



Palacký University Olomouc's support for Ukrainian Partner University through the Aurora University Alliance

Aurora universities stand in solidarity with the people of Ukraine and they have been providing dedicated support to our associate member university, V.N. Karazin Kharkiv National University. This support package is developed collaboratively with the executive team at Karazin University through an ongoing assessments, and has led to an **action plan focussing on their immediate (humanitarian), mid-term (recovery) and long-term (development) needs**. For more information, please refer to [Aurora Karazin support website](#),

Under the coordinated efforts of Palacký University Olomouc in the Czech Republic, Aurora is supporting Karazin University's students and staff in these difficult times. The Aurora universities' leaders have expressed their explicit wish to – now and in the future – continue to offer any and all support that we can provide.

The action plan has led to the implementation of most notably the following efforts:

1. Coordination

Palacký University Olomouc has played a crucial role in the Aurora's support and relief efforts, being nominated by UP Rector Martin Prochazka and Karazin University Rector Tetyana Kaganovska to **coordinate support from the entire consortium**, particularly through UP's Aurora Institutional Coordinator, Dr. Selma Porobic.

This resulted in Rector Kaganovska and her crisis-staff to be able to attend the Aurora Biannual Conference to deliver a heartfelt appeal to the Aurora community. A stream of the speech can be found [here](#), a press statement by Karazin's President can be found [here](#).

In addition to coordinating the Aurora's ongoing support for Karazin University, on behalf of UP, Selma Porobic was also mandated by Rector Kaganovska to **represent their university and their interest during the writing of the next Aurora EUN-bid**, where the focus will be on recovery and academic collaboration.

2. Fund Raising

Aurora is engaged in fund raising and gather donations for Karazin University. **All our fundraising and donations follow our joint assessment, according to the identified needs of our Ukrainian partners as the situation in Kharkiv and Eastern Ukraine evolves.**

Through Aurora's joint efforts, coordinated by UP, **over EUR 60 000** has been raised for our associate partners in Kharkiv.

Since March, EUR 13 500 in donations has been raised specifically for the acquisition of equipment to support of **Karazin University's ongoing online teaching**.

3. Colleague Relocation

Helping Karazin University with its crisis management, as well as its forced downsizing of staff, Palacký University serves as a **hub within the Aurora-consortium for the relocation of Karazin University Staff.**

Several Ukrainian colleagues have been relocated to Aurora universities, including senior administrative staff from Karazin University. Serving as a hub for Aurora, some colleagues pass through Olomouc temporarily, to prepare for employment at other Aurora Universities, other staff have found employment at Palacký University.

4. Peace education

One of the developing features of Aurora support to Karazin Kharkiv National University is peace education programme. Following a successful workshop hosted at the university of East Anglia, under the guidance of Dr. Selma Porobić, several outcomes were realized including the establishment of the International Expert team for peace education platform at Karazin University and initial planning of peace education programme including timeline for different components, research methods, staff training and COILs.

Thanks to [the SPACE Network](#), an initial donation was made towards the realization of the Peace Education platform and further Aurora collaborations with Karazin University. In addition, collaborations with the University of Innsbruck's new MA Peace Studies program were initiated as well.

5. International Summer School: Refugee Law & Rights

The 9th installment of the [International Summer School in Refugee Law and Rights](#) will be donated to V.N Karazin Kharkiv National University in Ukraine and transformed into the **Aurora Alliance Capacity Development Support Programme** summer school entitled ['War-displaced Persons' Protection Rights - Case study Ukraine](#). It will be co-organized between Karazin University and Palacký University. The school will be hosted in exile by UP in Olomouc and offer a 10-day hybrid training programme, possible to attend both in-person and/or online.

A cohort of Karazin University Students will participate in the program free of charge.

As part of school students from UIBK's Peace studies program will engage with Karazin University's MA students in the plenary session '*Prospects for Peace Building, Recovery & Reconstruction.*'

More information:

- <https://aurora-universities.eu/support-for-karazin/>
- <https://aurora.upol.cz/war-in-ukraine-support-to-our-aurora-partner-v-n-karazin-kharkiv-national-university/>
- <http://www.refugees.upol.cz/>
- <https://aurora.upol.cz/aurora-spring-biannual-a-great-success-for-palacky-university/>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O1Yz9pWF82I>
- https://www.uibk.ac.at/media/filer_public/6e/03/6e03ee68-d2ac-4ccd-958f-42691a30aeec/kaganovska-press-statement.pdf