



MDEM Intl., NUS and ISUH delegation's visit to the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration (FEBA) of "Dunarea de Jos" University of Galați

The final part of the official visit to "Dunarea de Jos" University of Galați (UGAL), the delegation of NUS, ISUH and MDEM Intl. was marked by attending the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration (FEBA), one of the leading faculties of economic higher education in Romania. Faculty is truly acknowledged as the elite of Romanian higher economic education, contributing significantly to the development of highly qualified specialists for a dynamic and competitive business environment.

The delegation was warmly welcomed by Professor Mihaela Carmen Muntean, Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, and Vice Dean, Associated Professor Alexandru Căpățînă. The meeting created the basis for the an open and productive dialogue on education, research, and collaboration between academia and industry.

During the visit an active discussion focused on the cooperation between academia and business representatives in preparing specialists capable to face the challenges of modern industry. Special attention was paid to the update of the existing and elaboration of the new educational programs that would combine economic knowledge with technological and engineering competencies.

Both Associated Professor Olena Zhukova, Managing Director of MDEM Intl., and Professor Mihaela Carmen Muntean, emphasised that sustainable development is becoming a shared responsibility of industry and academia. They highlighted an importance of updating the educational approach, including the integration of blue economy principles and Industry 4.0 and 5.0 concepts into academic programs, combining engineering, economics, and environmental awareness that would help to prepare future specialists for facing real industrial and environmental challenges. It is worth mentioning that last autumn, having accepted the invitation of Alexandru Căpățînă, the team of the Department of Digital Economy and Business of NUS had the opportunity to participate in the "Digital Waves for Clean Lakes: Education

for Freshwater Protection” challenge. The initiative was supported by the ProCleanLakes project and hosted within DigEduHack 2025, demonstrating the great prospects of international academic collaboration overlapping digitalization, sustainability, and education.

Rector of the NUS, Professor Eugeniy Trushliakov provided the short introduction of the alma mater of the Ukrainian shipbuilding giving the overview of the faculties and research disciplines and focused on the possibilities of collaboration with the UGAL Economical Faculty. Among his proposals there were the joint efforts for elaborating the new educational programs, students exchange, possibilities for the professors to give the lectures in the universities, participation in the programs together with the Universities of the Black Sea region. His ideas were warmly welcomed by the audience.

Olena Zhukova, Managing Director of MDEM Intl., indicated the value of cross disciplinary education in raising up future professionals. She highlighted the Faculty’s “Intelligent Systems for Business” program could be the good example of alignment of the economical knowledge with digital transformation and data driven decision making competences. She also proposed to integrate the engineering knowledge of shipbuilding, mechanical and E&A disciplines to develop an advanced and industry focused educational model.

To formalise the intentions discussed during the visit, the Cooperation Agreement was signed between the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration and MDEG. The agreement was signed by the Mihaela Carmen Muntean, Dean of the Faculty, Olena Zhukova, MDEM Intl. Director, and Olesia Mandra, MDEG Communications Specialist. The agreement is important milestone establishing the long term collaboration in education, research, and professional development, aligned with the needs of industry and the economic environment.



 MDEG sincerely thanks the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration for the warm welcome, open dialogue, and fruitful discussions throughout the visit.

The hospitality and willingness to cooperate demonstrated the Faculty’s continuous commitment to productive interaction of the academia and business.