

***Spotlight on Ukraine:
an Impact of the War on
Ukrainian HEIs***

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The major war in Europe since WWII

➔ Forced termination of the education process at Ukrainian universities

➔ Massive exodus of Ukrainian scholars and students internally and internationally

➔ Damage has been caused to 928 educational institutions (and counting) 84 of EIs have been completely destroyed



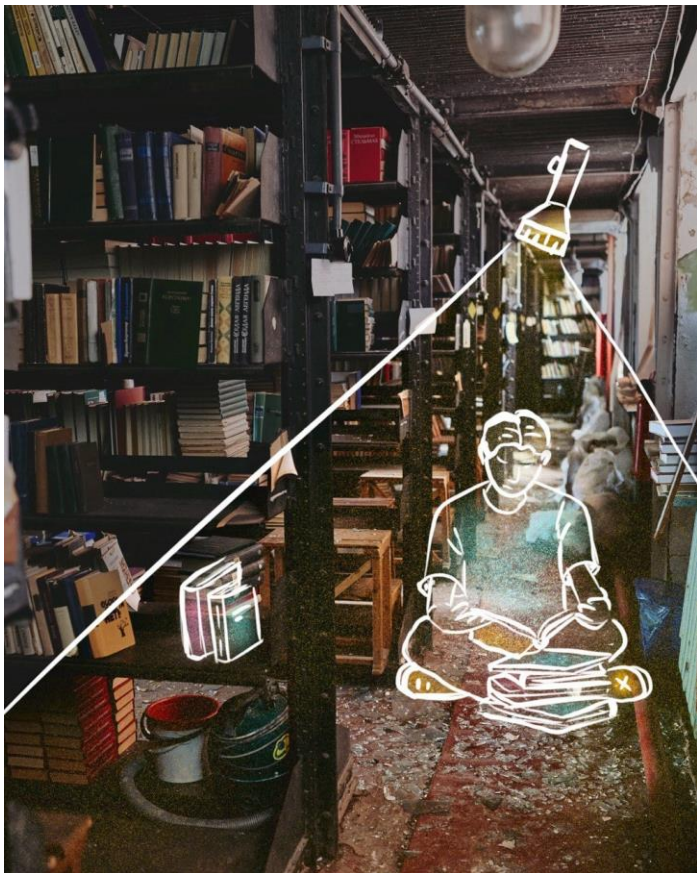
Higher educational institutions in Ukraine: war-related losses

- ✗ More than half of the 281 HEIs in Ukraine have suffered damage to infrastructure and brain drain
- ✗ HEIs in Chernigiv, Sumy, Kharkiv, Irpin: major victims of the aggression
- ✗ Relocation of students, teachers and staff: normal learning at risk





The interactive map (e-portal) of damaged and destroyed educational institutions “Education under Attack” is being constantly updated.





Trying to survive (1): emergency measures



Survival of students and personnel

logistics, service and procurement for campus and dormitories

mobilization of international support

emergency suspension of classes

educational process in distance or blended format in 24 regions



Trying to survive (2): restoration measures



Digitalization of the universities (lessons learned from COVID-19)

- resumption of studies
- administration processes: forced and accelerated digitalization
- preserving archives, scientific and cultural heritage
- keeping university alive at all

Exchange and mobility programmes for students, teachers and researchers

- ➡ Erasmus+ (additional funding)
- ➡ emergency exchange programmes
- ➡ blended programmes for medicine students



Trying to survive (3): development measures

Double degree programmes

- continuation and completion of studies
- staying connected with the home institution
- twinning programmes



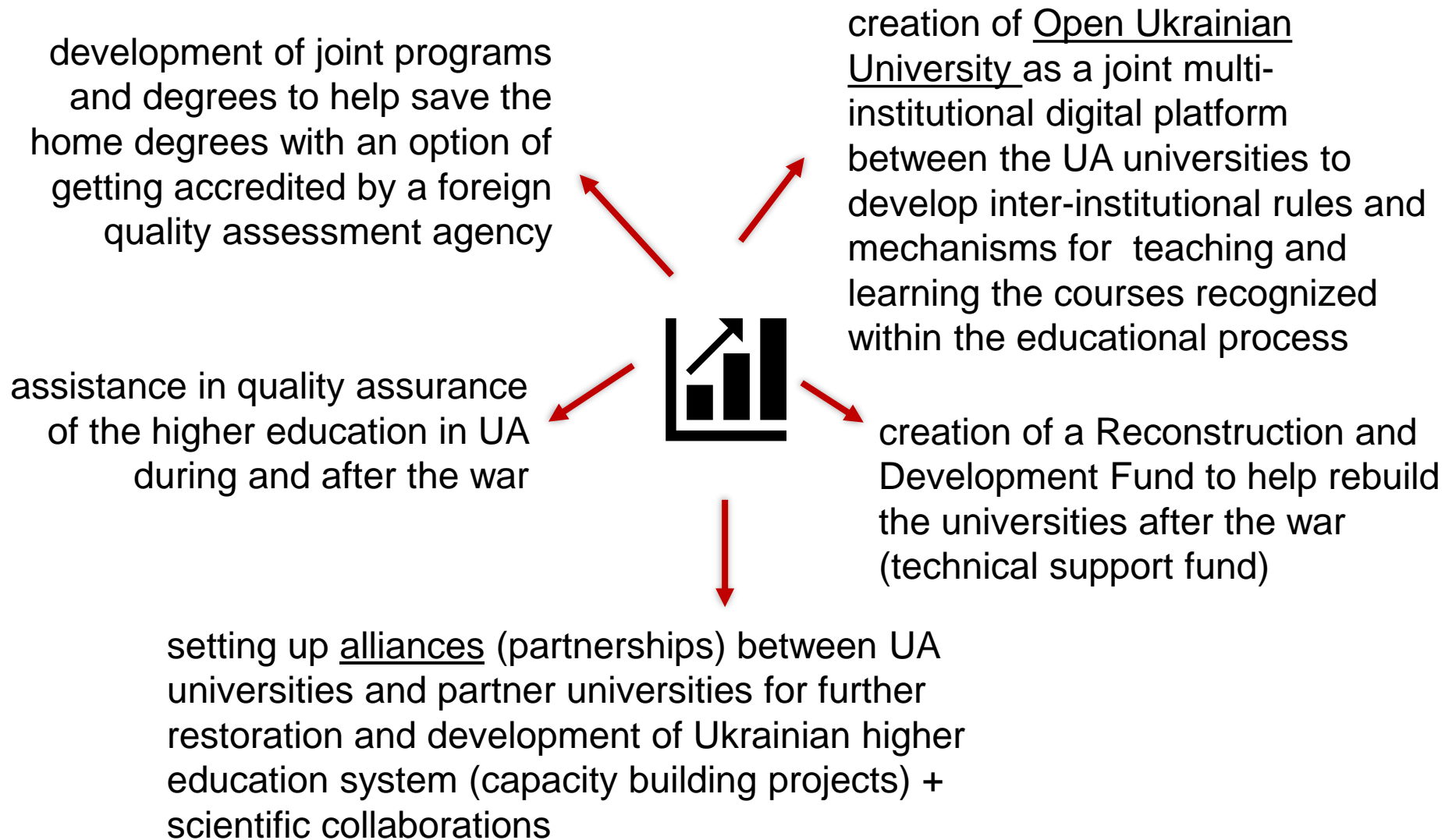
Capacity building

- twinning programmes
- creating new and joining existing university alliances

Overview of Ukrainian HEI needs: short-term

- ➔ providing access to education programs, courses, etc. online, granting credits for them to Ukrainian students, so that they might complete the academic year
 - opening access to databases, libraries, repositories, online training programs for students and staff (research resources) ←
- ➔ accepting students for short mobility programs until the end of the academic year, which will be transferred to their home university credits - and creating of network of “ambassadors”
 - virtual visiting professorship or actual short visits of the academics from UA ←
- ➔ mini-grants for researchers staying in Ukraine
 - joint tutorship/supervision for graduates (in case BA or MA thesis is needed for graduation) + dual PhD programs (cotutelles) ←

Overview of Ukrainian HEI needs: medium and long-term



The Second Displacement: from Evacuation to Development



Displaced universities: new risks

Index	Luhansk Oblast	Donetsk Oblast	Total
Number of displaced Higher Education Institutions (MES) <u>by 2022</u>	2	5	7
Number of students	12 454	8 961	21 415
Scientific and pedagogical staff of the Universities	861	652	1 513

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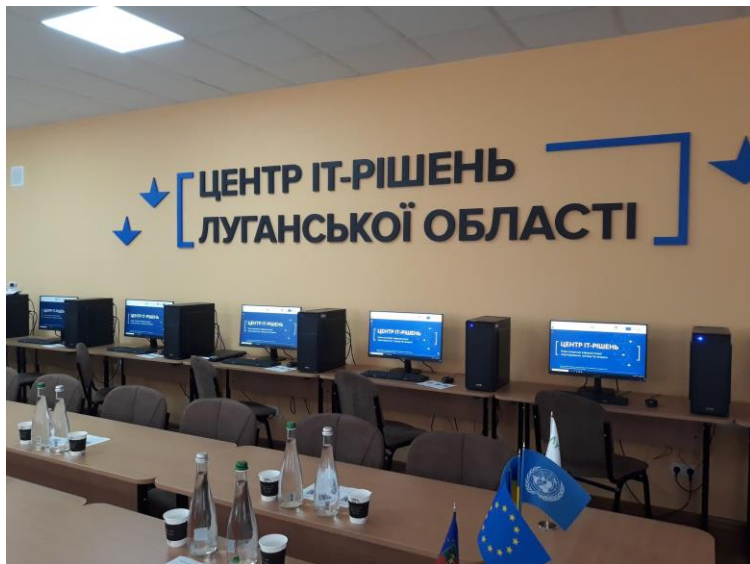
Volodymyr Dahl East Ukrainian National University: the leading classical university – as it was before



The first experience: the occupation of 2014



Achievements, development and new expectations (2014-2022)



Demolition and evacuation - 2022

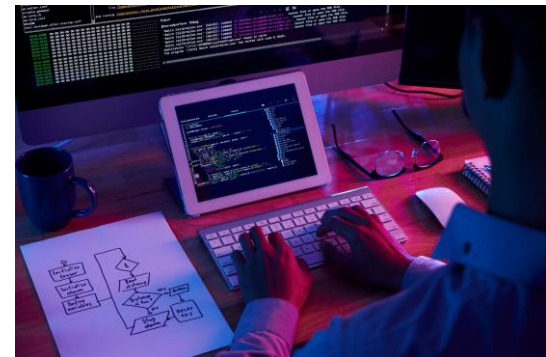


Quick response to new challenges



Current short-term needs for University restoration

- computer, office and network equipment for the restoration of educational and scientific processes
- laboratory equipment in key areas of research
- free software
- online lectures and open research databases from leading universities and research collaborations
- creation of joint centers for the use of equipment



Long-term needs for University development

- creation of a partnership network to support displaced universities (following the example of the "Unity" initiative of the Cormack Consultancy Group to establish partnerships with universities in the UK, USA and Canada)
- involvement of researchers from displaced universities in research projects and programs
- creation of special-purpose funds for recovery with partners from European universities
- free membership in various educational associations



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