



**Testimony on the Erasmus International Credit Mobility project between  
Samara State Agricultural Academy (Russia)  
and Polytechnic Institute of Bragança (Portugal)**

For a long period, Samara SAA, like any other institutions, has been participating in ERASMUS-MUNDUS project that greatly impacted the Institutions today strategy of development, goals reloading and activity planning. To become a partner in Erasmus+ program has been a lucky chance to continue the scheme of academic exchange and to gain a new partner with fresh ambitions and fine experience. For us it was an honor to accept the invitation to join the Erasmus+ application.

Participation in the program Erasmus+ ICM is vital and significant event for FSBEI HE Samara State Agricultural Academy and particularly Faculty of Economics. The faculty is the youngest one and survives the hard time of education auditing and governance control.

The program attracted the attention not only students having been studied at IPB and their supervisors from home universities, but also the deans and employees of Economics and other faculties, students interested. There shouldn't be a doubt that SSAA participation in the ICM program will challenge to a curricula reformulation and some disciplines content in order to integrate them with the IPB and implement internationalization of the learning process in general.

The information received from the project participants, IPB experts makes SSAA possible to find possible ways of developing different solutions of correlating of IPB and Samara SAA curricula, the organization of development and realization of double diplomas receiving. SSAA participation in Erasmus+ ICM provides an opportunity for Samara SAA teachers to improve in terms of not only qualification increase but get international experience, develop modules using the skills of intercultural communication and technologies corresponded to Bologna process and thus integrate to all Europe universal education space.

Due to participation in ICM program, Institutions have the chance to improve the quality and relevance of their academic offer, to promote the mobility of students and graduates, and to contribute to a better international cooperation in Europe and in the World. Just one week at the IPB ICM Meeting brought new contacts on education exchange and international cooperation.

Students' mobility and teaching and non-teaching staff mobility assists institution image transformation. The European mobility gains the projects of academic network cooperation. Internationalization in education creates a unique academic atmosphere and opens an opportunity to a young generation to study, to live and exist in a world of intercultural understanding, friendship and peace.

16<sup>th</sup> June 2017