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E-CANDEE

WHZ Westsächsische Hochschule Zwickau
University of Applied Sciences

Europe-Central Asia & Caucasus-Network for Digital Education Enlargement

DAAD HAW.International | **01/2025 - 12/2027** | **Budget: EUR 550,000** | **11 Universities** | **7 Partner Countries**

Lead institution: Westsächsische Hochschule Zwickau (WHZ) | Interdisciplinary project leadership: Business & Economics, Computer Science, Applied Languages and Intercultural Communication

From IDEA to E-CANDEE

Building on the DAAD funded IDEA project

IDEA established an English-taught Double Degree Master "**Management and Information Technology**" (MIT) with four international partner universities.



Management and Information Technology M.Sc.

WHZ Zwickau

Outcomes of the IDEA project:

- Accredited MIT Double Degree
- Integrated curriculum at the intersection of Management, Business Informatics and Computer Science
- Central digital teaching and learning platform
- Digital student management and decision-support elements
- Professionally trained lecturers and administrative staff from the partner universities

E-CANDEE enlargement logic

Consolidate | **Extend** | **Digitalise**

E-CANDEE strengthens the existing consortium, integrates six new international partner universities and develops new Double Degree options, including a Y-model structure.

New educational building blocks

Y-Model Double Degree Options
More flexible pathways for partner universities and students.

Micro-Credentials
Short digital qualifications in Software Development, project management, and German language skills.

Digital Learning Campus
Shared learning content, blended formats, AI, and VR-supported teaching.

German Integration Courses
Language preparation for study success and regional labour-market integration.

Strategic aim: strengthen WHZ internationalization and create a resilient, practice-oriented transnational learning network.

Partner Network: Existing + New

The existing IDEA partners remain part of the network; E-CANDEE adds six new partner universities with a clear focus on enlargement.

Existing consortium | **New partner focus**

Existing partners

- **ASUE** — Yerevan, Armenia
- **IBSU** — Tbilisi, Georgia
- **KAFU** — Oskemen, Kazakhstan
- **INAI.kg** — Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

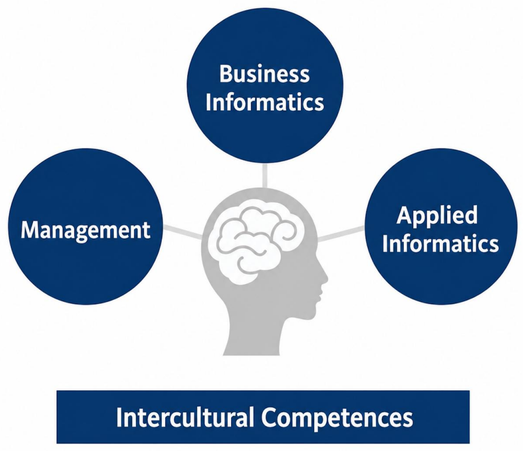
New partners integrated through E-CANDEE

- **CYFNU** — Chernivtsi, Ukraine
- **KhNUE** — Kharkiv, Ukraine
- **AIU** — Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan
- **BTU** — Tbilisi, Georgia
- **ŠAVŠ** — Mladá Boleslav, Czechia
- **WCU** — Baku, Azerbaijan

Student qualification profiles

Business Allrounder | **IT/Project Manager**
Software Engineer | **Data Analyst**
Research Assistant

Interdisciplinary Study Program



Intercultural Competences

What E-CANDEE Delivers

Six outcomes were defined to enhance the quality of the Double Degree MIT and build up a sustainable consortium.

OC1 — Double Degree enlargement
MIT is revised and offered at at least four new international partner universities by WS 2026/27.

OC2 — Student skills and mobility
Students use new Double Degree options, German courses, and digital learning offers.

OC3 — Micro-Credentials
The digital teaching and learning network is expanded with short digital qualifications.

OC4 — Co-working & Exchange Space
A physical space at WHZ supports digital teaching and connects students with practice partners.

OC5 — Digital student management
Digital workflow and decision-support system are extended to new modules and micro-credentials.

OC6 — Staff training
Lecturers and administrative staff apply new digital and e-teaching competencies.

Micro-Credential examples

- Software Development Fundamentals
- Advanced Software Engineering
- Project Management
- German Language Skills

Expected value for the consortium

- larger and more diverse international study network
- flexible digital qualifications alongside the MIT program
- Stronger intercultural, linguistic, and professional competencies
- More transparent student-management processes
- Knowledge exchange in blended learning, AI, and VR-supported teaching

Core Impact

E-CANDEE links internationalization and knowledge transfer: it expands the partner network about the Double Degree MIT, offers new study paths, supports digitally enhanced transnational teaching, develops Micro-Credentials and further develops the international study management processes

Internationalisation | **Digital Education** | **Practice Transfer** | **Peace-Building through Exchange**

Scan for more information about the Double Degree

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