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# UKRAINIAN STUDENT MIGRATION TO THE CZECH REPUBLIC

Date: 13th June 2018, 10:00 – 13:00

Venue: European house, Jungmannova 24, Prague 1

Working language: Czech/English – translation provided

Registration: <http://bit.ly/2J5BZD6>

According to the official statistics, there has been a **strong increase in Ukrainian students** coming to study to the Visegrad Group countries. This trend has been particularly evident in Poland but is also apparent in the Czech context. Although student migration does not represent a large share of the total Ukrainian migration, its importance continues to increase. While at the start of the 2000s there have been about 300 Ukrainian students coming to study in the Czech Republic, **this number is now ten times higher**. The insofar not so positive development of the social-economic situation in Ukraine and a strong demand for students from the V4 universities suggest that the **Ukrainian student migration to this region will continue to increase in the future**.

However, there has been a lack of information regarding the ability of the V4 countries to benefit from the potential of the human capital, represented by the Ukrainian student migration. **Do the economic development, migration and labour policies of the target countries correspond with the aspirations and plans of the future Ukrainian young professionals? What are the biggest obstacles that these students and graduates have to tackle? How many of them plan to settle in the country where they completed their studies, would like to move west or consider returning back to Ukraine?**

The participants of the conference will have the chance to get acquainted with **the results of the research project organized among the Ukrainian students in the Czech Republic** and participate in the debate about the importance and potential of Ukrainian student migration for the Czech Republic.



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## Programme

10:00 – 10:10    **Opening remarks**

**Maria Kudelia**, Analyst, CEDOS, Kyiv

10:10 – 11:00    Presentation of the research outcomes and subsequent discussion

**Yana Leontiyeva**, Research Fellow, Institute of Sociology of the Czech Academy of Sciences

11:00 – 12:20    **Panel Debate**

**Jakub Tesař**, Head of Higher Education Department, DZS - Centre for International Cooperation in Education

**Ivana Ryšková**, Area specialist for Ukraine, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports

**Michal Lošťák**, Vice-rector for international relations, Czech University of Life Sciences Prague

**Oksana Belkova**, Coordinator of inter-cultural employees, Integration centre Prague

Moderator: **Vít Dostál**, Director of the AMO Research Center

12:20            **Light lunch**

## Organizer

AMO is a non-governmental non-profit organization founded in 1997. It has developed into a leading independent Czech foreign policy think-tank which strives to identify and analyse issues crucial to Czech foreign policy.



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## Partner

The conference is a part of the project of Ukrainian Student Migration to V<sub>4</sub> Countries from the Perspective of Human Capital Potential. The project has been funded by the International Visegrad Fund and Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The project is coordinated by the Polish Institute of Public Affairs (IPA).



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