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ROUNDTABLE OF THE SCIENTISTS FROM DRESDEN UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY AND TERNOPIL STATE ECONOMIC UNIVERSITY «PROSPECTS FOR EUROPEAN INTEGRATION OF THE UKRAINIAN ECONOMY: VIEWS FROM THE IN- AND OUTSIDE»

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In this issue, we publish the articles on the problems of economic integration of Ukraine into the European Union which were discussed at the roundtable of the scientists from Dresden University of Technology and Ternopil State Economic University organized by the Editorial of the Journal in Ternopil on February 10, 2006. In these articles, the authors systematized and developed the ideas they presented during the roundtable.

The discussion among the scientists of the two universities is not a one-shot event. The cooperation between DUT and TSEU has been intensively developing since 2000. On that year, the Integrated German- and Ukrainian-Language Programme in International Economics (IGUP) was established. Since 2003, the programme has been realized with financial assistance of DAAD. The IGUP combines the advantages of the German and the Ukrainian systems of university preparation of economists with consideration for peculiarities of demand for labour force in Europe and in Ukraine. The program is an indirect international accreditation of TSEU and the recognition of the fact that the quality of student preparation at TSEU complies with international standards. Studying at the IGUP allows receiving the following state documents about education:

- Master's of Specialist's Diploma of TSEU;
- Diplom-Kaufm. / Kauffr. of DUT;
- Diploma supplement (detailing the exams / credits passed at TSEU);
- · Certificate of exams passed at DUT.

The overall study period at the IGUP is 6 years. The duration of study in Germany is minimum one semester at the fourth year of study and one year – at the fifth year of study. To receive the German diploma, a student has to gain 60 credits for the disciplines recognized by DUT. The uniqueness of the IGUP consists in the fact that Dresden University of Technology is the only higher educational establishment in Germany which has the right to issue German state diploma to the Ukrainian students who did not spend 5 years studying in this country. At that, studying in Dresden provides students an opportunity to broaden their professional preparation and select new specializations, in particular international economic relations, economic policy, marketing, tourism economics, industrial management, information systems in economics and trade, corporate accounting and controlling; organization management, personnel management, economics of communications.

Worth noting is the fact that obligatory for every student of the IGUP is the study of and subsequent fluency in the German language, since in addition to one-and-a-half years of study in Germany, the curriculum of TSEU provides for partial lecturing in German starting with fourth semester. During the third and the fourth years of study at TSEU, the lecturing of natural, general-science and specialized disciplines (no less than 50% of in-class hours) is realized in German.

In addition to cooperation with Dresden University of Technology in the educational sphere, scientific cooperation is also being developed. The scientists of DUT participate in the conferences organized by TSEU, while the scientists of TSEU – in the conferences organized by DUT. Moreover, there is an exchange of scientific and study publications realized. The scientists of DUT publish the results of their scientific studies in the Journal of European Economy.