



Report

on forming and running the research group on EU social law

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The EUSOSEL project includes the **Task 2.1** Forming and running the research group on EU social law under the **Work Package 2** (Research).

The research group on EU social law was formed from the start of the EUSOSEL project. The calls for joining the group were published in the university digital learning environment (in Russian – <https://moodle.pnzgu.ru/>) and on the university website (in English – <https://international.pnzgu.ru/ad/2022/02/2/13320736>). The activity of the research group was promoted among students during the regular and mentor classes and among teaching staff during the meetings of PSU Institute of Law Council and through the university internal communication system Directum.

The group supervised by the project team (Dr. Anna Aleksandrova and Dr. Anastasia Ryzhova) brought together 20 persons from among the BA and MA students, graduate students and young researchers from Penza State University. The group members gathered to discuss the social problems (e.g. providing social support for youth, reducing social impact of the pandemic) and to develop the research projects in order to make presentations at different forums and conferences and to publish articles within the focus of the project.

The research group members held monthly meetings. During the first meeting, they developed the work plan and scheduled the activities and at the subsequent meetings they presented their ideas, discussed them and then run the projects. Some of the student research projects developed under the activity of the research group were published (on the project website in Russian – https://ims.pnzgu.ru/international_cooperation_ims/projects_ims/eusosel/eusosel_research, on the project website in English – https://international.pnzgu.ru/international_cooperation/international_projects/eusosel/eusosel_research), all projects could be found in the university digital learning environment (in Russian – <https://moodle.pnzgu.ru/>).

As part of organising and holding the conference “Social security law in the post Covid-19 period: Vision in the European Union and the Russian Federation” (scheduled for the third project year), the research group piloted and hosted the conference “New Image of Social Law: Practices in the Russian Federation and the European Union” at Penza State University. The event was held on 20 May 2022 (announcement about the conference and agenda of the conference are given in Annex 1).

The conference was advertised among the partner-universities through the announcements (in Russian – https://ims.pnzgu.ru/files/ims.pnzgu.ru/pages/erasmus/eusosel/science/liflet_eusosel_ru_anons_konferencii.pdf, in English – https://international.pnzgu.ru/files/international/pages/erasmus/eusosel/liflet_eusosel_en_anons_konferencii.pdf) and during the regular and mentor classes (among students) and department meetings (among teaching staff). The agenda of the conference was published on the project websites (in Russian – https://ims.pnzgu.ru/files/ims.pnzgu.ru/pages/erasmus/eusosel/science/liflet_eusosel_ru_programma_konferencii.pdf, in English – https://international.pnzgu.ru/files/international/pages/erasmus/eusosel/liflet_eusosel_en_programma_konferencii.pdf).

Together with the research group members, the project team developed the syllabus for the interactive training course “The European Union and its social law” for senior schoolchildren (scheduled for the second and third project years) and the agenda of the conference "Social security law in the post Covid-19 period: Vision in the European Union and the Russian Federation" (timed for the third project year), as the research group members voiced the desire to participate in these project activities.

Following the activity within the research group, its member Mariia Chuvatova produced the research article “Measures of social support of the population in the context of a pandemic: legislative experience of Germany” under the supervision of the EUSOSEL project manager Dr. Anna Aleksandrova. The research article (Chuvatova M. M. Measures of social support of the population in the context of a pandemic: legislative experience of Germany. Bulletin of Penza State University. 2022. No. 3. P. 99-103) was published in Russian in the Bulletin of Penza State University (the article is available at the link https://ims.pnzgu.ru/files/ims.pnzgu.ru/pages/erasmus/eusosel/science/chuvatova_m_statya_apn_o.pdf); the bulletin is available at the link https://vestpgu_eng.pnzgu.ru/files/vestpgu_eng.pnzgu.ru/vestnik_3_22.pdf).

Within the activity of the research group on EU social law, the EUSOSEL project manager Dr. Anna Aleksandrova prepared and published two research articles:

– Aleksandrova A.V. Russian pension legislation: some problems of theory and practice. Science. Society. State. Vol. 10. No. 3 (39). P. 23-32. https://esj.pnzgu.ru/files/esj.pnzgu.ru/aleksandrova_av_2022_3_03.pdf; <https://elibrary.ru/item.asp?id=49823978>. The article analyzes the Russian pension legislation, identifies the problems and determines the possibilities for integrating the best European practices in order to improve the pension system.

– Aleksandrova A. UNIFICATION DU SYSTÈME DE SÉCURITÉ SOCIALE EN RUSSIE // Revue de droit comparé du travail et de la sécurité sociale. 2022. No 3. P. 298-301. <https://comptrasec.fr/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/15.-Federation-de-Russie.pdf>. The article examines the organisational system of social security in the Russian Federation, defines the shortcomings, as well as describes the solutions for improving the social security system in the Russian Federation by integrating the best European practices.

The project team defined the names of the research articles (“Social support for youth in the EU: legal aspects” and “Legal means of reducing social impact of the Covid-19 pandemic: case study of the EU and the RF”) and outlined the abstracts (see Annex 2). Together with the research group members, they collected materials for these publications. The publication of the research articles is scheduled for the second and third project years in the online peer-reviewed legal journal freely available in the Russian scientific electronic library (www.e-library.ru).

Due to the grant agreement termination and payments suspension, the research group on EU social law plans to function in favour of its members, their needs and interests.

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