

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE

International programmes and projects

a) Nordic-Baltic cooperation

- NOVABA and BOVA, which are a cooperation programmes of Nordic and Baltic agricultural, veterinary and forestry universities, has been established in 1996. NOVA-BOVA is based on earlier formed NOVA University programme, which is coordinating the cooperation of Nordic agricultural universities. The rector (P.Jensen) have their office in Alnarp, Sweden. BOVA - the cooperation programme of the Baltic agricultural and veterinary universities is a Baltic counterpart programme. The Nordic office has been established at the ASU to coordinate the [NOVA- BOVA programme](#), [BOVA courses](#) and administrate the programme activities /[Minvydas Liegus](#) is a NOVA-BOVA contact person/.
- The MSc in Land Survey programme is a joint project of the ASU with the Royal Technical Institute in Stockholm. 5 Lithuanian MSc students in Land Survey start a 2 year MSc programme at the Royal Technical Institute in Stockholm every year. The project duration is 4 years. The project is financed by SIDA. Local coordinator is Dr. V.Gurklys.
- The "Organic agriculture development project for Lithuania" is a joint project of the ASU with the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences and the Institute of Organic Farming. V.Rutkoviene is a local coordinator. Financed by SIDA.
- Direct cooperation and exchange among the researchers and students are going on.

b) Joint projects with the EU countries.

- *Former TEMPUS projects:*
 - International Department took part in administering the TEMPUS SJEP-07115 project during the 1994-97 year period /dr. [R.Rukuiza](#)/ with the partner universities in Germany /University of Hohenheim/ and Netherlands /Wageningen Agricultural University/. The staff and student exchange is a subject of this project. More than 85 staff members and 12 students have had the training abroad in those universities. The training was related to the restructuring of education and curricula development, modernisation of library. 25 professors had visited ASU during the same period to lecture and to install the equipment purchased with the project funds.
 - TEMPUS project SJEP 12069-97 started in 1997 and finished 2000 with the same partners from Hohenheim and Wageningen and additional partners from the Bishop Burton College, UK and also Lithuanian Veterinary Academy, Latvia University of Agriculture, Estonian Agricultural University: "Internationalisation the Agricultural Studies in Baltics".
 - International Department developed and administrated the TEMPUS SJEP-09179 project "Continuing education for Rural Enterprises"/ coordinator dr. [A.Maziliauskas](#)/. The University of Wales, Lampeter, UK and European University, Tours, France was the EU partner universities. The Kaunas Technological University, Lithuanian Veterinary Academy and Lithuanian Institute of Physical Education was the main Lithuanian partners of ASU within the project. The main goal of the project was to develop the university resources for the provision of continuing education programmes for rural businesses and to market their services through the centrally located business center.
- Hamburg University of Economical and Political Sciences (HWPB). The first cooperation contacts in the field of European studies have been established. The joint seminar on European Union Law has been held at the ASU with the lecturers from HWPB /coordinator dr. [R.Rukuiza](#)/.
- British Council supported projects. The British Council has financed the "Small business development in rural areas of Lithuania" project. The partner in UK was the University of Wales, Lampeter. The project has started in 1993 and ended in 1997. The Small business bureau has been established at the ASU, many seminars for rural administrators and potential businesses have been arranged by project team /coordinator dr. [A.Maziliauskas](#)/.
- The joint project "H.E.L.P." with Perugia University (Italy) took place 1998-2001. In project participated also Latvia University of Agriculture and Estonian Agricultural University. The exchange of teachers and organisation of 3 seminars (in Perugia and Kaunas) in the field of Rural Development is realised /contact person dr. [R.Rukuiza](#)/.
- The project in frame of EU programme LEONARDO in the field of organisation the exchange of trainees LITAGRINET with the partners from Germany, Italy, Denmark, Finland, United Kingdom was realised. Students practice in different European Union countries will be organised in frame of LITAGRINET 2 project. This LEONARDO programme activity were coordinated by dr. [R.Rukuiza](#).
- The intensive exchange of students and teachers with the universities from different European Union countries in frame of [ERASMUS](#) programme is going. These [ERASMUS activities](#) are coordinated by dr. [R.Rukuiza](#).

c) Joint projects with USA

- USIA had financed the Student exchange project between the ASU and two USA universities in Illinois State: Southern Illinois University in Carbondale and University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign /coordinator dr. [A.Maziliauskas](#)/. The group of 9 Lithuanian students has spent a 10 month period at the USA universities as well as the group of 9 USA students has passed one study semester at the ASU in 1996.
- The cooperation in staff exchange with Ohio University /coordinated by [M.Liegus](#)/ and in research with Georgia Institute of Technology /coordinated by dr. [R.Rukuiza](#)/ is taking place.

d) Exchange with the universities of Kazakhstan

Exchange studies of Kazakh students at ASU

Placements of Kazakh PhD students at ASU

Intensive courses of Kazakh students, teachers and administrative personal at ASU

Teaching assignments of ASU teachers at Kazakhstan

International training and education exchanges

Students and staff members of the ASU are having the training and education opportunities abroad with the assistance of International Department. The exchange is going on with Hohenheim University in Germany; Wageningen Agricultural University in Netherlands; University of Wales, Lampeter, Bishop Burton College, UK; European University, Tours, France; Perugia University, Italy; Royal Agricultural and Veterinary University of Denmark, Agricultural University of Norway, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Helsinki University, Latvian University of Agriculture, Estonian Agricultural University.

The MSc studies at the Halle University, Germany was supported by the DAAD fund, which had a considerable number of scholarships to Lithuania. Although, the programme has been broadened to the Eastern Europe countries. Thus, the candidates need to have a better preparation to get the scholarship.

Total number of about 170 staff members have participated in the 3 TEMPUS projects during last years in Germany, Netherlands, UK, France.

The intensive exchange of students and teachers with the universities from 20 European countries in frame of [ERASMUS](#) programme is taking place. This activity is coordinated by dr. [R.Rukuiza](#).

The NOVA-BOVA programme arranges postgraduate courses every year in all three Baltic countries with the participation of students from each Baltic country. The topics of courses You can see in [NOVA-BOVA homepage](#)

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