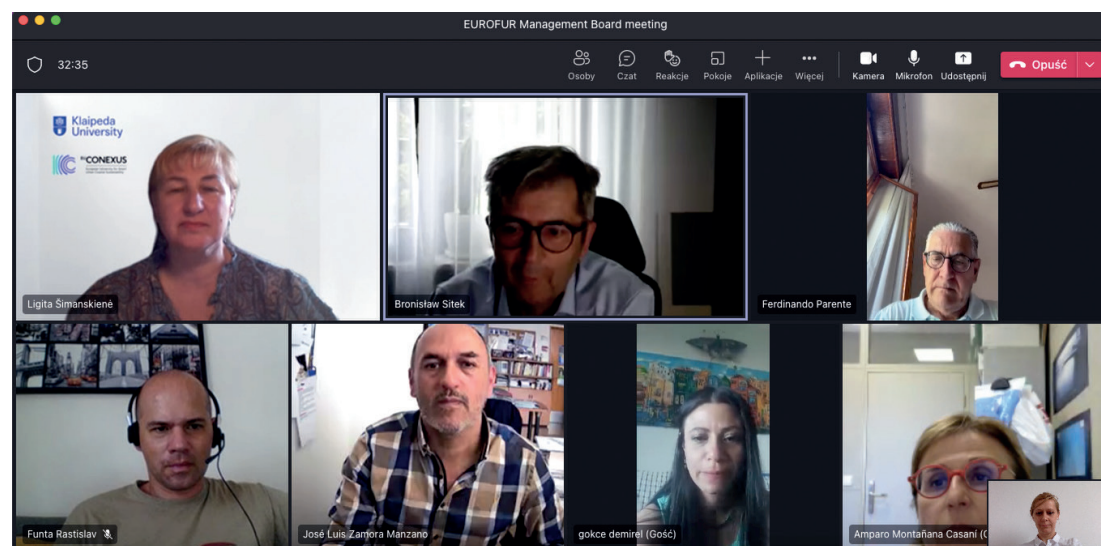
The International Research Group EUROFUR, founded on the initiative of WSGE, in July 2020, is a platform for the exchange of scientific results and scientific cooperation of an interdisciplinary nature and the implementation of scientific achievements developed in individual research centres grouped in this group.

The creation of a multinational research group is an expression of the care of the representatives of the world of science for the future of Europe, individual countries, and local communities. Joint research activities will allow for immediate response to problems resulting from fast changes in the modern world. Joint ventures will aim not only at informing each other about new problems, but most of all possible ways of solving them. The research integration of European academic community will make it possible to counteract their marginalization by American and Asian research centres.

The future of Europe should be seen from the perspective of opportunities for its sustainable economic, social, and political development. Members of the EUROFUR Group base their activities on common European values, such as: respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law, respect for human rights, including the rights of persons belonging to minorities, tolerance, non-discrimination, justice, solidarity, equality of people and respect for history and religion.

The group focuses on scientific research and the exchange of research results and their implementation in the field of education, human rights, digitization,

and socio-economic challenges. This group brings together institutions and representatives of the world of science from Poland, Italy, Spain, Albania, Slovakia, Turkey, Lithuania, Hungary, Ukraine, and Bulgaria.



The result of the work of the Eurofur Group is the theoretical and practical analysis of social problems and ways of solving them on the example of specific cases from the countries from which Eurofur members are coming. This way, a range of ready-to-implement solutions is created. The most visible example of such implementation was the speech of the Turkish representative on refugees in Turkey in 2021. In this way, Polish and Lithuanian local institutions had the opportunity to take advantage of the Turkish experience and prepare in advance to accept refugees from Ukraine.

### Organized webinars and meetings

- 15 February 2021 – *The phenomenon of early school leaving*, speaker: Rosa Indellicato, PhD Aldo Moro University in Bari (Italy);
- 13 May 2021 – *Environmental footprint methods – a tool to assess sustainability of economic activities*, speaker: Kęstutis Biekša, PhD – Klaipeda University;
- 20 September 2021 – *ICT tools and e-learning during the Covid pandemic*, moderator: prof. Jose Luis Zamora Manzano & prof. Carmen Gullamon Lazaro

The discussion with presentation on solution from particular scientific and academic centres was attended by:

- » prof. Carmen Gullamon Lazaro – Jaume I University in Castellon (Spain),
  - » prof. Jose Luis Zamora Manzano – University of Las Palmas De Gran Canaria (Spain),
  - » prof. Rosa Indellicato and prof. Salvatore Parente – Aldo Moro University in Bari (Italy),
  - » prof. Barbara Borillo – Aldo Moro University in Bari (Italy),
  - » Bilal Kalkan PhD & Berivan Saltik PhD – Adıyaman Üniversitesi (Turkey),
  - » Artur Banaszak M.A. – WSGE University in Jozefow (Poland),
  - » prof. Bronisław Sitek – SWPS University (Poland),
  - » prof. Ligita Simonskiene – Klaipeda University (Lithuania),
  - » dr hab. JUDr. Rastislav Funta, Ph.D. – Danubius University (Slovakia);
- 26 October 2021 – *Migration problems – challenge for Turkey and European Union*, speaker: Hatice Gokce Demirel, Ph.D. i Assist. Prof. Dr. Zulfukar Aytaç KISMAN – Firaz University (Turkey);
  - 24 November 2021 – *Maritime nature and environmental challenges in regard to globalisation*, speaker: assoc. prof. dr Rasa Viederyte – Klaipeda University (Lithuania);
  - 21 December 2021 – *Impact of Artificial Intelligence on Labour Conditions: A Dark Future?* speaker: dr hab. JUDr. Rastislav Funta, Ph.D., LL.M. – Danubius University (Slovakia);
  - 28 January 2022 – *The Ombudsman in Albania. His institutional figure and active role in the contemporary local reality*, speaker: Ma. Irvin Faniko Ph.D. – Wisdom University (Albania).
  - 17 March 2022 – *Strengths and weaknesses of the Polish Local Self-Government in the 21st Century: Social Consultations at the Local Level*, speaker: prof. Edyta Sokalska (Warmia and Mazury University in Olsztyn);





## Calendar

The calendar presents the most notable events in the life of university in the years of 2018-2022. These are events that have a significant impact on the development and operation of a research institution, and which were not mentioned in various parts of this book. You can read about previous events in the book 15 years of the Alcide De Gasperi University of Euroregional Economy

### 2018

- April 2018 – WSGE international students participated in the Multicultural Cafeteria at the Wawer Cultural Center

### 2019

- July 2019 – September 2020 – implementation of the University Study Service System (USOS) – a comprehensive IT tool for managing study matters at a university, in order to improve the quality of student service, maintain a high standard of IT service and technical efficiency, allowing the WSGE to adapt to expectations students and employees as well as the standards prevailing in the Polish academic environment. USOS plays the role of a crucial point for gathering information from the entire University, which significantly improves the management of studies, allows the unification of university procedures, and allows for the effective implementation of university-wide initiatives as well as the central authorization of students and employees on university websites.

- 2019/2020 academic year – starting education at uniform master's studies in the field of preschool and early school education.
- September 2019 – practical implementation of the assumptions of the Act on Higher Education and Science of 2018, the so-called *Constitution for Science*. The structure of the university was changed: the division into faculties was abolished, and WSGE became a non-faculty university. The part of University in Mińsk Mazowiecki became a branch.

### 2020

- 29<sup>th</sup> September 2020 – obtaining the right to conduct studies in the field of Pedagogy at first-cycle studies with a practical profile.
- December 2020 – establishment of the Office for Persons with Disabilities. Its tasks include: undertaking activities aimed at eliminating barriers preventing people with disabilities from participating in the life of the academic community or hindering education; integration of students with disabilities; promoting WSGE as an institution friendly to people with disabilities, in particular among potential candidates for studies (including by informing about the possibilities and conditions of studying at WSGE for people with disabilities); shaping the attitudes of the academic community towards people with disabilities.

### 2021

- March 2021 – WSGE receives *ERASMUS CHARTER FOR HIGHER EDUCATION 2021-2027* – international accreditation authorizing to participate in the Erasmus + program and other initiatives organized by the European Commission.
- 28<sup>th</sup> August 2021 – organization of a bicycle rally and a charity family picnic at WSGE. At the picnic, we hosted the music groups. During the picnic, the Disney songs were sung together, there were numerous games and attractions for the youngest, a stand with scented candles, fitness classes, a book fair and more. The main goal of this event was integration of the academic community with local environment as well as raising the funds for the sick child.



## 2022

- February 2022 – the ball for students, graduates and administration and academic staff of the University.
- April 2022 – receiving the ISO 2018:21001 certificate of the Educational Organization Management System
- 3rd June 2022 – WSGE signs the University's Declaration of Social Responsibility, committing itself to taking into account and applying the principles of social responsibility and ensuring comprehensive development in all areas of activity and disseminating these principles among stakeholders. The University's Declaration of Social Responsibility was established on the initiative of the Ministry of Education and Science and the Ministry of Funds and Regional Policy.







## Memory of the dead

In this book, those who left us (dead) are mentioned in a unique way. All of them contributed to the development of our university and entered its history, and although we said goodbye to them in our earthly life. They will remain in our memory and hearts forever. Their profiles are presented below.

### **Prof. dr hab. Stanisław Pikulski**

An authority in the field of criminal law, Rector of the WSGE in 2002-2006. Prof. Stanisław Pikulski studied at the Faculty of Law and Administration of the Jagiellonian University in Krakow, obtaining a master's degree in law. In 1981, at his home faculty, he defended the work written under the supervision of prof. Tadeusz Hanausk, – doctoral thesis entitled *Offenses of espionage. In theory and practice*. In 1991, he obtained a postdoctoral degree (habilitation) in legal sciences in the field of substantive criminal law and criminology at the Faculty of Law and Administration of the University of Silesia in Katowice on the basis of his academic achievements and the dissertation entitled *Envy murder*. In 2001, the President of the Republic of Poland awarded him with the academic title of professor in the field of legal sciences.

### **Prof. dr hab. Wincenty Bednarek**

Rector of WSGE in 2007-2013. Prof. Wincenty Bednarek, an outstanding scientist in the field of administrative law, author of many publications on administration, the Police, and internal security of the Republic of Poland.

In 1960, he obtained a master's degree in Law from the Faculty of Law of the Jagiellonian University. In 1972, he defended his doctoral degree in law at the Faculty of Law and Administration of the University of Silesia in Katowice on the basis of the dissertation on *Criminological and forensic aspects of robberies in the Opole region*, prepared under the supervision of Professor Tadeusz Hanausk. In April 1990, he obtained a postdoctoral degree (habilitation) in social sciences in the field of security sciences at the Faculty of Land Forces of the Academy of General Staff. Gen. Karol Świerczewski – dissertation *Organization and functioning of the police of capitalist states in the system of national defence, protection of public safety and order*. In 1986, he was awarded the Knight's Cross of the Order of Polonia Restituta.

### **Dr. Tadeusz Graca, prof. WSGE**

Rector of WSGE in 2014 – 2020 and Vice-Rector for student matter, education in branch location and cooperation with the environment. He studied pedagogy at the Military Political Academy in Warsaw. In 1989, he defended his doctoral thesis entitled *Psychological determinants of social involvement of cadets*, written under the supervision of Col. dr hab. Paweł Boesler. His main interests and research work focused on issues related to lifelong education, andragogy, psychosocial and structural determinants of educational and upbringing processes, professional ethics in preschool and early childhood education, psycho-didactic laws of learning and teaching in e-education conditions. Co-organizer of the first editions of the Economic Forum of the Otwock District, the Local Economic Recovery initiative, and the initiator of the establishment of the University's Patronage Council.

### **Prof. dr hab. Eng. Roman Kulczycki**

University teacher at WSGE in the field of Internal Security; specialist in the field of international security, state security, military command, IT, state defence, crisis management. Originator and director of the Institute for Cross-Border Security WSGE. A graduate of the Officers School of Artillery in Torun, Military University of Technology in Warsaw, and Radio-technical Engineering Academy in Kharkiv. He defended his doctoral thesis in 1972, and his habilitation was done in 1980, and he obtained the title of full professor in 1986. Initiator of many research topics, head of scientific and research works of departmental and

national rank. Member of a team of experts in the field of security appointed by the Minister of Science and Information Technology. Main author of the first unique study program in the field of National Security in Poland. Initiator and author of the computer information system supporting the management of state security.

### **Prof. dr hab. Wiesław Kowalczewski**

He specialized mainly in business management, investment organization and the economics of environmental protection. Professor, engineer, economist. Academic teacher at the University of Euroregional Economy. He was interested in the philosophy of economics and changes in the paradigm of organizational management. In 2006–2011 he was associated with the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Euroregional Economy in Józefów. He preceded his scientific activity with 37 years of work as chief engineer and director in the implementation of commissioning and designing large energy investments in Poland and abroad. Author of over 100 scientific publications. Member of the Scientific Council of the European Association of Environmental Protection and Natural Resource Economists and the International Academy of Ecology and Life Protection Sciences in St. Petersburg. Until the end of his days, he was professionally active, lectured, organized scientific conferences, and conducted discussion meetings.

### **Dr Mirosław Grelik**

Specialist in the field of organization and management theory, capital markets, analysis of the financial condition of economic organizations, auditing. Doctor (PhD) in Organization and Management Sciences, Scientist and Practitioner. Academic teacher at the University of Euroregional Economy, dean of the Faculty of Administration Sciences at the University of Euroregional Economy in 2007–2009, he was also the dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences. A graduate of the Warsaw School of Economics (SPGiS), he also completed doctoral studies in praxeology at the Polish Academy of Sciences, where he obtained his doctorate and worked for several years in research.

### **Arun D'Souza, MA**

Specialist in accounting and finance. Academic teacher at WSGE for full-time students in the field of Management; a graduate of a Master's in Commerce from the University of Mumbai; professionally associated with Volvo Group, Volvo Poland Sp. z o.o. and Citi Handlowy (previously: Bank Handlowy in Warsaw).





