

## **Outcomes of the Exchange Visit of Dr. Halyna Alekseievska to the European partner University - the Free University of Berlin**

From May 20th to 25th 2025, through the successful execution of the project “Socio-economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and Russia’s full-scale invasion on the development of EU and Ukraine: fostering research collaborations through establishing of a digital knowledge exchange platform” and the invaluable support from Professor Theocharis Grigoriadis, Dr. Halyna Alekseievska embarked on a highly productive visit to the European partner University - the Free University of Berlin. During the visit, Dr. Alekseievska was warmly welcomed by the project coordinator, Professor Grigoriadis, who extended comprehensive support and facilitated extensive access to the University's outstanding resources. His efforts ensured that she could fully utilize, including the ability to work in university library, Institute for East European Studies and the School of Business and Economics. These libraries granted her access to extensive collections of literature and online resources, significantly enriching research work of Dr. Halyna Alekseievska. Moreover, the received resources, together with consultations from German Colleagues, also made a significant contribution to the creation of the digital knowledge exchange platform planned within the framework of the project.

Alekseievska Halyna also attended a series of lectures and seminars organized by professors at Freie Universität Berlin. Notably, she attended lectures as part of the course "Comparative Economic Systems – Political Economics" taught by Prof. Grigoriadis and Maximova, the course "Development Economics: Globalisation & the European Union" by Ali Reza Rahimi, and the course "Comparative Economics of Economic Systems" by Prof. Corneo. These lectures covered a wide range of topics, including political and economic transformations in Eastern Europe, theoretical foundations of lobbying, planned economy concepts, Lagrange functions and other.

May 23, 2024 Dr. Alekseievska also participated in the scientific seminar "Networks, Sectoral Shocks, and Targeted Taxes" presented by Professor Gernot Müller from the University of Tübingen. This seminar provided her with the opportunity to exchange ideas with other professors and participants. At the seminar, an insightful presentation was delivered on how sectoral shocks impact aggregate economic fluctuations by propagating through production networks. The discussion centered around the optimal tax response to these sectoral shocks within a New-Keynesian network model. Additionally, there was a comprehensive discussion on the interplay between fiscal and monetary policy. The seminar highlighted how fiscal policy, through the strategic use of tax instruments, can complement monetary policy.

During meetings and discussions with professors at the Free University of Berlin, key issues such as the monetary policy of Eurozone countries, budget deficit problems, and, of course, the socio-economic impact of Russia’s full-scale invasion to Ukraine were addressed, as well as the effectiveness of the project team activities in creation of the digital interactive platform for knowledge and scientific results exchange.