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Project title: Peripheral Regional Development in the Post-Industrial Era	
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<p>Partners</p> <p>North Caucasus Federal University</p>	

direction for 2 weeks in 2022 (Stavropol) and 2023 (Joensuu). One of the promising outcomes of the course will be the results of mixed UEF-NCFU student group work, which will develop participants' intercultural communication skills and the internationalisation of the HEI environments. The summer courses are an important factor in increasing the competitive advantages of the co-operating institutions in their national educational spaces. Moreover, preconditions will be created for the development of the educational trajectories of the universities' transition to a post-industrial society. This involves innovative educational methods and technologies; supporting academic mobility and networking by creating sustainable institutional support for such international activities; advancement of the forms and geographical directions of scientific co-operation of both HEIs.



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