



Nordplus

Development project of NORDPLUS higher education programme
“Development of Society and Organisation Security Programmes 2017”

Security related Study programmes in Latvia, Lithuania and Finland

SWOT ANALYSES

The main aim of the project is: to raise partners' and security experts' knowledge about security issues, exchange experiences, revise and develop programs related to security, prepare up-to-date and comprehensive study material (book) on security issues, which will be integrated and used in all study programs, where main target groups of the project are Security field lecturers, students and professionals.

Project is implemented in cooperation of 3 partner Universities: *Turība* University (Latvia), Kazimieras Simonavičius University (Lithuania) and Laurea University of Applied Sciences (Finland).

All partners implement security related programs:

Turība University –

- First level higher education study programme „Organisation security”
- Professional bachelor study programme „Organisation security”

Kazimieras Simanovičius University –

- Security Management
- Business information technology

Laurea University of Applied Sciences –

- Law and economic security

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Security related programmes as such are quite new study field, especially in Baltic countries. Each partner has specialisation and experienced experts in different security related issues. At the same time all partners have identified that there is not sufficient cross-border and regional cooperation in security issues, lack of knowledge and experiences in teaching related subjects by taking into account cross-border issues. Also partnership has identified that there is lack of up-to-date study materials in fields related to security.

All the study programs have their strengths and weaknesses.

Strengths of the all study programs:

1. Dynamically oriented education is the opportunity to choose study courses that are relevant as optional subjects. Optional courses allow students to deepen their knowledge of wider areas of security law, taking into account today`s actualities and the labor market;
2. The universality of the program, adaptation to the needs of the business sector and the public sector;
3. Strong infrastructure and technical base;
4. Teachers - experts in their field. Teachers have extensive experience with different types of experiences that can be used in different study units;
5. Feedback is constantly maintained with students, teaching staff, social partners and stakeholders;
6. Rapid development of library resources with the availability of the latest scientific literature and electronic databases.

Weaknesses of the study disciplines:

1. Insufficiently developed scientific research, publications and articles;
2. Insufficient number of elected academic personnel;
3. Actual academic study opportunities for students are limited by research budget and type of ongoing projects;
4. Insufficient student and educator mobility.

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As some of the features of the program are:

1. Active involvement of all teaching and research staff and stakeholders in the improvement and review of the program objectives;
2. Strengthening cooperation with foreign HEIs;
3. Promote the internationalization;
4. More detailed and understandable criteria for the assessment of study papers etc.

Threats for the study disciplines

1. Insufficient research work done by teachers, as a result of which there are not enough methodological materials and teaching aids, hence also;
2. The challenge for educators to follow changes in legislation, operational environment, etc. It takes more time than usual;
3. The low wages of science staff, which makes it difficult for well-known researchers and specialists to be attracted;
4. Other similar programs are offered by other higher education institutions, thus reducing the number of potential students.

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