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Description of the organisation

Ranking among the best Polish higher education institutions in terms of the level of research and education, AMU is now significantly developing its research and teaching. It also continues to modernize and further develop its facilities. With 285 majors and specializations covering the entire spectrum from humanities to sciences, AMU's enrolment is nearly 40 thousand students who study at the B.A., the M.A. and the PhD levels. AMU employs over 3,000 academic teachers and nearly 2,100 other staff. Graduates of the university include many renowned specialists and an AMU diploma is a valuable asset in the labour market. Further dynamic development of our Almae Matris is stimulated by the Strategy for the Development of Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań adopted by AMU Senate. Its implementation guarantees new achievements, new directions of development and a prominent place among universities in Europe and in the world. The AMU Faculty of English (Wydział Anglistyki, WA) is the largest centre of English studies not only in Poland but also in Europe. It has a long history, rich experience in didactics, and numerous research achievements both in Poland and abroad. The AMU Faculty of English offers full-time and part-time B.A. and M.A. programmes in English, a full-time B.A. in Dutch, and full-time and part-time PhD studies. The full-time M.A. programme includes a particularly wide variety of specialisations. There are approximately 1,500 (full-time and part-time) B.A. and M.A. students and about 100 PhD students currently studying at the Faculty.

The teaching programme offered by WA is versatile and very attractive. It includes linguistics, literature, methodology of TEFL and other specialist courses (for example, information technology and voice coaching) as well as courses in English as a Foreign Language (EFL) and other foreign language courses (Dutch, Afrikaans, German, French, Spanish, Welsh, Irish, as well as Frisian, Icelandic and Old Germanic languages). WA students have access to a well-equipped Internet and multimedia suite. Employees of the WA Centre for Educational Technologies and Language Processing are experts in the area of IT applications in language studies (e.g. analysis of linguistic databases, computer-assisted foreign language teaching, etc.).

The WAMU Moodle platform is used to support both full-time and part-time courses with elements of e-learning. The School has training labs for teaching pronunciation and simultaneous interpreting. The AMU Faculty of English employs experts in various fields of language studies, literature and culture. Its list of departments reflects the wide scope of research projects undertaken by the Faculty staff and the wide range of courses and seminars taught. Research conducted at WA is of the highest international quality, as evidenced by the publications of WA staff in renowned journals and publishing houses, the organisation of and participation in international conferences, the scholarships and numerous awards and distinctions granted to WA members, their membership in professional societies and the recognition of Poznań as an internationally acknowledged centre of English studies. WA has a good reputation and high prestige both within and outside of Poland. The Faculty actively participates in academic research. A number of international scholarly events are organised by the AMU Faculty of English, notably annual international conferences, which gather eminent researchers from all over the world.

Experience of the organization in previous European projects

The AMU Poznań and more specifically the Faculty of English have broad experience in European projects, including structural funds, H2020 programs, Erasmus+ and HERA.

Experience and Expertise of the organization in the project's subject area

The Department of Older Germanic Languages studies the origin, the oldest history and reconstructed prehistory of English, the position of English among the Germanic languages, languages closely related to Old English (such as Old Frisian and Old Saxon) and the influence of language contacts (especially with Latin, Celtic and Scandinavian) on the early development of English. We are also interested more generally in Germanic linguistics, Gothic and Runic studies, the reconstruction of Proto-Germanic, etymology, Germanic placenames

and personal names, and the Indo-European background of Germanic. One of the aspects currently being explored at the Department is the problem of so-called “fragmentary attested languages” especially the possibilities of their interpretation due to the state of preservation and the reliability of the transmitted sources.

Contributions that can be provided to the project

The Department of the Older Germanic Languages, Faculty of English, AMU is known for its excellent research disseminated in the form of scientific publications. Department can offer its research experience and give the scientific input to the atlas. Department can spread information about SELECT at different levels in Europe, both in the scientific environment through the variety of networks.

Reasons of involvement in the project

Department will implement its expertise in the historical linguistics and the methodology of studying so called ‘fragmentary attested languages’ and the ancient world more general, especially the situation in the Ancient Balkans.

Contact Person’s Experience and Expertise

Wojciech Sowa, professor for historical linguistics. He studied classical philology and Indo-European linguistics at universities in Kraków, Vienna and Cologne. He obtained his PhD in Greek dialectology in 2002, completing his post-doctoral degree of habilitation on the basis of the book “Studien zum Phrygischen” (Göttingen 2008) in 2010. Between the years 2002-2011, he was employed at Jagiellonian University (the Chair in General and Indo-European Linguistics, the Institute of Classical Philology). At present, he cooperates with the Comenius University in Bratislava and the University of Warsaw (OBTA/IBI AL). Since 2009 he has been a guest professor at the Institut für Indogermanische Sprachwissenschaft Universität Münster and Erlangen. His research domains and scientific interests include Indo-European linguistics and comparative grammar, Ancient Greek dialects and Mycenaean studies, “fragmentary attested languages” – especially Phrygian and the ancient languages of the Balkans. He is a specialist in studying ancient glosses relevant to the Balkan languages, and he is also an expert in Macedonian and Thracian.