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Ogarev Mordovia State University (MRSU)

- Founded in 1931
- Over 20,000 students
- 17 Academic Departments (Schools), 7 Research Institutes and 2 affiliated campuses, E-Learning Centre
- Awarded the Recognized Excellence Level by the National Quality Award for Higher Education (2012)
- 189th out of 300 Eastern European and Central Asia universities by Top University Rankings (QS) ranks it
- Ranks 45th among Russian universities (over 600 HEIs in total) and 20th among classical Russian HEIs



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EMI Training Centre Action Group - MRSU

EMI Expertise

- ▶ around 1500 international students at MRSU from 50 countries
- ▶ 5 EMI degree programmes: Specialist program "General Medicine", MA program "Foreign Languages in International Business Communication" and "Theory and practice of translation", MA program "Entrepreneurship for Tomorrow" (Management), Double degree MA program "Power engineering".

Degree Programs to be strengthened in EMI project

- ▶ Master's programme «Management of energy flows of small-scale power objects»



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SMARTI PROJECT TEAM - MRSU

Project Officer ▶ **Dr. Natalia BURENINA**

Dean of the Department of Foreign Languages. A National coordinator for the Tempus project “Promotion of Sustainable Excellence in Testing and Assessment of English in Russia” 517114-TEMPUS-1-2011-1-UK-TEMPUS-SMHES (2011-2505/001-001) (2011-2014)/ CBHE project “Developing Trans-regional information literacy for lifelong learning and the knowledge economy” [DIREKT] CBHE 574157 Erasmus+ Capacity Building (<https://direkt-cbhe.com/#overview>) (2016-2019).

QA officer ▶ **Dr. Olga SAFONKINA**

A Vice Dean for International Cooperation (Department of Foreign Languages), a project manager and a faculty member. She is an ERASMUS + and Exchange Coordinator at the Department of Foreign Languages, MRSU.

Publicity Officer ▶ **Sergey CERKOVNOV**

PhD Student. Supervises first year students, provides academic and technical support to academic staff



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a member of Teaching staff ▶ **Dr. Andrey MAKEEV**

Since 2012 he has been an Associate Professor of the Department of Heat and Power Systems, Institute of Mechanics and Power Engineering, MRSU. Since 2016 he has been an Academic Director of a Double degree (EMI) program called "Management of energy flows of small-scale power objects" with the University of Science and Technology of Jiangsu, China, which is delivered in English.

a representative of Language Center ▶ **Dr. Irina KOROVINA**

A full-time member of University teaching staff (for 15 years). PhD in Philology. Her expertise is the area of cross cultural communication and academic writing. As a Vice-Dean for Research for the Faculty of Foreign Languages she carries on Academic writing seminars for a general academic audience and advocates publishing research in peer-reviewed journals. Under her supervision the publication rating doubled within a few years.

a representative of International Office ▶ **Dr. Olga Safonkina**

A project manager and ERASMUS + and Exchange Coordinator and Vice-Dean for International Cooperation (PhD) at the Department of Foreign Languages, MRSU.



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Problems and needs (National peculiarities):

1. Lack of comprehensive cross-disciplinary training program training of the university staff who deliver EMI degree programmes through English
2. Establishment of Centers offering training courses, research and consultations in EMI Pedagogy across disciplines on a sustainable basis.
3. Production of an EMI Pedagogical Handbook with practical teaching guide on EMI methodologies.
4. Significant increase of international students.
5. Participation in National HEI strategies in internationalization.