**Project Proposal**

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| **Type of project** | *Service project* |
| **The name of project** | *GSB experience for exchange students* |
| **Department of university** | *Graduate School of Business* |
| **Project supervisor** | *Ekaterina Popova* |
| **Project summary** | *In 2021 the Russian borders remain closed for foreign students, making them unable to enter the country. Still, students from GSB partner universities will spend their exchange semester at HSE University in an online format while remaining at home. Academically students will be involved in HSE live and will attend online classes together with other HSE students. However, such format has certain restrains in terms of social life and leaves exchange students with nearly no immersion into the culture of the university, city and country.*  *The project aims to engage exchange students into social life of HSE University, give them a sense of belonging and make them an integral part of the multinational HSE student body. This primarily involves direct communication with GSB students on academic and non-academic matters, participation in online student events and other extracurricular activities.* |
| **The goals and objectives of the project** | To engage exchange students in GSB social life and make them a part of HSE community. |
| **Project’s tasks** | 1. GSB Buddy system   Create GSB Buddy system to help exchange students with everyday academic and non-academic matters and make friends among local students.   1. Organize online events for exchange students   This may involve official meetings and unofficial gatherings. At least one event per month is expected.   1. Handbook(s)   Create handbook(s) with useful information on the university, city and country. This may involve but is not limited to interesting facts, online services, useful sources, etc.  Any additional ideas are welcome. |
| **Project implementation period** | *18.01.2021 – 18.06.2021* |
| **The number of credits** | *4* |
| **The form of the final control (exam or test)** | Exam |
| **Entry requirements for student** | * *GSB Bachelor or Master student* * *English level proficiency – B2+* * *Good communication skills* * *Good understanding of cross-cultural communication* * *High level of responsibility* * *Previous international experience would be a plus* |
| **The results of the project** | * *GSB Buddy system is created – each exchange student has had a responsible buddy* * *Handbook with useful information* * *At least 6 events for exchange students* * *Exchange students are happy with their online-stay at HSE University – main result* |
| **The presentation of the project’s results to estimate** | Brief discussion about the results with coordinators |
| **Assessment criterion** | *The final mark is structured in the following way:*  *Total = 10*  *GSB Buddy system – 30%*  *Online events – 30%*  *Handbook(s) – 40%* |
| **The number of vacancies** | *10* |
| **Selection criteria of students** | * *Ability to work in teams* * *Desire to help exchange students* * *Good communication skills* * *Good understanding of cross-cultural communication* * *High level of responsibility* * *Previous international experience would be a plus* |
| **Educational programs for** | *GSB Bachelor and Master programs* |
| **Location** | *Online format* |