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are usually invited to workshops conducted by special guests, prominent teachers, trainers and EFL materials designers. In addition, there are plenty of opportunities to network with ESL teachers from other countries and enjoy the cultural life of Munich.

Thanks to the efforts of MELTA team, all the participants master the art of developing innovative strategies of teaching English in a contemporary multicultural environment.

***FOREIGN LANGUAGES ACQUISITION***

***AND CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION***

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In the world of intensive cross-border communication and globalization it is crucially important to promote foreign languages acquisition. Being able to communicate with people of other nationalities will not only make international relations friendlier, more transparent and more efficient, but also open numerous opportunities for individual people.

Cherkasy National University which was founded almost 100 years ago has always been the regional leader in the field of teaching and learning foreign languages. Today our students can obtain degrees in linguistics, foreign language teaching (English and German) and translation. We strive to incorporate plurilingualism into language teacher education and some of our courses are offered in Polish, French and Spanish.

Being a well-established institution with excellent academic reputation, we strive to develop further and we are prepared to face challenges brought about by the new reality of the digital world in which information is easily accessible and instantly shared. One of the means to achieve this aim is cooperation between our university

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and academic institutions worldwide. The Institute of Foreign Languages is currently taking part in several projects which involve cooperation with higher education establishments from Germany, France, Poland, Sweden, Hungary, China and the USA. We have joined the Erasmus Programme and regularly invite lecturers from European and American universities. Thus, Professor L. Legenhausen from Munster University (Germany) has been teaching at our university for 12 years already.

The benefits that our students get while learning from qualified professors, who are also native speakers of the language, can hardly be overestimated. But we are interested in closer cooperation that may involve academic mobility of both our students and the faculty, studying the practical experience of our foreign partners, holding on-line lectures and webinars and implementing other innovative media-based methods of teaching. We realize the need to develop not only *plurilingual* competence of our students, but also their *pluricultural* awareness and seek to provide opportunities for implementing this ambitious plan.

***Panel 3. EU governance role in challenging identities in the post-soviet territories. Literary-historical approach to borders in Ukrainian culture.***

***CULTURAL CROSS BOUNDARY IN THE CONDITIONS OF UKRAINE***

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Global changes of the late 20th - first third of the 21st century affected the most remote regions of the world and brought humanity closer to the “bifurcation point”