

Development of Policies for the Socialization of Cultural Heritage through University Education - Best Practices of the State University of Library Studies and Information Technologies

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Abstract

The State University of Library Studies and Information Technologies (SULSIT) is among the first academic institutions in Bulgaria to create conditions for interdisciplinary research and training in the field of Cultural Heritage.

The main goal of this paper is to present important aspects of the University's educational policy for the development of learning models for the socialization of cultural heritage, especially in regards to the Balkan and Black Sea region. The report focuses on two priority areas: first, to present interdisciplinary approaches for combining theoretical and empirical training – so-called Summer University (e.g. Bulgarian-Turkish Summer University "Strandja Mountain - transmission of civilizations East – West") and annual students Summer Practices; second, to increase scientific and institutional capacity and international and inter-university cooperation and collaboration.

An important focus has been placed on SULSIT's learning models, which achieve the cycle of interaction between education, research, cultural and natural environment, archaeological sites, museums, information environment, conferences, seminars, exhibitions, international cooperation and exchange.