

## Irina Sikorskaya

For more than 15 years she has been involved in internationalization activities of Donetsk State University of Management by running the International Relations Office. The university moved Mariupol in 2014 due to the military conflict in the east of Ukraine). Along with administrative work, she teaches "Intercultural Communication", "Multicultural Europe: diversity and social cohesion" for Master's students. She specializes in personal and professional intercultural capacity building, multicultural team development, effective cross-cultural negotiations. She helps her students maximize their potential inherent in the experience of living and working across cultures. She was guest-lecturer at Business School in Nowy Sacz (Poland), Ostrava University (Czech Republic), University of Salerno (Italy).

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In 2015 she was appointed to the National Team of Higher Education Reform Experts in Ukraine. Field of the expertise: internationalization of higher education.

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