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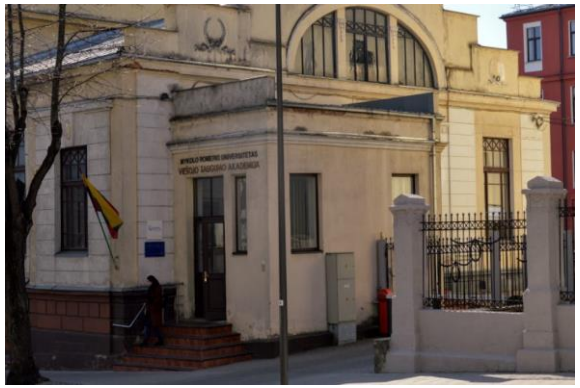
MYKOLAS ROMERIS UNIVERSITY SUPPORT TO THE UKRAINIAN WAR AFFECTED PEOPLE

October 14, 2026

ABOUT MYKOLAS ROMERIS UNIVERSITY



Vilnius Campus



Kaunas Campus



Marijampolė Campus

State owned internationally-minded public Lithuanian University of Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH) established in 1990.

STUDENTS

~6533

STAFF

~800

LAW SCHOOL

PUBLIC SECURITY ACADEMY

FACULTY OF PUBLIC GOVERNANCE AND BUSINESS

FACULTY OF HUMAN AND SOCIAL STUDIES

SUDOVIAN ACADEMY

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Aim: The research aims to present the theoretical concept of the Responsive and Responsible University and illustrate it with the example of Mykolas Romeris University support for people affected by Russia's war in Ukraine.

Objectives:

1.Based on MRU's documented efforts, experience, and expertise, give a framework and examples for other universities that may face a similar crisis situation around the world.

2. Examine the concept of a *Responsive and Responsible University* in relation to research-based literature corresponding to practical MRU activities within broader academic discussions, focusing on how higher education institutions can serve as societal change agents in times of crisis in addition to their traditional missions of education and research.

3. Analyse the university Third Mission through the lens of community reflection and lessons learned, and provide insights for institutions globally.

CONTEXT: UKRAINIAN WAR REFUGEES

Since Russia‘s full-scale invasion to Ukraine on February 24, 2022

United Nations | Regional Information Centre for Western Europe

No fewer than 6.168 million Ukrainian refugees were registered across Europe by the end of July 2024, according to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). The war has **caused the largest population displacement crisis since World War II**, with nearly a **third of the population** forced to flee their homes.

Another 571,000 Ukrainians are exiled **outside of Europe**, bringing the global total of this community to 6.74 million people. Additionally, **3.7 million people** are internally displaced within Ukraine’s borders, according to the United Nations.

Source: United Nations Regional Information Center for Western Europe, 2024

CONTEXT: UKRAINIANS IN LITHUANIA



Source: State Data Agency, 2026

ACTIONS: MRU SUPPORT TO UKRAINE

- ✓Leading and empowering civil society
- ✓Providing humanitarian aid
- ✓Employing Ukrainian researchers and enrolling students
- ✓Welcoming a refugee school
- ✓Mobilizing national and international partners to help universities
- ✓Activiting lawyers
- ✓Supporting teachers that work with migrants
- ✓Helping to learn Lithuanian and integrate



ACTIONS: SUPPORT TO STUDENTS AND RESEARCHERS





ACTIONS: HUMANITARIAN AID

















ACTIONS: WELCOMING A REFUGEE SCHOOL











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ACTIONS: MOBILIZING INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

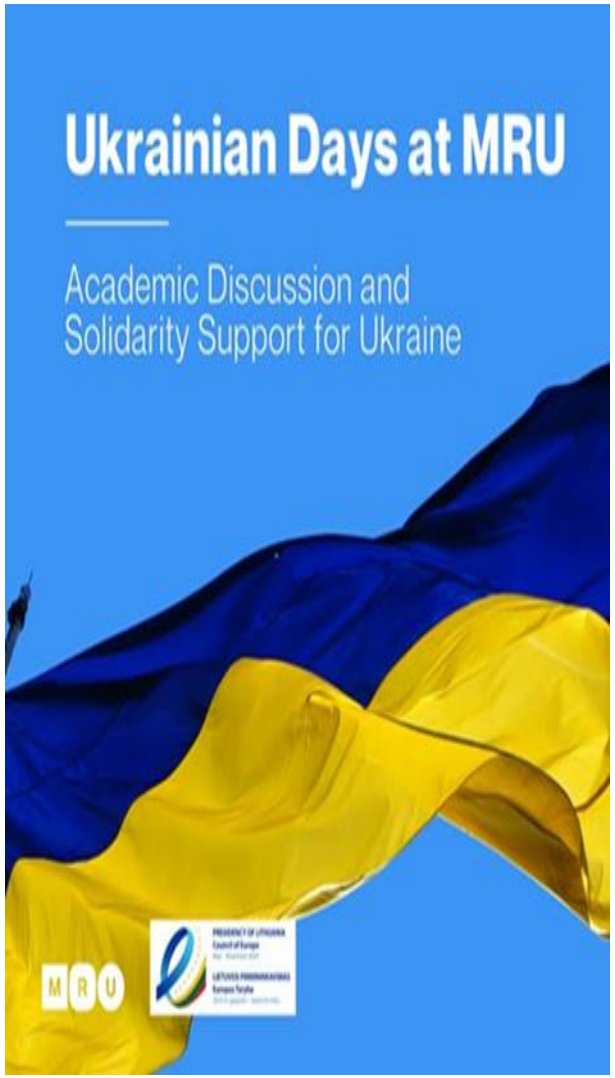
EUROPEAN WOMEN RECTORS ASSOCIATION

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Survey report

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SUPPORT AND COMMITMENT TO UKRAINE

Dear all members of Ukrainian Academic Community,

On behalf of academic community of Mykolas Romeris University I would like to express our strong support to the people of Ukraine who are fighting for their Independent State and a right to live in freedom, democracy and peace.

We, the people of Lithuania, stand together with your brave men and women who are in the front lines of defending Ukraine and our shared European values against the brutality of the anachronistic aggressor. Our thoughts are with all the people of Ukraine suffering from the war in your country and mourn the lives that Ukraine has already lost.

Please stay assured that we firmly stand with you – our long-standing academic partners – and the whole Ukrainian academic community. We are ready to share bread, salt and a shelter with those students, academic staff members from Ukraine who are already a part of MRU global network and those who wish to join us in the future.

We have a strong belief that peace will return to Ukraine so that democracy, rule of law and human rights could triumph against the ruthless totalitarian machine. Let's stay united defending our common values and to continue our work shaping a better future for our countries and people.

"Glory to Ukraine! — Glory to the heroes!"

ACTIONS: ACTIVATING LAWYERS TO SUPPORT INJURED CHILDREN

Support Ukrainian children

Mykolas Romeris University
LT06 7300 0101 6365 9997
„Swedbank“, AB
SWIFT/BIC: HABALT22
Please specify "For children of Ukraine" in the payment purpose



Support is provided for children who have suffered severe burns due to attacks on civilians.

Funds will be collected until 30 November

LAWYERS4UKRAINE

Mykolas Romeris University

ACTIONS: SUPPORTING TEACHERS WORKING WITH WAR MIGRANTS

Erasmus+

2022-2-PL01-KA220-YOU-000095782

MentUwell

Preserving youth mental wellbeing in wartime migration crisis



ACTIONS: HELPING TO LEARN LITHUANIAN AND INTEGRATE

Iceland Liechtenstein Norway grants
Norway grants

Mykolo Romerio universitetas

WORKING TOGETHER FOR AN INCLUSIVE EUROPE

ШАНОВНІ УКРАЇНЦІ,

Університет Миколаса Ромеріса запрошує вас зареєструватися на безкоштовні курси литовської мови та культури!

Реєстраційна форма за посиланням

Дуже скоро, з вересня 2024 року, на вас чекають:

- A1, A2, B1, B2 рівні мовних курсів;
- можливість підготуватися до складання Державного мовного іспиту з литовської мови Категорії I та II;
- навчання в малих групах (до 10 осіб) із гнучким графіком;
- інтерактивні лекції в сучасних аудиторіях університету та різних локаціях Старого Міста у Вільнюсі; соціокультурні заходи, цікаві екскурсії.









ACTIONS: GLOBAL COALITION OF UKRAINIAN STUDIES



OUTCOMES AND IMPACT

- ✓ MRU and local community people have discovered their own giving power and volunteering potential.
- ✓ Organisations and individuals came together, co-created and mobilized to donate, provide humanitarian aid and support.
- ✓ The co-living and co-studying has improved Lithuanian educational policy and practice.
- ✓ MRU has demonstrated how a university can actively implement its Third Mission in the face of a crisis.
- ✓ The university has discovered that civil society, individuals, and communities fully support and engage into meaningful cause.
- ✓ Increased intercultural knowledge and understanding, sensitivity and support to people in need.
- ✓ The relations and collaborative efforts between national and international partners to support those in need were strengthened.
- ✓ The importance of language in crafting narratives and safeguarding Lithuanian national identity and security became apparent.
- ✓ MRU also works with policymakers to develop long-term refugee integration policies, as well as to support and equip the next generation with the skills they need to face future possible geopolitical crisis or other caused difficulties.

CONCLUSIONS AND IMPLICATIONS

- ✓ Universities - powerful organizations
- ✓ Rapid Response Governance, Shared Leadership, “Living Lab” approach
- ✓ Sustainability-driven Third Mission activities’ integration into long-term support planning.
- ✓ Dynamically reconfiguration of human and material assets to promote security, social justice and community well-being
- ✓ Organisational transformation across organisational structures, culture, and academic priorities.
- ✓ Influencers of society, more socially engaged, inclusive, and mission-driven.
- ✓ Based on institutional autonomy universities can make courageous actions
- ✓ Safeguard humanistic tradition and advocate for the most vulnerable
- ✓ Constructors of just and safe future society

THANK YOU.

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