

Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu (LBUS) – is medium size, comprehensive university located in Sibiu, Romania, celebrating recently 50 years of existence. LBUS has 14.500 students and nine faculties: Faculty of Economics, Faculty of Engineering, Faculty of Sciences, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and Environmental Protection, Faculty of Medicine, Faculty of Law, Faculty of Letters and Arts, Faculty of Theology and Faculty of Socio – Human Sciences; we offer 60 bachelor programmes and 40 Master programmes, and PhD studies in 15 domains

Currently, the educational offer of the Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu consists of diverse, study programs, and the university's open-mindedness toward novelty and study programs required by the labor market are appreciated and demanded by our applicants, students and graduates.

The key objective of the University in Sibiu is to carry out a competitive educational process, meeting the standards of the EU, which grants LBUS graduates international academic and professional recognition. The university promotes unique specializations in the Romanian academic environment, and the high trust degree recommends the LBUS as being a powerful institution, involved in improving the quality of the higher educational process.

LBUS has established academic links and partnership agreements with eighty-five universities in thirty-five countries. A special place is held by the partnerships drawn with American, German, French and English universities, which materialized in student exchange programmes, fact-finding data trips for academics as well as a precious cooperation which has kept the University tuned in to what happens in the world. The new ties with Chinese, Russian, Italian, Greek and Polish Universities are also worth mentioning.

Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu has always been a centre for knowledge dissemination, enlightenment and shaping consciences. LBUS is aware that belongs to an elite community and, ever since its foundation it has always prophesied and practiced its major guiding principles: liberal thinking, independence, autonomy, acting as a creative force and a source of culture.

Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu (LBUS) organizes Distance Learning Education and Reduced Frequency Learning Education through the IDIFR Department, which offers 15 study programs (11 Distance Learning study programs - bachelor, 1 Reduced Frequency Learning study program - bachelor and 3 Reduced Frequency Learning study programs - master ), the fields being of real interest to the community, respectively: business administration, management, finance, accounting, marketing, agriculture, food engineering, law, administrative sciences, educational sciences, engineering and management, mining-oil and gas. Those who want professional initiation in a certain field can opt for a 3-year / 4-year DL/RFL license program. Those who wish to develop and/or improve in a field can apply for a 2-year / 1-year RFL master's program. The recognition of the professional education acquired by passing the

license or dissertation exam is the same as the form of full-time education, accumulated by completing the same subjects, with the same types of assessments, with the same teaching staff.

### **Involvement and participation within ODLEP research project**

The ODLEP project includes four work packages. LBUS has been fully committed to the project and is involved in all the tasks of the ODLEP project.

As far as the second work package is concerned, identifying and recording characteristics of the educators and expectations and preferences of students in regard to online education, LBUS in collaboration with UoM and AUTH will perform the analysis of the results. All the other partners will provide feedback and different perspectives.

Work package four requires from LBUS to assign at least one course to be conducted through the ODLEP platform/approach and gather feedback from students and instructors. Along with the other partners LBUS will be identifying and recording best practices. LBUS and the University of Nis will collect the material and develop the knowledge repository in collaboration with the partners