

Building Internationalisation: From Strategic Networking to Interdisciplinary Learning

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Internationalisation in higher education is increasingly moving beyond individual mobility towards the creation of sustainable academic networks that integrate education, research, interdisciplinary collaboration and institutional partnerships. Recent activities at the University of South Bohemia (USB) illustrate how different internationalisation instruments can complement each other and translate strategic networking into concrete opportunities for students, academics and partner institutions. USB's participation in the 36th Annual EAIE Conference and Exhibition in Glasgow provided a platform for strengthening existing partnerships and establishing new contacts with universities and higher-education institutions worldwide. Discussions focused on student and staff mobility, research cooperation, joint academic initiatives and the development of long-term strategic partnerships. Complementing this institutional networking, the Blended Intensive Programme Molecules in Cultural Heritage (MoCuHer), organised by the Faculty of Science, demonstrated how internationalisation can be implemented directly through interdisciplinary education. Bringing together students, researchers and experts from several countries, the programme combined online and physical mobility, expert lectures, practical demonstrations, research infrastructure, international teamwork and project-based learning at the interface of natural sciences and cultural heritage. Together, these activities illustrate a multidimensional approach to internationalisation, with mobility serving as a gateway to deeper academic engagement. Strategic networking, interdisciplinary education, shared research interests and personal interaction foster new collaborations and strengthen institutional partnerships.

